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Prep School Newsletter

Friday 8th April 2022

Headteacher's Award

Well done to the following pupils who were given Headteacher's Award certificates this week.

Hanna C, Rijja M, Ryan G, Olivia G, Isabella M, Joseph S, Thomas H-S, Daniel K, Roxana T, Ehaan A, Max H, Lilly J, Jacob O-M, Mia M, Jacob T, Alice L, Tia M, Luke A, Daniel O'S, Ryan B, Ali R, Robby S, Sam P, Seb D, Izzy M, Cori D, Orla D & Poppy L.

north west cancer research

All children in Prep will be taking part in the Hope Run at school to raise money for North West Cancer Research on Friday 29th April. We would be very grateful if you could help your child find friends and family to sponsor them and fill out the form they bring home. Please bring in any money raised on the day of the race in a sealed envelope with the amount clearly written on the front. Your child will need to come into school in their full school tracksuit on 29th April. Many thanks for your support.

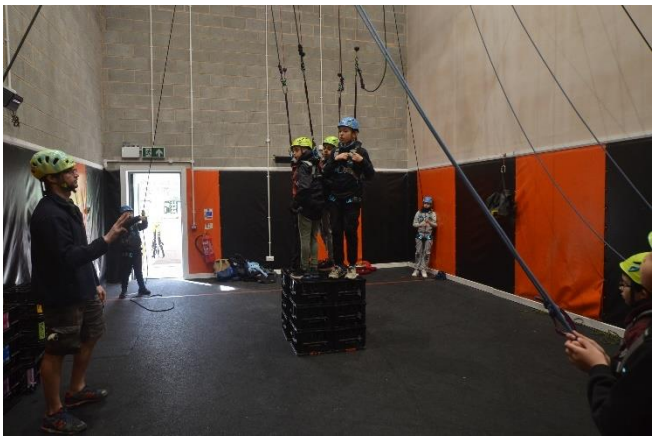
unicef

Thank you to all Prep school pupils, parents, grandparents, carers and anyone else who supported the recent events for the children of Ukraine together you have raised a fantastic £486. We will be donating the money raised to the UNICEF children in Ukraine appeal.

On Monday, most of our Year 5s, including all of the Year 5 teachers, headed to Robinwood in Wrexham. The excitement on both coaches was palpable! When we arrived, we were greeted by our various group leaders, who helped us take our bags to our rooms. Well...almost all of us! Poor Zariah's bag was headed along the M53 somewhere. Thankfully, after a few panicked phone calls from Mr Stamper, Zariah was reunited with her belongings! After a brief settling in time, we had our first meal. The food at Robinwood is superb, I'd recommend it!

Our different groups split off for their activities, but more on them later! After a delicious tea, it was time for team challenge. We built towers and had a dance off (which, in my humble opinion, the teachers won!) After this, it was time for bed. There were a few uneasy children, which is very understandable being away from home, but everyone behaved excellently and did very well to get themselves to sleep without disturbing the night ninjas (Robinwood staff!) too much.

We were up bright and early the next day for an action-packed day. With a hearty breakfast in our stomachs, we assembled our groups together and began a morning full of activities, punctuated by much needed sweet breaks! We had a full day of activities, and the sunshine even made an appearance! After tea it was time for some more team challenges, this time involving a quiz and a make-your-own Haka competition (you MUST see the video of Mrs Shackell's and Miss Whittaker's version!) As a bit of a treat, and because Mr Stamper, Mr Chalmers and Miss Tyrer wouldn't have it any other way, we managed to watch the first half of the Liverpool game in our designated dining room, much to the delight of some, not all. Sadly, half time meant bed time, but once again the children were excellently behaved throughout the night, and weren't even disturbed by the staff cheers when Diaz scored! Our final day saw another morning full of activities before a final lunch. We handed out souvenirs and prizes, said an emotional farewell to the group leaders who we had gotten to know so well, and then it was time to depart! So what activities did we do? Well, we scaled high ropes courses, enjoyed a ride on a giant swing (pulled up by our friends!), zoomed through the air on a zip wire, sent arrows flying in archery, scaled a giant wall (some of us even blindfolded!!) in climbing, solved problems as a team to escape a dungeon, launched ourselves off a trapeze, canoed on a lake, explored tunnels in caving, solved some medieval problems in Quest, built towers out of crates whilst standing on them and traversed obstacles whilst blindfolded and being soaked by our teachers! However, the favourite of most was the piranha pool. This was a crystal-maze style problem solving game that saw each group trying to escape before the piranhas were released. Most of the children were drenched when they came out, but also beaming! The children were an absolute delight on this trip. It was a pleasure to see them facing and overcoming fears s the days went on, working together to solve problems, and just generally being enthusiastic! These kinds of invaluable experiences only come on residentials, which is why we as a school offer so many! We hope and trust that the memories made, and skills developed, by our Year 5s this week will last a lifetime!



Congratulations to Ben P who received his grade 2 piano practical result, he passed with merit.

On Thursday, it was finally time for our Year 4s to perform their ESB examinations, as part of our PD program. For those that don't know, the ESBs (English Speaking Board) are exams in which you can gain qualifications in communication. For the exam, our Year 4s had to prepare and deliver a talk on a topic of their choice, memorise and recite a short poem, and also read an extract from a favourite book. We as a year group have been preparing for this for a while using some of our PD sessions, and despite many practice runs, there were some understandable jitters as the examiners took their seats at the back of our rooms. But there was no need to fear! ALL of our Year 4 children (yes, ALL!!) were amazing! Just having the bottle to get up and do it is an achievement in itself, but to do it with the confidence and passion that many exhibited was truly special to witness.

I think I speak on behalf of all of the Year 4 team, teachers and learning support assistants alike, when I say how very proud I am of all of them! I had the pleasure of hearing about cricket, dance, rabbits, choirs, fish and cycling to name just a few of the many interesting and varied topics our young presenters talked about, and I learn some amazing facts along the way!

We would like to thank the parents who we know have supported their children a lot during this process; your hard work definitely paid off! We await our results and certificates, which will come after Easter!

Sorry this didn't make it in time for last week's newsletter, but last Monday our U11 Girls Football team played their latest KMS league match v Knotty Ash at Tiber, and what a thriller it was! We played brilliantly in the first half, hitting every bit of the woodwork and somehow not scoring. Our opponents took a shock lead, but at half time I expressed to the girls how pleased I was with how they were playing, and how there was no real need to change anything; the goals would come! Lo and behold, within 10 minutes of the second half starting, we found ourselves 3-1 up, thanks to great goals from Emily L and Jaida L. However, we then proceeded to take our foot off the gas a little, and this cost us! Despite some brilliant saves from Elodie J, that even drew praise from the opposition manager, Knotty Ash got themselves back in the game. Elise K got us another goal, and we were at 4-4 in the dying stages, when Knotty Ash scored from a corner. We were devastated! This was a game we definitely should have won, and perhaps for the first time, this squad saw my slightly frustrated side!! But this was only because we believed we should have won. We learnt a lot from the game, and we hope to put this right in our next fixture!

Best wishes to you all for the Easter holidays!

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