



Silsden Primary School News

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World Book Day has been celebrated on both sites. Here are some of the highlights to share with you...

Aire View Site.... The Day the Crayons Quit! Each class chose a different 'colour' theme to dress up in and took part in some exciting activities based on the story. They shared their day's activities with the rest of the school in a special World Book Day assembly in the afternoon.



Hothfield Site...



At the Hothfield, we wanted to promote the wonders of a book at bedtime with our Bedtime Story Day... The children all know that scientists have seen that being on a screen for the 30 minutes before sleep means that our brains don't get the bedtime rest they need to keep us happy... and so a book at bedtime is best!

Keeping Ourselves Safe – and Raising Money for a Good Cause!

In January, children at both sites had a visit from Buddy the NSPCC mascot and some representatives from the NSPCC. They came to tell us about the 'Speak out Stay safe' programme. We learnt about what was 'Okay' and what was 'Not Okay' and to think about who we could talk to in school or at home if things are troubling us. We learnt the 'Childline' phone number 0800 1111.

Children in Years 5 and 6 learnt more about keeping themselves safe at a level appropriate to their age – including issues around keeping safe online and cyber-bullying.

In return, we raised money for the NSPCC through a sponsored mile at the Aire View Site and sponsored timetable bee at the Hothfield Site.

And thanks to your support, we raised a tremendous total of **£4239.00**. The NSPCC tell us that this is one of the largest amounts they have raised at a school... Well done children and thank you so much for your support for this good cause.

Our policy and procedure for keeping children safe is under constant review to ensure we do the best we can. Our latest revised Safeguarding policy is published on the website (under 'Key Information – Policies').

NSPCC



Year 1 had a visit from Owl Adventures linked to their topic

Paws, Claws and Whiskers.

The children learnt lots of interesting facts about the birds. They even got to hold some and watch them fly. They met three different types of Owl – a Burrowing Owl, an Eagle Owl and a Barn Owl. They also met a very splendid Harris Hawk who impressed them with its speed as it caught food that was thrown in the air above their heads. The children were all very sensible and were able to ask and answer lots of questions about the birds.



Parents Evening reminder....

Aire View Site – Wednesday 14 March from 3.45 p.m.

Hothfield Site – Tuesday 13th and Thursday 16th March

Any problems making an online appointment, please call the school office...

Nursery parents came to share a story.



As part of 'Nursery Book Week' parents and carers of our Nursery children were invited to come and read a favourite story to the children. Yesterday we had our first visitors! The children loved having different faces at Nursery and thoroughly enjoyed the stories. Thank you to all the people who have said they will take part.

Sport Relief plans...

The School Council have decided that Silsden Primary School are raising money for Sports Relief on Friday 23 March 2018. We are asking children to wear sports-themed clothes on the day and they will also take part in a fun run.

A voluntary contribution of £2.00 or any amount will be gratefully received.

Subject to a decision by the School Council, a proportion of funds raised will also go to former pupil Jamie Simpson-Kidd. A message from Jamie:

Hi, my name is Jamie Simpson-Kidd and I am 15 years old. I have lived in Silsden for nearly 10 years and attended Hothfield School, and now study at Ilkley Grammar School. My main hobby and passion is Taekwondo – which is in the Olympic Games – and is a highly competitive sport where you kick and punch your opponent to score points.

I am in the Great Britain national team. I compete in Welterweight (under 63kg) and Light Middleweight (under 68kg). I am a 2-time national champion, and have won many competitions around Europe. My younger brother Jayden attends Aire View school and really looks up to me and competes in Taekwondo too – he's only 5 years old and has been winning medals too for the last year or so.

I want to be a really good role model for my brother and other kids in Silsden who want to do Taekwondo and do well for themselves in life.

I have recently been selected to represent Great Britain at the Youth Olympics qualifiers and Junior World Championships, taking place in Tunisia.

This is the proudest moment of my life, being able to represent my country and I know the people of Silsden will be 100% behind me.

The main challenge I have at the moment is funding the event, as I need to raise about £1,200 for the trip for me to go. If the people of Silsden and wider areas can help me it would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for everyone's patience and understanding during the very difficult challenges posed by the weather over the past two weeks! We know it can be so challenging to arrange childcare at short notice. Each day we tried to open for our children - with many staff going to great lengths to get to Silsden by car, bus, train, bike and foot (one of our teachers walked from Glusburn!)... We hope you think we made the right decisions to open or close in the end and communicated these well... If you feel we could or should have acted differently, please let us know – your feedback is appreciated!