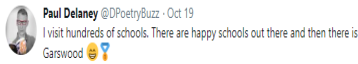




Garswood Gazette

Dear Parents,
I have included a brief look at some of the activities that have happened in school since we returned in September but please follow us on Twitter for daily updates. This year we have decided to have a focus on 'kindness'. We are nothing if we are not kind.

Garswood has always been a great place and it was so lovely to see a tweet this week from Paul Delaney—poet and author.



He goes on to say "The positivity, the happiness, the buzz about children and their education, the happy and welcoming staffroom."

I wanted to share this because I was so proud and because I feel so lucky to work at Garswood. It's a great place.

Pamela Potter

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Head Teacher

Kindness Flags

Across the school we have learned about Tibetan prayer flags. The flags inspired all of the children to create their own Tibetan styled flags to represent kindness and spreading kindness to the world around us. We have a wonderfully bright display of all the flags on the junior corridor symbolising our commitment to kindness.



Exciting First Day Back!

We got the new school year off with a bang on our first day back by welcoming The Katumba Drumming and Carnival Band. They were amazing and created a wonderful carnival atmosphere which had children (and parents!) dancing on the path.



Attendance

Great to see so many children in the raffle for 100% attendance this half term. The prize of a £20 book token was won by Oliver H. Well done. Everyone who attends 100% during the next half term will be entered into the raffle. Good luck!

Castles and battles in Y4

As part of their history curriculum Y4 had an amazing day exploring Clitheroe Castle and re-enacting a battle.



Y2 local explorers

Y2 have explored our local area on a trip around Garswood and also took a visit to World of Glass in St Helens to learn how important glass has been to our town.



Decade in a Day



It was an ambitious challenge but the children and staff rose to it by learning about a 'decade in a day' during w/c 1st October. Each class shared their learning with the whole school in a short assembly at the end of each day on their chosen decade:

Y5 - 1920s; Y6 - 1940s; Y2 - 1950s; Y3 - 1960s; Reception—1970s; Y4—1980's; Y1—1990's and Nursery blasted us into the future! It was a truly spectacular whistlestop tour through time.



Bikeability

Year 5 tackled Bikeability this week and had a fantastic time. All the children listened carefully to instructions, getting to know the basics on the playground before moving to the roads of Garswood. Some of our less confident cyclists ended the sessions brimming with pride.



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Coal Mining Museum

Year 3 had an amazing time at the National Coal Mining Museum on the 27th Sept. They experienced first-hand the smells and sights of a real coal mine and learned all about the importance of everyone's roles down the pit. The children dressed like real miners and travelled 140 metres underground via the original mine shaft lift and couldn't believe the actual size and length of the tunnels below the ground.



Farm life

Y1 had a super time at the farm and even had a go on the tractor!



Pumpkin Picking

Our Reception class had a wonderful day at Kenyon Hall Farm. The children learnt how pumpkins grow, had a tour of the crops, got lost in the maize maze and even picked a pumpkin to bring home.

