

The Billinge Bugle

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As we go into the second half of our last term of the year, the children are beginning to think about moving up into the next classes at Billinge House or onto the Junior Schools. The summer term is always busy, with sports' days, school trips and hopefully sunshine! In the words of a new hymn we are learning, "We're living and learning, living and learning, as the day goes on", and in our case as the year goes on!

Welcome to...

A big Billinge House welcome to Barney, Harry and Kate who joined us in April. We hope that you have settled into your new classes and that you are enjoying your first term at Westholme!



Strictly comes to Billinge House!

On a Thursday after school, the hall at Billinge House is filled with music and dancing as the children enjoy Dance Club. Everyone is having a great time learning barn dances, line dancing routines and fun party dances!



Mr Hosker, OBE!



Sasha McTiffin has been telling us all about her trip to London with her sisters Lois and Alexa. She travelled with her family to see her Grandfather, Mr Hosker, receive an OBE for his services to the community in Preston. The pictures show Sasha with her sisters, Mummy and Grandparents at Buckingham Palace and Mr Hosker with his medal.



Classic Tales was the theme for a week at Billinge House at the end of the Spring term, culminating in a Peter Pan day. The children and staff dressed up as characters from J.M Barrie's classic story and raised over £380 for Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital and class charities.

Off to Neverland!

WANTED




peter pan has a green shirt
 and green trousers and a hat
 with a feather on top
 and it is shiny

The mermaids want Wendy to come in the ocean and have a swim. Wendy does not want to get wet.
 Harry Kershaw

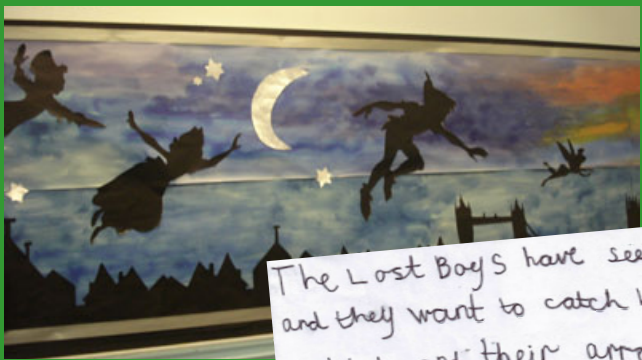


If you had walked around Billinge House during the last week of term, you would have learnt all about Peter Pan as each class helped to tell the story on their own storyboard displays. The Year 1 children created "Wanted" posters, Year 2 wrote about the story and the Reception classes went on a treasure hunt around school to track down the pirate treasure. They even caught Captain Hook (Mrs Northin) and forced her to walk the plank!

WANTED



A little boy with auburn hair.
 He is kind and he is sweet.
 He has a pixie as a friend.
 Reward 100p for information
 See Captain Hook hahaha



The Lost Boys have seen a Wendybird and they want to catch her. She is flying too high and their arrows can't reach her.
 Jasper o-riffin

TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC!



The Pre School classes have been working hard to make their own teddy bears. They thought carefully about the best type of filling to make the teddies soft and cuddly. Every child chose a name for their bear and wrote it on their birth certificate. They also enjoyed visiting Wilmar Lodge for a Teddy Bears' picnic!



A VISIT FROM WARBURTONS BAKERY

The Reception classes have enjoyed a visit from Warburtons Bakery. They made their own hedgehog loaves and sampled different kinds of delicious bread.



Even the teachers joined in!



Sasha helped to prepare the dough...

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I sq wos heit.



Megan kneading her hedgehog loaf

YEAR 2 MEMORIES OF RECEPTION



Theo and Charlie decided to review tadpole development

2W have been back to visit RW to talk about their memories of being in the Reception classes. The tadpoles seemed to be a highlight of their Reception year, and luckily some more tadpoles were in residence during their visit!



Amelia and Conlan compared experiences

YEAR 1 VISIT FLEETWOOD MUSEUM

The Year 1 children went on a trip to the Fleetwood Museum to learn about life at the seaside town in Victorian times. They practised writing on slates, dressed in Victorian costumes, made mosaics and watched a Punch and Judy show.



MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY



Year 2 visited the Museum of Science and Industry in Manchester. They first visited the Power Hall where they were introduced to Pender the steam engine, Engineer Eric and Forgetful Fireman Fred. A trip to the Air and Space Hall and the Planetarium also had them trying on a NASA space helmet!



A SCOTTISH WEDDING

In May, our Nursery manager, Miss Thomson, walked down the aisle on a beautiful day in Ayr to marry her fiancé and officially become Mrs Britch.



The weeks leading up to the wedding were touch and go, particularly because her groom was stranded on the other side of the Atlantic due to the volcanic ash. However it didn't stop him getting back just in time for the big day!

Mrs Britch has asked us to say a huge thank you on her behalf to all of her past and present parents and the staff at Westholme. The newly weds are really touched by everyone's generosity and all of the lovely and thoughtful gifts, including all of the contributions towards a special meal at Northcote Manor. Now that they are back from their honeymoon in Italy they are looking forward to enjoying their meal very soon!

