

# The Hayfield Herald



On Thursday we were very happy to be celebrating World Book Day with a fantastic dress up day of everyone's favourite characters. It was amazing to see so many children (and staff!) dressed up and the level of imagination and creativity in the costumes was brilliant. Thank you to you all for the time and energy you must have spent at home sorting these.

On the story theme we had a wonderful visit this week from a professional storyteller who came to share stories with Year 3 and 4. The storyteller was commissioned by Barratt Homes from Bertone Gardens who, along with their sister company David Wilson Homes, have supported our school for many years with projects like this. The children loved having the storyteller and really enjoyed the experience.

It was a very interesting time in Year 5 earlier in the week as they were working on persuasion and debated whether pets should be allowed or not. The children had to construct their arguments for each side of the debate and then rearranged the classroom to argue their cases. The children were brilliant and it was an excellent way to learn about the Fundamental British Value of Democracy. I am pleased to report that they did decide that pets should be allowed!

If you have been into school recently you will have seen our brand new entrance display 'Growing Pioneers of the Future' and hope you like it as much as we do. Our school is so unique and colourful we wanted everyone visiting our school to see that from the moment they stepped inside. Growing pioneers of the future is a phrase linked to our Christian vision where we encourage children to be brave and prepare them to be unstoppable adults in the future.

Over the holiday we had some permanent basketball hoops installed on the MUGA so that the children can use them all year round. We had the court markings done last year and the children have really enjoyed using the new hoops since half term. We are also awaiting some semi-permanent netball hoops for the playground to be completed that will provide even more opportunities for sports.

As you know Miss Priestley (our Deputy Headteacher, along with Mrs Plesca) is expecting her second baby. It is her last week next week and she will finish on Wednesday to begin her maternity leave. She will be greatly missed and we are sure you will all join us in wishing her the best and look forward to sharing her news soon. We are pleased to share that covering Miss Priestley will be Mrs Rachelle Heard who is a highly experienced senior leader (and ex-headteacher). Mrs Heard will be joining us after Easter and will be a great addition to our team.

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