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Year 5 and 6 Virtual Reality Pioneers



Waddington All Saints Primary School recently became the first school in the UK to try out a new virtual reality technology to support learning. The children were so excited about having this opportunity and their gasps of amazement as they accessed each of the new scenes were a pleasure to witness. The children were so absorbed in the experience that they forgot that they were in a room full of people as they reacted with excitement and awe. The virtual reality environments gave the children a trip around the world from the comfort of the classroom.

They studied plants, explored the native animals and experienced the impact of the climate upon the land among other things to support the study of biomes. They learnt about tundra, taiga, deserts, temperate forests, savannahs, tropical rainforests and even Mars.

This virtual-reality experience is the work of Tension VR who launched last July working hand in hand with Google. It was amazing for our school to be able to have the first go at this wonderful 360 degree experience.

On the day, we were also visited by an award winning photographer who joined us in the very first session to capture the awe and wonder of the children exploring the different biomes. The children were able to re-live the experience, as they brought in the two page spread from The Lincolnshire Echo and enjoyed trying to spot themselves in their masks.

Children and parents are very fortunate that our school works hard to access and funds trips and experiences so that our pupils have access to a wide variety of things which don't cost parents a penny. We were able to access this particular unique and inspiring opportunity due to a reduced rate offered to us by the company and the agreement of the PTA to meet the cost for us. The result was not only an unforgettable experience, but the chance to be recognised locally for our desire to make learning special and irresistible for children and as a school who like to be at the forefront of technology.

Coming Soon...

- 25 Jan Y1 Parent Phonic Meeting 3:30 – 4
- 2 Feb Y6 Hollowford Parents Meeting 5 – 5:45
- 7 Feb Parent Teacher Pupils Progress Meeting 3:30 – 6
- 9 Feb Parent Teacher Pupils Progress Meeting 3:30 - 6
- 9 Feb Arts NK Dance Festival
- 10 Feb Break up 3:20
- 20 Feb Children Back
- 22 Feb FS to Rand Farm
- 22 Feb Y5/6 Swimming Gala
- 3 March Y3/4 Swimming Gala
- 3 March KS1 Street Dance
- 16 March KS1 Open Afternoon 2 – 3
- 22 March Y5/6 Open Afternoon 2 – 3
- 22 March Y3/4 Production 6pm
- 23 March Y3/4 Production 6pm
- 28 March Y6 Residential Visit to Hollowford
- 30 March Easter Service
- 30 March PTA Easter Bingo 3:30 – 6
- 31 March Break up 3:20

'Young Voices' at The Sheffield Arena

Miss Guy once again arranged for our choir to visit 'Young Voices' at The Sheffield Arena this month. We took a choir of 49 children to the event.

They had been practising the songs for weeks during their lunchtimes and were very excited to travel to Sheffield to perform. Arriving at the Arena at 2pm the choir practised with the other schools all afternoon. Then in the evening they performed as part of a choir of 5,200 children to an audience of thousands of adults. It was an amazing sound and spectacle.

The staff and children got home at midnight and most were back in by 8:45am the next morning. What was truly amazing was that many of them were seen dancing away the following evening at the PTA New Year Disco.



The Lincoln Knight's Trail



What will the Waddington All Saints Knight look like when it is ready to join the trail?

The PTA are in the news again because they have funded something really exciting for our school. The Baron Trail around Lincoln to mark the 800th Anniversary of the Magna Carta was something that we all enjoyed in 2015 and we were lucky enough last year to receive a visit from one of the Barons for a week. This year there is to be another trail, The 'Knights Trail' as this is the 800th Anniversary of the second battle of Lincoln.

The children had been finding all sorts of clues around the school to indicate that something was happening. From the clues they also worked out that it was something to do with horses.

Then in a recent whole school assembly our very own knight was unveiled. This is going to be decorated by the children and will then form part of the 'Knights Trail' before eventually coming back to us to keep. So when you do the trail later in the year, look out for the Waddington All Saints Knight.



Mannequin Challenge

Team All Saints have been thinking about how to develop our reading stamina, so we took part in our very own 'Mannequin Challenge' to celebrate this. Children and staff from across the school chose a position to reflect how they look when they're really engrossed in a great book. The result was really fun.



Lost Property

We are grateful to Mr Cavill who worked with a team of Year 6 children during a lunchtime to tackle 'Mount Lost Property'. All lost property with a name on it has been sent back to the children. The remaining clothes will be put out in the hall during the Parent/Teacher Pupil Progress evenings.

All lost property still in school on 10th February will be disposed of. We need to do this so that it is possible to quickly find lost items in the cupboard.

We have a new approach to the teaching of handwriting this term. Year 1 and 2 children are the main focus, but there is also intervention for children in other year groups too. The children are enjoy practising in the new handwriting books and we are looking forward to monitoring the impact and value of the scheme in the near future.



Lots of Learning Everywhere

Foundation Stage children have been exploring the Polar regions; learning about the environment and the animals that live there. They have been role playing life in the Arctic and Antarctic, building igloos, trying to keep warm, fishing, sledging, spotting penguins and having fun with ice and snow.



Year 4 have been studying a range of artefacts from The Collection Museum in Lincoln to investigate the Ancient Egyptian way of life. They were particularly fascinated by the treasures of the Pharaohs which they kept with them in their tombs.