



Dear families,

On Friday last week we had our careers day and it was amazing to see everyone dressed as their future selves. We were also joined on this day by GB professional skater Rich Parker for a special assembly and class workshops. My thanks to you all for the great costumes and a special mention to Mrs Palmer-Roberts for her efforts arranging the visit of Rich.

As a parent of a child who attends West Buckland Primary School, I chose to donate a prize I won to my daughter's school. I won first place in a darts competition and was awarded this prize by Clubbly, who work in partnership with Sports for Schools. Clubbly is a platform that connects great schools with inspiring coaches and automates the administration of school clubs. Sports for Schools is a social enterprise that works with Olympic athletes that has raised over £4.5m for schools for physical activity, and connected with over 2 million children. They organise visits from the country's top athletes into primary schools to inspire and motivate the children, as well as encouraging them (and the teachers!) to be more active. A motivational assembly is delivered, followed by a whole school fun fitness circuit.

On Friday 12th November West Buckland received their visit from Rich Parker, a GB Inline Skater who has been rollerblading since he was just 10 years old and qualified as a professional skater by the age of 17. Since 2004 he has travelled around the world competing at the highest level. Rich won a silver medal at the 2011 X-Games and is the European Champion. Rich was the second person in the world to ever land a double blank flip 180 on a half-pipe and he is still the number one ranked UK half-pipe inline skater 8 years later. Thank you to Mr Mann and his wonderful staff for allowing me to sit and spectate during Rich's visit. It worked perfectly with their 'Careers Day' focus and the children listened exceptionally well during the assembly, asked some superb questions, and thoroughly enjoyed the fitness circuit! Every single child got involved and worked hard, as well as some of the teachers! A great day had by all!

As well as whole school events, this term each class has had an activity to enhance their learning. Nursery have visited the local park, Stoford are walking to the Church next week, Ruggin have a visitor coming in soon to talk to them all about the Great Fire of London, Hockaller visited Taunton Museum to support their Roman work, and Blackmoor took a trip to the Fleet Air Arm Museum to immerse their WWII topic.

We share pictures from all these events as well as in school learning and work on our Facebook and Twitter pages. This is the best way to see what the children have been up to and to stay up-to-date with the latest news and information. We can be found on Twitter under @wb_huish and our Facebook page is West Buckland Primary School & Nursery.

I am so proud of how our new Reception children have settled and how hard they are working. They are now ready to begin a small amount of homework to continue their learning beyond the classroom. To make this as smooth and as successful as possible we need your help. The Stoford staff team have made two video guides for you to watch to help you best support your child with the tasks they will be receiving each week. These video links can be found below and have also been sent to Stoford parents in a separate Parent Mail.

English (phonics, reading & handwriting) - <https://youtu.be/38jo-1HFUHA>

Maths (including Numbots homework) - <https://youtu.be/oxXuc2KbSWU>

Best wishes,

Cameron Mann.

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