



# Queen's Croft High School "NEWSLETTER" - December 2016



Children in the blue and orange groups of Key Stage 3 enjoyed a celebration of Roald Dahl's life and work on Friday September 16<sup>th</sup>. The children all dressed up as in their favourite Roald Dahl character, tasted chocolates, drank frobscottle and made wonderful pictures from the various Roald Dahl books.

Mrs Knight Head of Key Stage 3 said: "It was a wonderful day and a big thank you to all that supported the event; it was a great educational day, and fun was had all!"



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As part of a community food associate project with 'fare share', our local Tesco store has been regularly donating food items to school.

We have had some lovely food for breakfast and as snacks for break time. We have been encouraging our pupils to eat healthily. As a result of this scheme we have been able to extend our school cookery clubs and encourage pupils to take part in cooking from scratch.



## Whitemoor Lakes

On Monday November 7<sup>th</sup> all of Year 7 travelled to Whitemoor Lakes for our residential experience. It's convenient location, just across the road from the National Arboretum near Alrewas was ideal as it allowed several pupils to participate in all the activities, while returning home to spend the night with their families.

The visit proved a great success with a number of the party, both staff and pupils enjoying their first night away as part of a school group.

The weather was kind to us both days were dry if a little overcast at times. We still enjoyed a spectacular sunset and several glimpses of the 'super moon'. Ironically the site flooded seven days later as the River Trent was swollen by the heavy rain

Our itinerary was busy the three groups engaged in a range of activities such as a 40 metre zip wire, assault course, archery, climbing wall and abseiling. Everybody faced up to and overcame personal challenges whether that was staying away from home for the first time, climbing to the top of the climbing tower, trusting the ropes and equipment when leaning over a 20 metre drop when abseiling or having the confi-

dence to climb a metre up the climbing wall.

Mr Hugh who accompanied the students claimed of the trip: "I feel a sense of pride, and joy as the dominant emotion."

Mr Hawksworth comment on the whole experience: "Our aim at Queen's Croft is to provide each pupil with a residential experience during the course of each year. Whitemoor Lakes proved how invaluable this is and, all that attended have memories that they can treasure!"

## Norway Spruce Trees

As part of Queen's Croft horticulture programme, 6 years ago we planted 20 Norway spruce trees as a mini enterprise. They cost us £15. We are very excited because this is the first year we have been able to harvest one! The original saplings were about six inches tall so they have done really well. We will now be able to have a real tree at Christmas for the next ten years! Well done to all the pupils over the years who have looked after the wildlife area, watering and weeding. Great times and thanks.



