



## Wakefield Cathedral Music Concert

Choirs from Coram House and Ackworth School hosted their first lunchtime concert at Wakefield Cathedral. They sang a range of pieces including Andrew Carter's 'Bless The Lord' and Eric Whitacre's 'Five Hebrew Love Songs'.

The Cathedral's Assistant Director of Music appreciated the value of Ackworth School, expressing that several pupils were active Wakefield Cathedral Choir Members.



For the children, this was a superb opportunity to showcase their high quality skills and dedication to music. Performing in the Cathedral was a community experience which was warmly appreciated by the pupils and an audience of over 300.

Ian Lenihan, the new Director of Music at Ackworth School, said,

*"I was thrilled to be part of such a wonderful concert. Well done to all the pupils involved and thanks to all the parents for their support."*

**Sally Slater**

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# Home Economics

In our last lesson of Home Economics this year, 6B baked and decorated biscuits but with a twist.

First we cut out interesting shapes and put them onto a tray. Then, instead of decorating the biscuits after being cooked, we painted them with a colourful mixture before cooking. The mixture was made of egg yolk and food colourings.



After that, they were baked and came out looking all glossy and shiny. We were all very proud of what we produced. Thank you Miss Hodge!

**Rachel Swales and Rachel Forrester 6B**



# Junior Play Area Development Plan

**ACKWORTH SCHOOL**  
Phased Development for Juniors - Revision D

As announced in 'Coram Connects', we are expecting our new Adventure Play Area to be installed in the week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> March. We are delighted that this initiative, which was fully researched by our School Council in consultation with all the junior classes, has finally come to fruition. The safety flooring means it will be able to be used all year round – a real bonus for the children.

As you can see from the designs, our new adventure play area includes fantastic twin towers, with numerous access points and areas underneath which are ideal for den making. The trim trail and climbing frames will also add challenge for the pupils, with a further free standing den making area for use with cloth drapes, etc.

**Mary Wilson**



"I am looking forward to playing on the trim trail. I think the rope swing will be the trickiest because the rope you stand on wobbles!"

**Alex Santiago-Martin 5B**

## HMC Swimming Gala

The Year 5 and Year 6 swimmers were slightly nervous but 'geared up' for the annual HMC Gala held at the amazing John Charles Aquatics Centre in Leeds. There were fourteen schools that had entered the competition and most of them were very large Prep schools from Yorkshire. In each age group the individual races were over 25 metres – backstroke, breaststroke, front crawl and butterfly.

The team events included a medley relay, freestyle relay and a breaststroke relay. It was an enormous event and the atmosphere was electric. Every swimmer from Coram House gave their all and produced some personal best times. Dan Bourke (Year 3) made an excellent contribution to the Year 5 boys' swimming team!

**Harry Dean 6B**



Notable individual performances included Joe Morton (butterfly), Harry Dean (backstroke), James Bourke (backstroke) and Lucy Kitching (front crawl). In the relay events, the Year 5 boys finished a superb 2<sup>nd</sup> in the breaststroke heats and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the freestyle.

Congratulations and thanks to all the swimmers and their loyal supporters.

**Julie Hoar**

## Chinese New Year in Nursery

The Nursery children have been learning about the Chinese New Year, "The Year of the Horse". They demonstrated excellent team work when creating a beautiful Chinese dragon and also made ornate lanterns and horse masks. Once in the garden, the children showed wonderful creativity and imagination when dancing with their dragon to the beat of tambourines.

**Sharon Marsh**



## Barclay Victorious!



Barclay were victorious with their house points last term and they decided on a Forest School session with hot chocolate and cakes for their house treat, which they enjoyed on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February.

**David France, Barclay House Captain**

## General Knowledge Quiz Championships

On Wednesday 5th February we got on a mini-bus and went to Lyndhurst School for the first heat of the General Knowledge Quiz Championship. The people in the first team were Max Jefferies, Charlotte Glasby, Grace Dibb and Bani Bhinder. We were playing against Bootham School, Terrington School and Lyndhurst School. It was very cold in the theatre where the quiz was held, so we were all shivering when we took our coats off. We were nervous as the man was explaining the rules and the cold wasn't helping. At first both teams started really well. In the middle of the quiz, team 2 had managed to reach second place and was 60 points off the lead but then came some really tough questions and some other teams managed to overtake them. Although neither team managed to win, we had a really great experience representing our school.

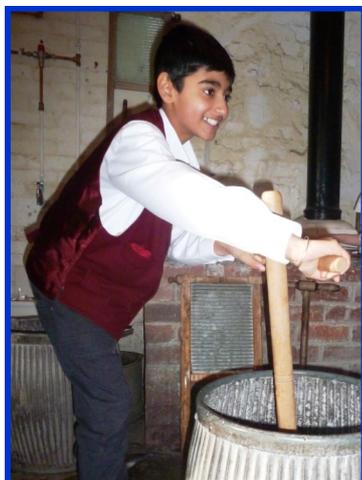
**Charlotte Glasby 5H**

## Visit to Cannon Hall



As part of the Year 5 History topic of 'The Victorians', Year 5 visited Cannon Hall to spend a day in the life of a Victorian servant. This entailed washing the Master's bedding and clothes, polishing the household's shoes and the horses' saddles and brasses. We also worked in the kitchens, churning the cream into butter and making a servants' lunch of vegetable soup, fresh bread and apple crumble. A thoroughly enjoyable day was had by all!

**Aden Ball**



## “Pooh sticks!”

The children enjoyed the theme of ‘Forces’ during Forest School, working in groups to create a floating raft using only sticks and string. A ‘clove hitch’ knot was taught and the rafts were tested in the river while discussing ‘up-thrust and gravity’. Jasleen said, “It’s like a huge game of Pooh sticks!”

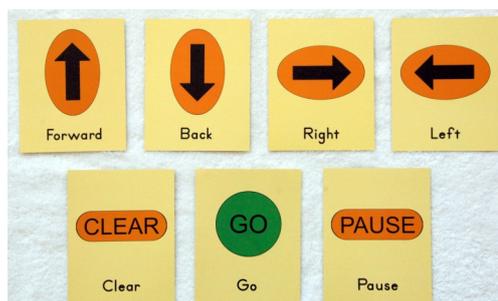
**Katie Staton**



## Programming a Beebot

In ICT lessons, the Reception class have been programming a ‘Beebot’ to locate places on a treasure map! We had so much fun!

**Katie Staton**



## Swimming Gala at Lyndhurst

Coram's swimming team were again in action when they travelled to Lyndhurst School for a triangular swimming gala with Hill House and Lyndhurst. Our swimmers got off to a great start as we won six of the 10 individual races thanks to some outstanding swimming from Lucy Roche, Dan Bourke, James Bourke, James Robinson, Harry Dean and Lucy Kitching. The team relays were equally competitive with several breath-taking finishes and some smashing swims from Harry Askew, Dylan Chakravorty, Libby Pawson and Josh Dawson.

The final scores were:

Lyndhurst	110
Coram House	94
Hill House	94

Well done to all involved!

**Julie Hoar**

## Year 2 Mathematics

Year 2 have been enjoying lots of practical maths when learning about weights and measures.

**Katie Staton**



## Year 5/6's trip to the theatre that didn't happen

Year 5 and 6 had a theatre trip booked but unfortunately the theatre failed to inform us that the show had been cancelled, so we arrived in Bradford and then . . .

Harriet Metcalfe (5B) takes up the story.

On Wednesday Year 5/6 went to Bradford Alhambra Theatre to watch Tom's Midnight Garden but unfortunately they had cancelled it. Instead we went to the National Media Museum and we split into our four classes.

I enjoyed the third floor best where you could be a news reporter, have a back drop behind you and be a family in a house. We called it Coram Street instead of Coronation Street. Just before we left we went back to the games room and the Magic Factory. I had a fabulous day even though we didn't go to the theatre and I am sure everyone else did!

**Harriet Metcalfe 5B**