

## Windrush Valley School

May was a busy month at Windrush Valley School; as well as the children working hard and sitting the end of year examinations and SATS, we have had some great trips out and sporting events.

### Keep it Under Your Hat!

Form 1 enjoyed a visit to Warwick Castle. Although quite cold, the rain stayed away. We learnt how five to seven year old children would have had to help in battle, and where a lot of our 'sayings' today have come from, such as 'keep it under your hat' which is what bowmen used to say to each other about the spare twine for their bows.

We visited the Princess in her tower and everyone went to bed that night hoping to find out if they were all royal princes and princesses. The birds of prey display was fascinating, and many birds skimmed the top of our heads. Everyone was very tired on the homeward journey but we had a great day out.

### Athletics Championships

A group of children represented Windrush Valley School at the North London ISA Athletics Championships at Bedford International Stadium. The day is a great

opportunity to compete in a professional athletics stadium, against schools from all over North London (ISA members). All the children competed well in both track and field events, with Lorimer Kay winning his 150m sprint, taking him to the ISA National Athletics Finals at Birmingham International Stadium.

Congratulations to: Charlie Maudsley, Jake Maudsley, Gregory Davies, Lorimer Kay, Caden Spencer, Albertine Wheeler, Ella Frost, Cassia Belardo and Poppy Kay for some out-standing performances. With a special thank you to Lucas Melvin and Mrs Lisa Frost for all their help during the day.

Although May turned out to be quite a wet and miserable month we did not let the weather dampen our spirits for our annual May Dancing event. To be on the safe side, we danced, sang and entertained parents, family and friends inside New Beaconsfield Hall. Well done to all the children, especially those performing in the Junior School Band for the first time, and our Nursery dancers, who have not performed in public before.

**Victoria Taylor**

## Cotswold Decorative and Fine Arts Society

The Cotswold Decorative and Fine Arts Society will hold a lecture on **September 11<sup>th</sup>** entitled *The Age of Elegance: Georgian Furniture*.

The lecture traces the development of elegance from early 18th century walnut furniture through to the fancy-wood neo-classical styles at the end of the century.

The speaker is Janusz Karczewski-Slowikowski, a former antique dealer.

Lectures take place at Bradwell Village Hall, Burford OX18 4XF. They begin at 11.00am with coffee and tea available from 10.15 to 10.45am.

Non-members are very welcome (suggested donation £8).

For more information please see our website [www.cotswolddfas.org](http://www.cotswolddfas.org).