

Wychwood C.E. Primary School

The new school year started with a very busy term. Our new Learning Zone was completed in time for the start of term and is in use during lesson time and for after school clubs. There is a real 'buzz' about the area and everyone is enjoying using it.



The new Media Centre in the Learning Zone

on how the children were 'tremendous Ambassadors for the Wychwoods.' Chestnut class spent the day at **Harcourt Arboretum** admiring

Ambassadors for the Wychwoods

Our new **School Council** have been elected and already held their first event – **Dahlicious Dress-Up Day** on Friday 27th September, to raise funds for Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity. Children came dressed as a character from his books and a tuck-shop was held at break time. A total of £317 was raised. We had our **Harvest Festival** service at St Mary's Church which the whole school attended. The produce donated by families was shared between Helen and Douglas House and The Porch in Oxford. Following on from this our Year 6 children went to the Day Centre at Beaconsfield Hall to sing the songs they had learnt for the service and spent time chatting with their audience.

Our Year 6 children also took part in **Junior Citizen**, which is training given by the police, ambulance and fire services in an Oxford Fire station. The aim is to help them to become independent and caring citizens as they grow up. The Community Police Officers commented

nature's shapes, and gathering natural materials. Using Andy Goldsworthy's work as inspiration they created their own works of art. Back at school they printed off the photographs of their work and mounted them on autumn leaf frames.

Africa

International Week took place in the last week of term with each class studying a separate country. Activities included African mask making and dancing, a drumming workshop, storytelling and singing. International students from Burford School visited classes studying countries of their origin and were delighted to be given the opportunity to share some of their cultural heritage with our pupils. Mandarin, French and German workshops were run by parents Mrs. Askew, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Matthews and dancing by Mrs. Elderfield. We thank them for giving up their time to support us in this way. The week culminated in the ever popular International Food Tasting which was, quite simply, delicious! All this was fitted around timetabled lessons, assemblies and after school clubs, and made a wonderful learning experience for our pupils.

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