

Windrush Valley School

As usual we have managed to fit a lot in to this first term back at school, with a host of competitive sporting activities including a junior tag-rugby tournament, senior and junior football matches, Cross Country Team Events and senior and junior netball matches.



with our Foundation Unit visiting Blenheim Palace Butterfly House, a trip to Swindon Steam Museum for our Year 4s, and a senior school trip to the Black Country Museum, which always proves to be an amazing day.

Cross-Country: Fingers Crossed

We are looking forward to the new term and the sports events coming up, especially the Independent Schools' cross-country event in Bedford. We have been very successful in the past, with several children reaching the Independent Schools' National Finals, so fingers crossed. Alongside all our sport, the school have enjoyed several trips out,

Cupcakes to Elephants

The children have been working extremely hard on their English Speaking Board examinations, with some very amusing and interesting talks, from orphan elephants in Kenya to how to bake and decorate cupcakes - with full demonstrations in class.

Well done to all the children, staff and families for an action-packed first term.

Victoria Taylor

A Traditional Ceilidh

Eighty five people attended the sell-out Traditional Ceilidh at the New Beaconsfield Hall Sipton on Saturday 19th October. Music was provided by the Sipton Ceilidh Allstars Band together with others from the area plus three from Reading, one from Derbyshire and another from London.

They were led by the amazingly talented, as well as witty Paul Hutchinson of *Belshazzar's Feast*.

Guests were greeted by Piper Bernard Worth and the delightful evening ended with the Virginia Reel and Auld Lang Syne. The audience were charmed by the two Wee Reelers, Tamara and Jordan with their ladies step dance 'The Lilt'.



A Ploughman's Supper of delicious cheeses, local ham, bread and Joanna van der Poll's excellent chutney was served. The event raised just under £700 – we have made a small donation to The

Witchwood School of Rock and £672.40 to the Thames Valley and Chiltern Air Ambulance.

Many thanks indeed to all who helped with the event, to those local businesses and individuals who gave raffle prizes and to the very talented performers and musicians. Lastly thanks to all of you who came along to the party, joined in the fun and gave generously to the charity.

Jeremy Spencer