

Wychwood C.E. Primary School

What an invigorating start to the term we had! The children (and staff) all participated eagerly in the daily 'wake and shake' sessions and the Hula Hoop workshops. The children all



studied aspects of healthy living, each class spent time on the Life Education Bus, kindly paid for by the PTA (£700) and the School Council ran a healthy tuck shop.

Practice for Cycling to School

We also saw the start of the cycling proficiency course for our older pupils. We have received a couple of calls from local residents about this taking place along Milton Road in Shipton saying it is dangerous, taking into account the shop front and turnings into local estates. The children all start their training in the playground before they are taken out onto the road to check their bicycles are fit for riding, their helmet fits properly and they are instructed on how to manoeuvre at junctions.

The children are then taken out to cycle in the real world. They have to be made aware of other vehicles around them and this is done under the vigilance of trained staff. We could do the training in a quiet cul-de-sac with very little traffic, but this would not be a realistic environment to the one they will be in when travelling to school. Once they pass their test they are then allowed to cycle to school if their

parents allow, and this is where we need drivers to be more vigilant, watch out for our young cyclists and pass with care.

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The way we were taught calculation

(many years ago in my case!) is very different to how children are taught today. This has caused some confusion for children when they go to do their maths homework and parents try to help them. So staff spent a lot of time putting together a maths information evening for parents to show them how children are taught today. The evening was very well attended and we had a lot of positive feedback from the parents, with requests for further evenings on other areas of the maths curriculum.

Great Wychwood Bake Off

We have held our first round of this competition and had 79 entries who had to make a tray bake. A winner was chosen per class, with three going through on technical ability. Miss Davey's mother, who runs her own baking company called Truly Scrumptious, came and helped with the judging and then kindly offered to come in and do a master baking workshop with the first round winners. She was delighted when she overheard two of the children talk of setting up their own bakery when they were older. You never know we may see a past pupil on the Great British Bake Off!

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