



Beacon for Life

WALTON PRIORY MIDDLE SCHOOL Easter Term 2011

On 20th March, youngsters and families had the chance to sample the big race atmosphere of Stafford Half Marathon day by taking part in the town's fun run. The School and Family Fun Run took place on the same day as the popular half marathon.

13 pupils alongside staff and parents from Walton Priory took part in the 1mile fun run organised by Stafford Borough Council. The event saw many youngsters getting active and also having fun in their fancy dress costumes as they ran through Stafford Market Square.

Miss Victoria Atherton (PE Teacher at Walton Priory) said "I hope it will inspire the children to one day run in the half marathon itself."

The photograph shows Miss Atherton dressed as Snow White with the Walton Priory Fun Runners.



Launch of Astronomy Club and Opening of New Food Technology



The new Food room was opened by Paul Wood (local owner Chef) Michelle and Joe. The Mayor of Stone, Rob Kenny, kindly attended accompanied by his wife. Children and parents were also invited, specifically those who had been part of the cookery classes after school and those who had expressed an interest in Astronomy. The NEW ASTRONOMY CLUB was also launched with an interesting and inspiring presentation from Scott Marley – Assistant Education Development Officer for the Bradford Robotic Telescope. The budding astronomers will meet next term.

Working with The Right Stuff

Pupils completed and were presented with Preliminary Boxing Awards. A special note goes to Andy Whitehall and Sophie Stewart who have run and led the programme.



Bang goes Walton Priory !!

Recently members of Walton Priory's STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Club were delegates at the Big Bang Fair at the Excel in London. The Big Bang Fair brings schools and industry together to celebrate STEM education.

Mrs Cope, Head of Science said "The pupils came back buzzing about their experiences armed with bags of goodies".

Our pupils were once again commended on their excellent behaviour and attitude by the Fair organisers and other teachers.



DOING SOMETHING FUNNY FOR THE MONEY

18TH March saw pupils in red noses and some very weird dress. The school council got together and ran a very successful 'Walton's Got Talent' competition.

Loads of money was raised and everyone had a great time doing something for such a worthwhile cause.



As part of Tenner UK a group of Year 8 girls – Reece Foster, Charlotte Smith, Georgia Barnes and Courtney Roberts, organised a school disco which made £330.71 profit. This is to be shared between Comic Relief and Cancer Research. Well done girls – real stars of Walton! A big thank you to all pupils, staff, parents and friends of the school who made this event so very successful.

eSafety County Winner!

Dylan Kennerell-Walters received first prize for his poster to inform children of the dangers of the internet.



Part of the prize was for Dylan to visit Staffordshire County Council's Print Commissioning Services to see his design go through the print process. The poster will be displayed in Staffordshire schools, libraries and youth centres. Deputy County Council leader and cabinet member for finance and transformation Ian Parry said: "E-safety is extremely important for our young people as they use the internet on a daily basis. It's an invaluable learning resource but unfortunately carries its dangers. Well done Dylan we are very proud of you.

Fair Trade at Walton

Important guests came to Walton Priory on 2nd March to help us celebrate Fairtrade Day. Shea nut farmer Juliana Sampana from Ghana spoke to the children about her life and Julia Franklin from the Fairtrade Foundation in London gave everyone tips on how we can all be involved in Fairtrade. Also in attendance was Stone Mayor Rob Kenny and manager of Walton's Co-op, Mrs Battersby.

