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Welcome to the third edition of 'ERNIE EXPRESS', written by a group of children across years 5 & 6. We hope to keep you well informed and entertained with all of the goings-on at our school and within our community. If you have something that you would like to contribute, submit it to our school editors to be considered for next half terms edition, or please give it to Miss Wood. Our journalists and editors for this edition are:

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WHO WOULD HIRE THE CHOIR?

Who would have thought that 9, 10 and 11 year olds could sing at the Genting Arena? With Gareth's help, they (the school choir) went there on Wednesday 13th January 2016. They left school at 11:00am but it actually started at 6:00pm and finished at 10:00pm.

When they were on the coach, some people had the words so they started singing the songs, that they knew. The school choir were really excited, but also anxious at the same time.

While they were rehearsing Urban Strides came out and started dancing to Uptown Funk. Tom Billington came out and sang Video killed the radio star and life in mars in honour of David Bowie.

Singing in front of 13 schools and around 30,000 people was a big deal to them. They had just finished the last few songs when beat boxers came onto the stage and they even taught them how to beat box. They sang a song called 'World in Union' which Laura Wrights sang because she sang it at the Rugby World cup!

The choir sang lots of songs, these were: Power in me, Everything is Awesome, Hold

my hand, Lightening tree melody, Gospel train melody and many more.

When they had just finished rehearsing they had an hour to eat their lunch and then it was time. Parents started arriving, they sang for 2 hours non stop so when they had just finished they headed home. It was about 30 minutes until they returned to school!

Written by Sienna



Netball Mad...

On the 3rd of March the Netball team went to The Xcel centre to play netball. This event was held by Sainsbury's games.

The players were: Gracie, Summer, Liz, Jess, Abbie, Baneeta and Tia all from year 5. The team travelled with Sowe Valley Primary School on their minibus.

When they arrived, they were instructed to go to a specific netball post and there, they started to practise shooting .

Overall, there were 11 schools at the tournament, with all of the other schools having year sixes and boys, unlike Ernesford.

During the first match, Summer scored one goal. In the second match Liz scored one goal too!

Out of all the 11 schools, Ernesford Grange came 6th! Mr Hancock commented that they did exceptionally well to come 6th out of the 11 schools!

Written by Gracie and Summer.



Dol-Y-"Muck"

On Sunday 21st February, Year 6 travelled to Wales on a coach to Plas Dol-Y-Moch to experience what it was like to work as a team with people they wouldn't regularly work with. They stayed in the Dol-Y-Moch house and stables with people they had requested to sleep with, they were asked to keep their rooms tidy and gain stars. It was a whole new experience for year 6!!

Firstly, the excited children gathered into the school hall with their bags of luggage, as they said goodbye to the adults that had brought them. Then, a wave of children with loaded suitcases hurried to the doors to the coach. They waved goodbye as the coach began its four hour journey to Wales with their hearts filled with sorrow yet excitement for what awaited them.

After getting to Wales, the tired children were welcomed by a smiling lady named Faf. The girls were taken to the house (the boys to the stables) to find out who they were sharing a room with.

After that, the children took their luggage to their rooms, they were shown round the Dol-Y-Moch site and then were given a warm evening meal. Finally, they had hot chocolate and a biscuit before getting ready in their pyjamas to go to bed.

Waking up at 7o'clock in the morning was a struggle for most people, but despite the late night, everyone got up to start the day. There was a lot to do: brushing teeth, getting changed, making beds and tidying the room ready for room inspections. The children were given forty-five minutes to do this, but if they had a job (such as the weather team, ECO squad or laying the tables for breakfast) they would only have half an hour.

Each table was a different group (groups A to F) and they would be doing activities together. So after the groups had breakfast, made sandwiches for lunch and had an assembly -to inform everyone about the weather, litter and room stars- they met with their teacher from Dol-Y-Moch to start their activities. Depending on what activity the children were doing, they would put on windproof and waterproof layers, their backpacks, lunches and water bottles so that they were prepared for the day.

The activities were: navigation and beach, water and rock and mountain and mine. Navigation is when a group has a map and they have to go over a mountain or through a wood to get to some benches where they would have lunch. Beach was climbing on rocks and eating ice-cream. Water was canoeing or kayaking and doing



Dol-Y-Moch!

the Dol-Y-Moch dive, and rock was wea-
selling between tight spaces. Mountain
was climbing a mountain and mine was
exploring a mine.

After the activities, everybody went
back to either the house or stables to
get changed into other clothes. They
were given some free time before having
an evening meal. After the meal, the
children were able to have their first
evening activity! Half of the children did
the nightline and the other children did
the labyrinth. They would do the other
activity the next day.

The nightline was a rope which went
through a wood located on the Dol-Y-
Moch site. They went in groups of five
and they followed the rope in the dark
(with no torches) and had to remember
the ten objects tied to the rope. After
completing it, they had to write down
all of the objects in order.

The labyrinth was when there were five
chambers and in teams they had to
work out the code on each door. The
answers were all numbers to open the
padlock to escape, but one of the num-
bers they wouldn't need. They would go

through tunnels from chamber to chamber
working out all of the numbers with their
team.

When everyone had done all of the day
and evening activities, it was obvious that
the next day they would be -once again-
on a minibus on their way back home. This
wasn't a bad thing but because Dol-Y-
Moch was so exciting, they wanted to stay
one more day! So instead of having free
time after eating their final meal at Dol-Y-
Moch (not including breakfast) everyone
packed their suitcases ready to leave
Wales the next day.

Because everyone was used to getting up
at 7 o'clock, waking up at half past six in-
terrupted everyone's morning routine. But
everybody managed, eventually! Then, af-
ter eating breakfast and finishing packing,
everyone was taken to the minibus and
was waved goodbye by the Dol-Y-Moch
staff. Sophia said- "It was really fun and I
would like to go back one day!"

By Neehru and Elise.



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Ratburger by David Walliams

Illustrated by Tony Ross



The very popular author, David Walliams, who is famous for writing comedies, has written another comedy which is mixed with friendship.

In this book there are two important characters— Armitage the rat and Zoe the poorest girl in the school lives in a tower block.

One night, she found a baby rat in her room and this is when the excitement began. Some of the highlights include, Zoe being locked in her room and Armitage being taken by a rat killer!

Some of this story is set in a tower block, a school and a factory.

This story is packed with humour, friendship and drama. At times you will feel happy, at other times angry, but this book will definitely make you laugh.

Isn't this cool for book? Find out more if you read it!

By Sabina



Nuts about narrative poetry!

In Year 5 the children in classes 5W and 5S have been learning about the Highwayman poem. They also wrote an article about it. They started learning about it at the beginning of March.

The children started off by reading the poem from start to end. They began to understand about the Highway man and his life. The poet, who is called Alfred Noyes, was born in 1880 and died in 1958.

One girl, Lucy, commented; 'It was fun and I enjoyed writing the newspaper report!'

On the 29th of February Year 5 described the Highway Man with powerful adjectives. Some people in Year 5 got a sticker for their effort.

On the 1st of March they designed a poster, a job poster looking for a new Highwayman. The children said they really enjoyed working in pairs and making them. They used a number of persuasive devices.

A day after, on the 2nd March year 5 wrote a diary entry as the character Bess who was the Landlord's daughter and an important character in the poem.

On 4 March they created a newspaper report about the Highwayman being killed, a dramatic ending to the poem. They used many features of this style of writing, including a catchy headline.

Overall the children in year 5 really enjoyed learning about the Highwayman poem .

Written by
Jessicah, Elizabeth, Abbie and Tia



Super swimming!

Every year schools in Coventry take part the City Swimming Gala. Children race against each in other in races such as front crawl, breast stroke, back stroke and relay races.

On Tuesday 14th February, some children from year 3,4 and 5 volunteered to take part in the Swimming Gala at Coventry Swimming Baths. This was the 9th time Ernesford Grange Primary School had taken part in the gala and all of the children were really proud to take part and represent the school.

The event

At nine o'clock, they set off by coach to Coventry Baths from Ernesford Grange Primary School. They were swimming against five other schools including Manor Park, Wyken Croft and Pearl Hyde. There were around 16 races in all.

The first race was Front Crawl for Year 4, the races went up to long distance Year 6.

Lots of the team were swimming against children older than themselves. Year 3 were against year 4, year 5 competed against year 5 and year 6 races.

The team came 6th overall, but Mr Hancock was very proud of them for doing their best and although there was some tough races they all had a great time.

One good swimmer said, "It took my breath away when I saw the bottom of the pool. It was 17 feet deep!".

Bring on next year, when they'll do even better!!

By Robbie



Enid Mary Blyton – Author Study

Born: 11 August 1897 East Dulwich London

Died: November 28 1968

Children: Gillan Baverstock & Imogen Mary Smallwood

When her father moved away, she had a tough relationship with her mother. She didn't attend her mother or father's funeral.

At school, she was head girl at St Christopher's. She loved all lessons except maths. Enid trained as a teacher at Ipswich High School.

Her first book was 'Child Whispers' in 1922.

In August 1924, Enid Blyton married Major Hugh Pollock. Their love was not to be lasted. Enid and Major Hugh divorced in 1943.

Ms Blyton went on to marry Kenneth Darrell Waters until 1967. The year after, Enid Mary Blyton died, leaving us smashing [as she would say] books.

Enid is my favourite author. My best books are the collection of Malory

Towers, which is about a boarding school full of girls that are aged 12 - 18. And they get up to mischief right from the first form, until when they leave as young women in the sixth form.

Staring Darrell Rivers, you will also meet head mistress Grayling, the snob of a Gwendoline, the foolish 'mamzells', sharp tongued Alicia and the rest.

I also like the famous five, about three children who are staying with their boyish cousin Georgina, known as George, for the holidays at their cottage on Kirrin Bay. Uncle Quentin has a bad temper, but who cares. They all have wonderful adventures with the one and only Timmy the dog.

by Anehit



Winning Wasps

On the 6th of January the members of choirs from all around Coventry sang at the Ricoh for the Wasps verses New Castle Falcons rugby match, and sang at the Jaguar family hall, they sang the Madness melody.

They went on coaches with their schools. They had a little time to practise first to show Gareth how good they were. When they went to lunch they saw a dance group, the dance they were doing the 'Wasps wiggle.'

They left school at 11:05 in the morning, and went straight into the arena to practice. then they went into a room to eat their there lunch, they were eating their lunch with all the other schools too.

The event was an amazing experience and a really good opportunity, everyone who went was really lucky! A man told them that the singing

was the best part of the evening. The whole evening was amazing.

By Remi



Smashing the nets!

Ernesford Grange were aware of the game ahead. It was going to be challenging because Allesley, the team they were against, were the Harrishaw Cup holders!

Lucas, one of the players from Ernesford Grange, commented, 'Yes i knew it was going to be challenging because some of the players play for my team and i knew they were good.'

The first few minutes were good for Ernesford Grange with Ryan playing a through ball to Harvey and then putting a good shot passed the keeper to break the deadlock!

Then, after a good team talk at half-time, Ernesford Grange started strong. With some good saves from Harry in goal, Allesley couldn't score.

Luckily Ernesford Grange could with Oli playing another ball to Harvey who finished it nicely.

Then just to wrap up the win, Harvey smashed it in for his hat-trick!

By Oli



2 Minutes with Miss Wilson

Hello, my name is Tade, I'm in class 5S me and my friend Kaleb have conducted an interview with our school learning mentor Mrs Wilson. We asked her different things about the school and her hobbies outside of school.

What is the best thing about your job?

"I love this job because I get to work with children all over the school and help them."

Another question we asked her was:

what the best thing about this school?

(She found this question very interesting.)

'The best thing about this school is the children who make me smile everyday also the staff who are caring, friendly and helpful.'

By Tade



Poetry Page

Kate

There once was a girl could Kate,
Who everyone would hate,
She disappeared,
Everyone cheered,
Until they realised she was late.

By Oliver

Paint

A man who couldn't paint,
Had been practising since he was 8,
He painted the sky,
With an ugly fly,
He needed some help from his mate.

By Oliver

If you would like your poem submitted into the school newspaper, please use J2E and share it with 'awood'- please remember to edit it first!