

Hartington C of E Primary School - May 2015 News

They Shoot, They Score!



Students have enjoyed an afternoon of netball and finding out about African cultures as two Loughborough Lighting Super League players visited the village.

Peace Proscovia from Arua in Uganda and Phumza Maweni from Khayelitsha in South Africa were welcomed to the school on Wednesday 15th April for lunch with pupils followed by some netball games and activities in the playground.

The visit was arranged by Vice Chairman of the School Governors, **Liz Broomhead MBE**, who is heavily involved in the international netballing scene and received her MBE in the 2011 New Year's Honours List for voluntary service to the sport.

Inclusive sport, friendship and fun

Pupils welcomed a student from Chesterfield on Tuesday 19th May, as they learned more about inclusive sports and sign language with independent consultant on disability sport, Gill Hawketts.

Eleanor Thistlethwaite, 10, from Wigley Primary School has Cerebral Diplegia and uses a Kaye Walker (a frame) and a wheelchair to get around. She was invited to the special event to meet Hartington pupils including Maddie Wager, 9, who has Cerebral Palsy and is a full-time wheelchair user. The children explored different topics including sporting role models, Paralympic values and Makaton sign language, before enjoying Boccia, Polybat, seated throwing exercises and parachute games.

Hartington's teaching assistant, Judith Flower said: "It was great to see all the children accessing every activity regardless of age and ability. Gill encouraged the children to understand 'we are all the same, but different.'"



Flower Power

Pupils will be maypole dancing at the Village Hall on Saturday 6th June from 2.30pm as part of St Giles' Church Flower Festival. Everyone is welcome and all the funds raised will go towards the upkeep of the church.

Pupils have a keen eye for wildlife observation

Students have distributed their own bird nesting boxes to observe wildlife in the village, as part of a year-long project with the Peak District National Park Ranger Service.

Youngsters visited Hartington Hall Youth Hostel on Friday 20th March to take the bird boxes they had made at school. They have since been put up around the village to monitor bird species and activity, as well as given out to local residents.

The project is the second part of student's studies towards the Peak District Award, which aims to encourage people to deepen their knowledge and understanding of the features of the Peak District National Park that make it a special and valued place.

The third part of countryside research will take place during the summer term, when pupils will spend time investigating science and habitats, comparing Africa and Antarctica with Hartington.

Congratulations to Todd!



Former Hartington C of E Primary School pupil, Todd Cloake, is celebrating after securing £300 in funding to bring disability inclusive sport to the Hartington Young People's Activity Club (HYPAC).

The 23 year old applied to 02's Think Big campaign earlier this year for funding to set up a Boccia and wheelchair basketball programme.

He said: "I was over the moon to find out I'd been successful in my application. The primary aim for this project is to provide sporting opportunities to a community that can sometimes struggle to get them. Hopefully it can inspire the next round of coaches to keep this sort of thing going!"

Upcoming events for students:

- **Thur 4 June:** Visit to Manifold Valley with Peak Park Rangers;
- **Wed 10 June:** African Ark project with Bemba Akyeampon;
- **Thur 18 & Fri 19 June:** Residential visit to Lea Green;
- **Fri 10 July:** Road safety training with local police.