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## World Book Day

The spring term started off with fun and fancy dress for our younger pupils, celebrating World Book day. We all like to encourage our pupils to be interested in reading, particularly in school where we aim to help them enjoy reading for both



learning and for fun - as we can see with the brilliant costumes here:

## Snow Fun

Just when spring was nearly here, the snow hit at the end of February. School had to close as many of our pupils and staff could not get safely here, but for some of the residence pupils and staff it meant a day of snow fun and games.



## 2018 Boccia

Our primary and secondary pupils once again enjoyed the opportunity to compete



against other deaf schools in the Panathlon regional Boccia competition, hosted here in our sports hall.

## Owl visit

It felt a bit like Harry Potter's Hogwarts school on March 13th when local Owl experts brought in some beautiful owls, small and large, for us to see and hold! Our pupils and staff beat their nerves and took turns to hold the owls and to help fly the owls across our school hall!



# Orienteering competition

Once again our fantastic primary pupils have showed their sporting and teamwork talents to achieve top places in a sports competition. On March 21st they took part in the local orienteering challenge in Sandall Beat Woods. By working together, remembering the map reading skills and with some fast running around the



woods, they achieved 1<sup>st</sup> place girls and 3<sup>rd</sup> place boys. Well done— all will now go through to the South Yorkshire regional competition in July— Miss Taylor is very proud!



# X-Factor DSD



To finish this short half term, the school council organised a fun talent competition for all of the pupils. Barry did some brilliant work encouraging everyone to get involved and introducing the show on stage. After watching some cool moves and dancing, and a comedy act (based on the poem

“Please Mrs Butler”) by Louise and Barry (as Mrs Butler!), our panel of judges had a tough job to pick the best 3 acts.



Well done all - congratulations to our winners, Louise + Barry, and the runners up from primary.

After the show, pupils also said lots of thanks and farewell to Mrs Smith, after 10 years working as our secondary maths teacher.



# Dates for next term...

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Apr

School opens for summer term

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> May

May Day Bank Holiday—school closed for 1 day

Wed 9<sup>th</sup>-Fri 11<sup>th</sup> May

Low Mill residential (& revision) trip

Wed 16<sup>th</sup>-Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> May

Primary residential trip

Tue 15<sup>th</sup> May

GCSE exams start

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> May

School closes for half term