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North Primary School and Nursery

A Town Centre School with a Strong Community Ethos

We Celebrated our 125th anniversary on 12th November 2019. Visit www.northschoolcxxv.com

Wood's Wood

On Friday 28th March a special ceremony was held to celebrate the success of our Wood's Wood.

Wood's Wood is the perfect place for us to ensure that we are continuing and maintaining everything that North School stands for. It allows all our children to have their eyes opened to the wonders and opportunities of the world. Wood's Wood is an area of our school which is something special allowing the children to participate in Forest School lessons, gardening activities and time in the friendship area.

This wonderful space would not have been possible if it wasn't for the incredibly kind donations and hours of time given by Mrs Raby and her family as a lasting legacy to Sylvia Wood (Mrs Raby's aunt).

The ceremony was attended by Mr and Mrs Raby and their friends, Sir Bob Russell, a variety of governors, teachers, LSAs, school councillors and children from 5S and 6M. Speeches were made by Mrs Skinner, Mrs Raby and Aniela Werenowska (on behalf of the school council). Poems written by Isaac, Lena, Keshavah and Tasneem were read. Jacob and Tilly helped Mr Raby to cut the ribbon to formally open the area. The ceremony was concluded with a rousing rendition of Twinkle Twinkle Little Star in recognition of the miniature statue of The Taylor Sisters which is within Wood's Wood.

On behalf of the school, I would like to thank Mr and Mrs Raby for all of their generosity in making Wood's Wood possible.

Mrs Skinner reporting



Mrs Raby has now retired. She has worked as a Learning Support Assistant at the school for the past 12 years, supporting the children throughout the whole school during that time.

As you can see, she has made a great contribution to the school beyond her role, transforming part of our woodland garden into the forest school area, *Wood's Wood*.

If you would like to make a contribution to a leaving present then please drop off your donation to the school office. Thank you.

Kes Gray's Visit: An Inspiring Encounter with a Renowned Author



Dates for your Diary

Friday 13th June	NSA Non Uniform Day
Monday 16th June	Y5/6 RSHE Parents Meeting-
Friday 20th June	Y3/4 Sports MORNING
Mon 23rd June	Y1/2 Sports Afternoon
Tuesday 24th June	Reception Sporty morning
Tuesday 24th June	Nursery Sporty morning and afternoon!
Friday 27th June	NSA SUMMER FETE
Mon 30th June– Thurs 3rd July	RECEPTION New intake after school sessions
Tuesday 1st July	Y5/6 Sports Afternoon
Friday 4th July	Hilly Fields Sponsored Run
Thurs 17th July	Y6 Performance
Fri 18th July	Open Evening
Tues July 22nd	Final day of school year
Monday Sept 1st	Y6 Residential to Dorset
Wed Sept 3rd	First day of new school year

On the morning of Friday 6th June, KS1 were lucky enough to have a visit from Kes Gray, celebrated author of many children's books. We all went into the infant hall and listened in awe as Kes Gray talked to us about his work. He really brought the characters life and as he read from some of his favourite books in the series. Kes showed us how his books had developed over the years, and we were amazed to learn that the original 'Oi Cat' book was written 10 years ago. Adults and children alike were fascinated to learn that there was originally a different ending to the book – one in which the frog was squelched! We're glad that he wasn't though as it meant that there were lots more books to follow. It was a magical visit filled with wonderful information and lots of laughs. We learned that Kes's sit on fezzes – and squash them when they do (Mrs Woods had to fix it for him) We also had the opportunity to listen to Kes read his brand-new book 'Oi Dinosaurs', and some dinosaur jokes, while he was dressed in a dinosaur costume!

This wonderful visit concluded with the opportunity for children whose parents had bought the book, to have them signed by Kes Gray himself.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Red Lion Bookshop for helping us to organise this wonderful event.

Miss Wicks reporting