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Values

We were very privileged to have a special visitor this week. Paul Sturgess, a former pro-basketball player and ex-Harlem Globetrotter, inspired our children with his story. From the age of 14, Paul realised that he was going to be special. Now, at the age of 30 and standing at 7'7", he is Britain's tallest man. Paul shared the importance of hard work, resilience and belief in achieving your dreams and stressed that being different is good. I am sure that this is a day we will never forget. Please see the report below from our Y6 Sports Leaders.

On Monday, the whole school took part in a basketball WOW day. We were visited by Mark and his friend, Paul Sturgess. Paul is currently the tallest basketball player in the world at 7'7". He has played basketball all around the world for the Harlem Globetrotters. We started the day with an assembly about basketball. We learnt that it is important to live a healthy and active lifestyle. We also learnt the importance of celebrating and embracing our differences. During the rest of the day, Y3 and Y4 had the chance to meet Paul, ask questions and take photos, while Y5 and Y6 took part in coaching sessions with Paul and Mark. We learnt how to dribble the ball effectively and how to spin the ball on our finger. At the end of the afternoon, we had a whole school photo - overall it was a really fun day!

"I enjoyed meeting the tallest man in Britain." Fred, Y4

"I learnt that being different is good." Ruby-May, Y3

"I learnt that it is important to be proud of who you are." Yasmin, Y6

"The assembly was inspiring!" Olive Y6

"I learnt some new skills." Stanley, Y5

Competitions

We launched our Easter Art competition today. All children are invited to enter a piece of art sharing their thoughts about Easter. All entries will receive house points and there are prizes for upper and lower key stages (entries on A4 paper by Friday 23 February). A reminder also that entries for BBC Radio 2's 500 words competition are due in by 12.00pm on Friday 23 February (emailed to admin@wendoverjunior.co.uk please).

Punctuality

All children need to be at school by 8.50am. We are currently reviewing our policy and procedures regarding late arrivals in order to ensure that children get off to the best possible start each morning.

Cross Country Club

Please note there will be NO cross country club on Monday 19 February (first day back after half term). Club will resume as normal on Monday 26th.

Reminders

Y4 residential trip deposit due by TODAY!

Y6 residential trip February payment due by Fri 9/2

Letters Sent Home This Week

Service families' coffee morning

Netball match v Halton (team only)

Diary Dates

9/2	Y3 Stone Age day
9/2	Hot dog day
9/2	PTA tuck shop, 3.30pm
9/2	Close for half term
19/2	School re-opens, 8.40am
28/2	4S to multi-skills festival, John Colet
1/3	4W class assembly



