

THE RADSTONE REPORTER

MARCH EDITION

Loris Owen - an inspiring author

On 13th March a spectacular author came to our school to talk about her books. Loris Owen, the author of 'The Ten Riddles of Eartha Quicksmith' and 'The Myriad Mysteries'. Her books are filled with lots of clever riddles, adventures and excellent ideas. We would definitely recommend reading them.

The author came to year 5 and 6 to inspire them to write stories of their own and tell them about her books. In her workshop she showed us how to make up brand new inventions and be creative with our ideas.

She said that she came up with the 'Strange Energies' (which are mysterious forces) from reading about square waves and it got her thinking "What if there are forces that we don't know about yet?" Loris also said that she loves animals and even put some in her books, like Pinky the flying squirrel. Her favourite animal is the extremely cute pink fairy armadillo.

She said that she was inspired by her childhood teacher, Mrs Wilson, and is very proud of her books. Lots of the characters are based on real life people that she knows.

After school, some children were even lucky enough to see her at creative writing club. You can expect more books from her as she is currently writing the third book of the Quicksmith series, which will come out in June. We are extremely grateful to have had such an amazing visit from this talented author and we hope her books are successful.

By W D C and S C



Science Week

The 2025 British science week's theme was Change and Adapt. Science week is the celebration of STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) for ten days straight. Science week started on 17th March and ran until 21st March. In our school, year 5 were concentrating on flying machines and year 3 were looking more closely at gliders. On 17th March an ex-pilot called Craig Rolfe came in to talk to year 5. He was an ex-RAF pilot, who now travels around schools talking about what makes an aeroplane fly. On 19th March, Year 5 planned out their flying machines, ready to assemble them on 20th March. I really enjoyed Science Week and being able to do different things!

By E F-D



World Book Day

On Thursday 6th March it was World Book Day. Nearly the whole school came in dressed up as a character from a book that they have read and enjoyed.

We enjoyed doing a range of World Book Day related activities including listening to a story called 'How to be a Lion' which taught us that it is OK to be who you are, no matter what people say. Some of the characters that people came as were, Thing 1 and Thing 2, Little Red Riding Hood, Cat in the hat, Harry Potter, Spiderman, Ariel and so many more!

At the end of the day, we all got a £1 book voucher to spend on a book and had a great time. Another fun and successful World Book Day!

By M G and F C

Voice In A Million

On 19th March, The Radstone took part in Voice in a Million at Wembley Stadium. The children took part in a banner parade to start with and later, took to the stage to sing alongside the choir. 200 schools took part in the event with more than 1600 children.



I was lucky enough to go to the event. I thought I would be scared to go on stage but it wasn't as bad as I was expecting. The choir were amazing singers! Everybody had a good time and enjoyed waving their light-up, flashing sticks!

I spoke to some other children who went along. TP said "My favourite part of VIAM was going up on stage!" ET agreed, "I loved going up on stage too!" Thank you to Mrs Homans, Mrs Coleman, Mrs Tseronis and Mrs Williams for giving up their time to go with us. We all had an amazing time.

By V P

Bike Ability

From 3rd to 6th March year 5 got to participate in Bike Ability, which helped us learn how to cycle safely on the road.

On the first day of Bike Ability, the children practiced on the MUGA and after this they were allowed out on the road. They learned some skills like turning left and doing u-turns.



On the last day, they got to ride to the new shops by the school. All the children really enjoyed themselves and can now ride safely on the road!

By T P

MINDFULNESS MOMENT



I can and I'd like to learn...

We can all feel a little low sometimes, especially when we have had a job at school that we have found hard or when you try something new and find you are not very good at it. It's important to remember that we can't all be brilliant at everything. The world would be a boring place if we were all exactly the same. So why not take some time to think about all the things you can do well, as well as some things that you would like to get better at.

Think of three things that you can do well. Write them down. They could be riding a bike, being a good friend or counting to 20. Now ask yourself, what three things could I do better, improve on or learn. Why not share your list with a friend and see if there is anything that you have in common on your lists. Maybe you can work together. Perhaps they can help you learn a new skill. Take some time to think about the three things on your 'things to improve list'.

What might you need to do to make this happen? Who can help support you? Working hard to grow your skills can be really positive for your mental health. Keep building your list of things you can do really well and always 'Be The Best You Can Be'.

Did you know, if you kept a goldfish in a dark room it would eventually turn white!

Riddle me this...

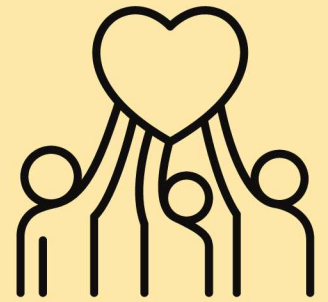
By N P



What word begins with an E and ends with an E, but only had one letter?

The answer to February's riddle was: Air

COMMUNITY NEWS



The NEW Old Bakery - Brackley

A new bakery has opened in town, it's called The Old Bakery and it's in town centre near the book shop. It has some delicious pastries and fresh bread, definitely worth a visit!

Brackley Community Larder

Brackley Community Larder is run by a dedicated team of volunteers and provides high-quality, subsidised food. They are a member of a network of larders which make up a Registered Charity called Food For Thought Daventry (or FFTD). There are also a member of Food Aid Alliance West Northants (FAAWN).

By N P

The Litter Wombles

Our local litter picking group, Brackley Litter Wombles, have been working hard to keep our streets and parks litter free for almost a year and a half and have collected over 1,800 bags of litter from Brackley. You might have seen their purple bags around the town. These purple bags are collected by either WNC or Brackley Town Council, to be disposed of. You'll be pleased to know that they have noticed a difference in the amount of litter that is generally lying around and would like to thank anyone that has been picking up pieces when they are out and about.



SPORTS NEWS

Swimming Gala

On 28th February some of the best swimmers from year 5 and 6 went to participate in a swimming gala at Brackley leisure centre. There were three schools in the competition, the Radstone primary school, Bracken leas and Nicholas Hawksmoor.

We performed amazingly well, year 5 came 5th, year 6 came 2nd but overall Bracken Leas year 6 came 1st. WDC from year 5, who took part in the event, thought it was very good and it was impressive that the year 6 came 2nd.

By A O

Table Cricket County Competition

On 5th March, eight children from years 3, 4, 5 and 6 went to a county table cricket tournament against nine other schools. The Radstone came back 5th out of 9! They spent the whole day at Northampton County Cricket Club and Bracken Leas were there as well!

It is accessible to everyone because it was designed so people with movement restrictions are able to participate as well. Overall, it sounded really fun and enjoyable!

By I K-T



Netball Tournament

On 6th March year 5 and year 6 went on a trip to Sponne School for a fun netball tournament where they played matches against other schools.

During the afternoon at Sponne our A, B and C teams played 3 games in total. The B team came first and the A and C team both came second in their three games.

Pupils from the netball team at Sponne did an excellent job of coaching and encouraging their team throughout all the games.

It was overall really fun and enjoyable for any age and I hope my teammates had as much fun as I did!

By I K-T.

