



Aston Tower Community Primary School Newsletter

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School Council visit to the Houses of Parliament

Our School Council have just made a visit to the Houses of Parliament to learn about democracy. It was a day we will never forget. We visited both of the Houses, the Commons with its green benches, and the Lords with its red ones. Rightly, the staff at the Houses of Parliament were very impressed by our knowledge of democracy and Parliament. This is the story of our day.



We travelled to London, first by taxi, then from Birmingham New Street, by train. Here is a picture of some of the councillors waiting for the train. It was an early start- we left school at 6:50am when most pupils were still in bed.

Inside we entered the building by the Queen's Gate. A School Councillor was chosen to be the Queen, and wearing a crown, she led us into Parliament just as the Queen does at the State Opening of Parliament. Inside, we visited the lobby, and then went into the House of Lords. It had red benches which we were not allowed to sit on because we are not a lord or a lady! We then went into the House of Commons which has green benches. We stood where the Prime Minister stands when she talks, and where the Leader of the Opposition stands. Another School Councillor pretended to be the Speaker.



We had lunch outside in the park by a statue. There are lots of statues of famous politicians and Kings and Queens. One was Oliver Cromwell and another was Sir Winston Churchill.

This is a picture of the School Council outside the Queen's Gate. This is where she enters once a year at the State Opening of Parliament. The building is very old and beautiful.

We learnt about the importance of democracy. This is when we all have a say, and when we vote for someone who represents us to make important decisions for us. As councillors, that is our job for the classes of Aston Tower.



Dahlicious Day!

Last month we held our first Dahlicious Day! This was to remember the 100th birthday of one of the best children's writers, Roald Dahl. We were asked to either wear a piece of yellow clothing which was Dahl's favourite colour, or dress up as one of his fabulous book characters. This was great fun as you can see from the pictures below, but there was a very serious reason for this. We raised a total of £305 to dress up, with the money we collected being sent to help pay for one of the forty-five Roald Dahl nurses who look after seriously ill children in hospitals. For more information go to this weblink:

<http://roalddahl.com/charity/nurses>

Which characters from Roald Dahl's books can you spot?
Many of the teachers in an assembly shared which was their favourite Roald Dahl book. Which is yours?



Up Coming Events

- Half Term Holiday — Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October
- Diwali 31st October
- Remembrance Week 11th November
- Children in Need 18th November
- Christmas Nativity and concerts in December