

Arts Week at Tetherdown Primary School

28th February to 3rd March 2023

Written by our Tetherdown Reporters



Tetherdown Reporters: Elodie (dressed as designer Vivienne Westwood), Arabelle (dressed as musician Adele), Nate (dressed as musician David Bowie) and Isabelle (dressed as musician Anita from ABBA).

This week was filled with fun and joy as the school celebrated the Arts Curriculum and celebrating World Book Day.

Dance Workshops

Many children giggled themselves on arts week through the contemporary style of dance. They were extremely engaged in their wonderful dancing to 'Where The Wild Things Are'. Practicing their best dance moves in musical statues and ending the session with a finale group dance session to the Dance of the Knights in Prokofiev's ballet, Romeo and Juliet (the same theme tune to the BBC show The Apprentice) Ms Binger thought it was a really thoughtful dance session and loved the creativity.



Parent Workshops

Many parents and friends of the school were invited to discuss the role of design technology in their careers and hopefully inspire children into a job using the arts curriculum.

On Tuesday 28th February, Y1's had a visit from renowned fashion designer Debi Walker – who has worked in fashion for 25 years. Having been to 30 countries for making clothes, she's even designed clothes for Michelle Obama (in Africa) and famous, British pop star Dua Lipa! In addition to this, she told the kids that they can use almost anything for inspiration for clothes design. What also inspires fashion includes: travelling to different countries to explore numerous cultures. Debi has helped charities and even helped children in Africa have clothes.



Also on that day, Reception had a visit from an experienced architect (Simon Toplis). He told the children all about being an architect and even inspired a few children to become one. Moreover, Simon told Reception that ever since he was 7 years old, he wanted to be an architect and has never regretted his dream. He showed the children some 3D models of houses he had designed which they found thrilling. The children loved handling his building designs.



Mad for the Movies

Y5 and Y2 were privileged to meet Catorina Delbridge a film editor who explained what she does for her job and how she made all the decisions. With enthusiasm she showed the children a short clip from Harry Potter [which she worked on] to tell the kids why the film makers choose to do close shots and shots from far away. She used story boards to help her know what the film directors need emotions and how that also can be shown through music. She has also inspired us to take part in the annual Tetherdown Film competition.



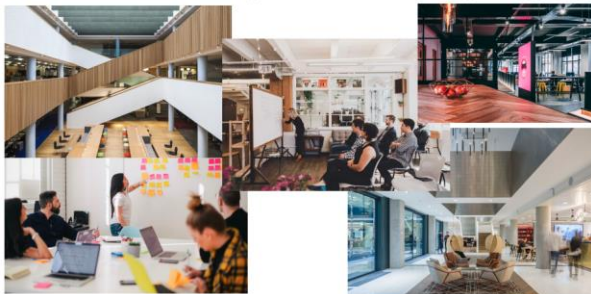
Intriguing TV Engineer Visit

Year 5 children were delighted and excited when TV engineer, Mark Delbridge visited their classroom to talk about film engineering. He discussed what happens on sets and showed some of the fascinating equipment such as the Gopro camera which is used for clips in small spaces like a car. He also amazed the children when they showed a device that could hold 2,000 Gigabytes! He also went deep into the knowledge of the various cameras that had to be used on set. This talk has inspired the children to think about the wonders of movies.



On Friday 3rd February, Y3 had an incredible talk from a brand designer (whose name was Silvia Agrestini). She told Y3 all about what a brand is – and how it is different from a company. A company is a group of people who work together; a brand is an advertisement of the company. Furthermore, Silvia also explained how she changes brands to make them more about the company and makes new brands, either from scratch or a company assignment. She mentioned that when she designs brands that they have to include these 4 features: the business (or organization), the brand's audience (for example if she was making a toy brand, she must think about who will go to the shop, children), the brand's personality and lastly how the brand wants to express itself. The children had a go at designing their own logos and felt so proud to share it in our finale assembly.

So how is it working in a Creative Agency?



To create a brand you need:



1. **A Business**
A product or a service that you can provide.



2. **The Audience**
The recipient of that product or service



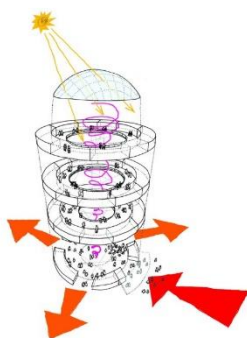
3. **A Brand Personality**
The traits of our brand.



4. **The Brand Expression**
How does the brand look, speak and interact)

Visit from the original Tetherdowns Architects of 2006-2008

Year 6 were intrigued to meet the architects from the firm TP Bennett Keren Querfurth and Polly. They had designed and built the extension to red brick Tetherdown School. They also spoke about why women were so important in architecture. She explained that at the time of the building work we got the children to make a 2D and 3D plan on what their dream



classroom would look like. As well as collaborating with the parents and teachers. They explained that buildings were designed to help people work. She also spoke about a bus that they had designed for homeless people which would mean that they could come and meet doctors, dentist and even have some time to clean and bathe. Y6 were intrigued with how architects need to constantly problem solve.

MasterChef Finalist comes to Tetherdown

The Y4s thoroughly enjoyed an inspirational talk by a MasterChef finalist Emma Spitzer. She discussed how she had two hobbies that were cooking and traveling and how she combined them together. She is now head of a business that provides you with holiday and learning how to cook. She explained how proud of herself getting into the final of MasterChef and how it didn't matter if she won or lost, she just really enjoyed the journey.

Kids Kitchen Winners

During half term, we were set a DT home learning competition to design a healthy meal (main course and dessert) which would then be cooked on our final Arts Weekday.

The two winners of the Kids Kitchen Competition -Melanija Y5C (who had designed a berry sponge) and Louie Y1B (who had designed 'Toad in the hole')- were invited into the kitchens to help prepare the school meals. These meals were described as filling and delicious by many of the kids. While they were in the kitchens, they learnt about how the lunch staff who work there take care of allergies with colour coded utensils. The colour coded system for preparing food is red for raw meat; blue for raw fish; yellow for cooked meat; green for salad and fruit; white for bakery and black for vegetables and meals that include everything.



Moreover, head chef Aga spoke about how all the cutlery, dishes, cups, and all other utensils had to be cleansed thoroughly after use as otherwise they collect bacteria. She mentioned that hygiene is crucial and that they use separate sprays for areas where gluten or lactose free meals are being cooked. In addition, different spoons are used also for the same reason. However, cleaning them rapidly is also important because there are hungry children waiting to eat with the cutlery and off the plates



Furthermore, Aga said that her mother always used to say that as well as tasting wonderful, the food had to look appetising because you see it with your eyes first. Back in Poland where she was born, they have lots of soup so when she came to England it was quite different, but it did not come as much of a shock. Aga –who starts cooking at 7am for both Treehouse and Tetherdown - commented that she feels that it is so important that the meals she makes are nutritious, hot and cater for the whole school because for some children it is their only healthy and heated meal of the day. She has inspired the kids to be fun and creative with their cooking and make sure they wash their hands beforehand!

World Book Day

Our theme were artists (many Salvador Dali's and Frida Khalo were spotted bobbing around the playground and many Banksy's in the office). There were many musicians including a dance off with Elvis and David Bowies. Finally, a few designers such as fashion designers Vivienne Westwood and illustrated book characters. The children took part in a Year group parade and spoke about their world book day character or favourite books.

There was a spate of travelling teachers who went to different classes to read stories and books with illustrations.



Mr Woodward – (Artist David Hockney); Travelling teacher Ms Moir - (artist sculpture Barbara Hepworth);
Office staff - (artist Banksy)