

# Newport primary school

## YEAR R – FOREST SCHOOLS

In July, pupils in Reception had the opportunity to learn about Forest Schools whose philosophy is to encourage and inspire individuals of any age through positive outdoor experiences.

Liz Bucknell, a Forest School Practitioner, came along to talk about the project which promotes self awareness, empathy, independence and a positive mental attitude along with self-esteem and confidence. In our woody area the children had great fun pond dipping, den building, climbing trees, bug hunting and mud painting.

They even built a rope swing in a tree. It was very muddy but everyone thoroughly enjoyed the morning.

Elements of Forest Schools continue to be undertaken as an ongoing theme. To find out more go to [www.forestschools.com](http://www.forestschools.com)



**ABOVE:** YEAR R TALK ABOUT WHAT THEY HAVE FOUND AND WHAT THEY HAVE ENJOYED THE MOST.  
**LEFT:** MIA, CHARLOTTE AND EMMA SEARCH FOR BUGS.



## OLYMPIC TORCH, NEWPORT CARNIVAL AND FÊTE

Despite the weather, the Olympic torch procession, carnival and fete were a great success and it was fabulous to see so many pupils and parents there. The school ran two tombola stalls which were a complete sell out - the adult tombola even had to be restocked as it proved so popular! We received a donation of £900 from the combined events over the 3 days which will go towards the creation of the new Study Centre at the school.

Following these events Clare Thompson, who was a torchbearer through Saffron Walden, came to visit us with her Olympic torch. The whole school gathered as Clare explained how and why she was selected and her experience of being part of the relay and her 'Moment to Shine.'

Continuing the Olympic theme, Ali Wood, our School Business Manager, became a Gamesmaker at the Olympic Park as part of the VIP transport division. She met politicians, presidents and pop stars and thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience.

**TOP LEFT:** MRS RATCLIFFE RIDES ON OUR FLOAT WITH SOME OF THE CHILDREN.

**TOP RIGHT:** CLARE THOMPSON WITH HEADTEACHER, JOHN HOWETT.

**MIDDLE:** PUPILS AWAIT THE ARRIVAL OF THE OLYMPIC TORCH.

**BOTTOM LEFT:** OUR GAMESMAKER, MRS WOOD, AT THE OLYMPIC PARK.

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** PUPILS WITH CLARE THOMPSON AND HER OLYMPIC TORCH.



## YEARS 5 & 6 BRADWELL OUTDOORS

In June, Years 5 & 6 spent a week sailing, canoeing, high roping, all-terrain biking, crabbing, learning archery skills and experiencing living together in a large group. The children were split into 3 teams with different activities each day under the care of a member of staff and a qualified instructor.

The groups were awarded points at the end of each session for listening, helping & achieving, plus additional points for tidiness of bedrooms and going to sleep quietly and quickly.

They were COMPETITIVE!! On the final morning, the Bradwell Olympics were held and additional points accrued for each discipline completed. Group 2 were the overall winners with Groups 1 & 3 tying for 2nd place.

It was a lovely week, with well behaved, caring and adventurous children who were a credit to our school.

Sincere thanks go to all the parents who supported the 'Bradwell Fund Raising Week' and to Gaces Acre for their kind and charitable donations in the past.



The Friends of Newport Primary held a very successful 'Thank Goodness It's Friday' (TGIF) Pamper Evening at the end of May. The school hall had a fantastic atmosphere, filled with stalls selling sweet smelling products and fabulous gifts.

The therapists turned classrooms into zones of tranquillity offering massages, manicures and pedicures, reflexology, Alexander Technique etc. A whopping £401.96 was raised from this first time event.

A BIG thank you to everyone who organised, helped and attended this event and made it such a success. Another Pamper Evening will be held at the school on Friday 1st February 2013.

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