

Going green at Greendown

By Julia Wilkinson
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This was our second Eco Bag Enterprise Day for the Year 7s, designed to challenge and encourage enterprise skills in teamwork, creativity, decision-making and presentation.

Working in teams in their tutor groups, the students had to decide on a shop name, slogan and logo and a suitable bag design for their target market.

After a session using ICT to refine their designs, it was back to the tutor base to turn their ideas into reality. This was when the pressure was on – they had only one hour to create the bag out of wallpaper lining paper (thanks to a generous donation from Homebase) and add their persuasive words and illustrations.

Many of the students worked throughout their lunch break to finish their creations which ranged from paper-plaited, circular designs to

tinsel-adorned, silver handbags.

Next was to prepare and deliver a presentation and for each tutor group to choose a winning team to enter the finals. But the hardest challenge of all was left to the judges (Mr Young, Mr Thomas and Mrs Wilkinson) who had to pick a winner from the seven teams who repeated their presentations to the entire year group in the Drama Studio.

We looked not only for evidence of good teamwork and original, eco-friendly designs but also good presentation skills. And with each team strong in at least one area, the decision was tough. Particularly outstanding were 7SG (a fabulous artistic creation) and 7VL and 7MG for their presentations.

Finally, it was decided to award the boy-band team of 7LS the winning prize for their big, attractive, and globally-aware bag (complete with Chinese writing) and precise, professional presentation. Congratulations to Louie Paradise, Kevin Ntim, Callum Bennett and Corey Szymanski for demonstrating such excellent enterprise skills.



TEACHERS... LOVE 'EM OR HATE 'EM?

LIFE AT PEATMOOR - A QUESTIONNAIRE

By Peatmoor Community Primary School

Do you like the teachers at Peatmoor?
Yes they are extremely kind.

Do they do a good job?
They have done a very good job at teaching us.

Do you feel confident that you are going to get a good grade?
Yes.

Have you been bullied at Peatmoor?

No.

Do you think that you are lucky to come to this school?
Yes because some people ask to come to this school and don't get in.

Who do you think has been a great friend?
Megan because when I am upset she comes over and makes sure I'm alright.

What is your favourite lesson at school?
Art because you get to do lots of fun things.

Who's your favorite teacher at school?

I like them all.

When you leave school will you be upset or happy?
Upset because I love this school and I would not want to leave.

Why do you think this school is so great?
I think this school is great because all the children and the teachers are nice to me.

Have you ever got a sticker from Mr. Watermeyer?
Yes.

Why?
Because I was sitting nicely in assembly.

Let's have a few words with you

NEXT week sees Swindon's first Youth Literature Festival, with a host of top authors coming to town.

The week-long festival, which runs from November 10 to 14, will feature 10 top writers and performers, as well as children's laureate Michael Rosen.

School learning network, Swindon Ten, is organising the event, along with Churchfields School, Dorcan Technology College, Greendown Community School, Nova Hreod and Swindon Academy.

Special guests include Bali Rai, Tony De Saullés, Sam Enthoven, Kate Cann, Liz Weir, Julia Jarman, Fred Blunt, Michael Moore and Sara Jane Arbury.

● Send in your reports and pictures from the Youth Literature Festival and we will publish them in the next edition of the Student Adver.

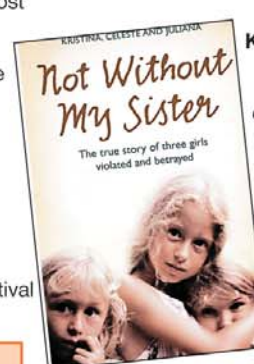
Dress sense!

WE asked a school girl Chloe if she thinks it's fair if schools in Britain should wear school uniform.

Here's what she said, "I don't think it's fair that schools in America can wear what they want and in Britain we have to wear a school uniform."

We found a school named Peatmoor Community Primary School and asked some children what they think about having to wear school uniform we asked one of them called Darcey James and here's what she said, "I think that everyone looks the same so you don't need to worry about looking cool with your clothes at home."

By Peatmoor Community Primary School



Not Without My Sister - Kristina, Celeste and Juliana

'Not Without My Sister' is a devastating and heart breaking story about three children born into a cult called the 'Children Of God'. There was a flip side of the cult going far beyond the normal Christian understanding of love and forgiveness.

This book is in three parts telling each child's disturbing childhood and how they were

cruelly abused both mentally and physically from such young ages well into their late 20s. Kristina, Celeste and Juliana are all sisters that were separated at birth, having the same mother but different fathers.

This is truly a story about love, strength and triumph and how the sisters escaped from a life of hell and managed to find each other. This is the number one book to read!

By Joni Collier
Greendown School



Kerry Katona - Too Much, Too Young: My Story of Love, Survival and Celebrity

You may be thinking that Kerry Katona has not been famous for long enough to write an autobiography. In fact reading about her short life so far gives you a real insight into how successful she has become.

The most intriguing part of her life was the connection she has with her family, particularly

her mother. The background was extremely shocking, something which I would never dream could have become reality for her.

I am looking forward to seeing the new and hopefully improved Kerry out there on magazine covers and TV programmes for us all to see.

To delve into her life you should go out and buy the book! I am not going to give anymore away!!! Enjoy....

By Chelsey Hooper
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