



Federation of Great Ellingham Primary School & Rocklands Community Primary School



What a very busy end of term for us at the Federation! The oldest children entertained their parents and friends with a wonderful production of Macbeth. This year the decision was made to perform in the village churches and this proved to be a very good idea. Not only were the churches cooler but they proved a superb backdrop to the performers. Lady Macbeth 'washed her hands' from the pulpit in St. James' with the witches acting through the rood screen at St. Peters'. The children were congratulated on their singing, acting skills and the supreme effort they had made learning long Shakespearian speeches. We were all extremely proud of them.

Alongside learning to act, the children took part in our annual Goblin Kart Challenge. This STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) project involves the building of 4 battery operated go-carts, 2 in each school. The children work in teams to build the kart and also contact local businesses for sponsorship. The sponsorship money was used to buy team t-shirts, spare parts and new tyres. On race day, the children demonstrated their driving, manoeuvring and parking skills. For an extra treat this year, Tony Perkins and his team provided the children with a delicious BBQ. As you can see in the photograph the children had a fabulous time. A huge thank you to all our sponsors: Tony Perkins Butchers, The Crown Pub, Tots Town, Pilgrims Foods, Broads Electrical, Leonard Pigs, Myhills, M&N Landscapes, Whistler's Boarding Kennels and Mellor Metals.



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Our Year 6 children are now ready to leave us and move onto high school. This year our children are going to either Attleborough Academy, Wymondham College or Old Buckenham High. We are very proud of the mature and responsible citizens our children have become and wish them luck as they begin the next part of their educational journey. In September, we will be welcoming our new Reception children; 5 for Mrs Shaw at Rocklands and 28 for Mrs Chamberlin at Great Ellingham. It will be wonderful to welcome these new children into our federation 'family'.

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to wish our children and families a wonderful, restful and fun-filled summer holiday.

Julie Dekker

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