

## **A *scrumdiddlyumptious* Roald Dahl themed day to celebrate World Book Day at Warlingham Park School**

Warlingham Park School put on a *gloriumptious* display of Roald Dahl inspired costumes for World Book Day on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March when Mr Mike Donald, Head Teacher, dressed as Mr Willy Wonka assembled the whole school in a costume celebration in the main hall at the start of the day.

The aim of the WPS World Book Day was to inspire the pupils to learn more about the Norwegian writer, who is arguably one of the most successful children's writers of our time, and read and enjoy more of his books.

Class 4 from the junior section of the school read and acted out the story of "The Giraffe and the Pelly and Me" to the whole school with their class teacher Mrs. Chellingworth. Then everyone joined in song with Mrs. King, the Music Teacher, to a selection of music from film versions of Roald Dahl's books. Class 4 again dazzled with a charming "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" medley performed on kazoos and the celebration was rounded off with a full costume parade with each child announcing its own character in turn.

The fun did not end here, however. During the course of the morning, "Oompa lumpa" dressed staff and parent-helpers taught the pre-school and infants an "oompa lumpa" dance. Meanwhile, the junior section, were encouraged by the PE teacher, Mrs. Stephenson to create and perform some Roald Dahl gymnastics.

After an exhausting morning of learning and activity, Mrs Varney and Mrs Sharkie the schools cooks served up a delicious "Roly Poly" bird pie (chicken pie) with "Willy Wonka" chocolate bars for dessert to those allowed to reward the pupil's efforts.

Mike Donald, Head Teacher of Warlingham Park School comments, "World Book Day this year gives Warlingham Park School a great opportunity to celebrate the works of Roald Dahl. The pupils have the chance to be their favourite characters and act out the stories that they enjoy so much. Combining role play with literature is an excellent way of bringing fiction to life and encouraging children to improve their already impressive reading standards."

Practical participation and involvement to inspire learning is an educational philosophy that is deeply embedded in the foundation of Warlingham Park School.

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**Note to photographers:** Photographs attached.

**Note to editors:** Warlingham Park School is a vibrant co-educational Nursery, Pre-School and Preparatory school situated on the Kent/Surrey border close to Croydon, Westerham, Caterham and Oxted. Set in a quiet location with extensive playing fields and spacious facilities, it provides a broad and well-balanced education for its pupils focusing on bringing out the very best in their individual talent. It has a uniquely warm, supportive environment, high academic standards, a programme of extra-curricular activities open to all abilities and wrap around care.

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