

Roseberry Primary School

Year 3 November 2014

The children from Year 3 welcomed parents, friends and family to a class assembly 'How Fantastic is Mr Fox?' – a celebration of their topic for this half term.

Visitors arrived to a computerised message from a distressed little girl named Fern, who lives next door to 3 very mean farmers: Farmer Boggis, Farmer Bunce and Farmer Bean. The Year 3 children were keen to support Fern and her good friend Mr Fox and outsmart the evil farmers.

Performing the key events from the story, the children shared the moral and personal dilemma's included within the famous novel 'Fantastic Mr Fox' by Roald Dahl. Their responses as readers were also presented in range of forms such as drama, dance, poetry and music.

The retelling began with the audience meeting the 3 evil farmers (children in role) and developed to present their enemies, the lovable Mr Fox and his family. The tale unfolded: Mr Fox's tail was shot off as he attempted to feed his family; the community of animals showed their support and joined forces to beat the troublesome trio; the team of animals tunnelled underground and found riches fit for a king (or fox); Mrs Fox prepared a banquet – a paradise for animals!

Bringing the story to life, the children performed a range of songs and showcased their dance moves. A popular choice was 'What does the Fox Say?' which was a favourite amongst parents. A celebratory song, to the tune of 'Jubilate' concluded the 'epic performance'. The foxes had won and the farmers were waiting – still waiting...

Mr Murray, parent of Imogen Murray in 3P, attended and photographed the event from start to finish. As a professional photographer, we are looking forward to seeing the highlights captured on film! Thank you Mr Murray!

After enjoying refreshments in the hall, the parents and friends visited the inviting Year 3 classrooms filled with topic related children's work. The children were proud to share the work on display and also the hard work reflected in their school books. The parents were thrilled with their enthusiasm and the progress the children are making.

'The children were fantastic. It was a very enjoyable start to the day,' Mrs T Murray – School Governor.

'Thank you – we really enjoyed it... The fox song was our favourite,' Emma and Holly's Dad.

'I can really see how much she has improved with her writing since coming in to Year 3,' Kaitlyn's Dad.

'I couldn't pick my favourite part of this topic. I have loved absolutely everything!' Cody.

'My mam was so impressed with my books and she loved our assembly,' Imogen.