

Y5 Assembly

Despite the exceptional turn out, there was no sign of nerves as the Y5 children entered the hall and took their positions. It was impossible to hide their excitement at having an opportunity to showcase their efforts to the rest of the school, friends and family.

Celebrating the whole school success, Mrs Hollinshead presented merits to each year group for individual achievements. With the whole of Y5 being awarded a merit for the effort they had put into the play, we knew we were in for a treat.

Y5 have been studying space as a topic and the whole school had watched Tim Peake become the first British ESA Astronaut to go to the International Space Centre in December.

Y5 opened the assembly with a dramatic Star Wars like show real promising to boldly go where no class had gone before. They set the bar high with their opening performance of Space Oddity, a tribute to the recently deceased David Bowie.

With a nice level of humor, Paige Dean came on stage to tell us that she was, of course, the centre of the solar system and everything revolved around her. The year group dismissed this view and went on to inform us of the actual facts of our solar system. Using props to engage with the audience, the children discussed composition, moons, surface material and position to help us understand what was out there.

A rendition of Elton John's Rocket Man had the audience singing along and it was clear the children had been practicing at home with their families.

Discussing the achievements of Tim Peake, the children explained they had written letters to him and shared with the audience the attributes required to become an astronaut, including fitness, coordination skills and a flair for science.

Showing an understanding of individual skills and the possibilities available to everyone, Y5 concluded by saying not everyone is cut out to be an astronaut but the teachers at school are there to help everyone achieve their dreams, whatever they may be and explaining that everyone has a right to an education.

Head Teacher, Maggie Fearnley was impressed with the efforts of the children, in particular the amount of facts they managed to convey. She commented that she had noticed a buzz in the air and could see the children had enjoyed this topic. Speaking about the subject she said "What a time to be studying space! Tim Peake has become the first British ESA Astronaut and a new planet had been discovered. It has been very exciting for the children to follow and I am pleased they have been sharing this with their families outside of school."

Miss Hansen and Miss Beddow have also been impressed with how hard the children have worked. Miss Hanson said, "The children have been fully engrossed in this topic which has encouraged them to read non-fiction whilst exploring fantasy. The achievements of Tim Peake have also introduced the children to the news and give them an understanding of what is going on in the wider world, or in this case, the universe!"

Parents were invited back to the classroom to speak to the teachers and have an opportunity to see some of the work the children had been doing in the classroom.

"We've been working really hard to get the songs right." Sadie, Faith, Chloe and Cameron

"What a brilliant performance!" Isabelle Campbell's Auntie

"How lovely was that? Brandon has been working hard at home and has been drawing the solar system for us to see. He was extremely excited when they discovered the new planet." Brandon Gibson's Gran

“It’s clear how much effort has gone into this, the songs were great and I’ve learnt something today. Charlotte has been engrossed in this topic and we have been following Tim Peake on Twitter.” Charlotte Mason’s Mum