



Some of the Mayan masks created for the exhibition.



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The children perform a Mayan dance at the exhibition.

Meet 'the hero twins'

PUPILS of Yarborough Academy astound the crowd with their impressive exhibition.

Despite never doing one before, the pupils did not fail to achieve their full potential.

Many people, a range of age groups, came to see the fantastic work the pupils had produced that term. "Excellent" reported Mrs Peatfield. "The atmosphere in the room created a professional feel".

First of all, the children read out a Mayan myth 'The Hero Twins', which inspired the main attraction. Reader Aysha Reid said: "The dance was very interesting to choreograph." After the readers had finished, music started. The dance began.

The children, dressed in black, wore jade and black coloured masks. "When the music came on, it made the dance come to life" said one grandparent of a child in Year 6. A teacher at the school said: "The choreography was good because everyone was involved and everyone worked together.

"In some parts the dance groups had to do different moves, and when it was a whole class section everyone joined in."

After the dance refreshments were served.

On the return to the school hall, all the work was on display boards. Parents piled in, rushing to see the brilliant work their child had produced.

One display in particular caught the attention of the crowd. That display was the Mayan masks they had created with 20:21 visua!

By Megan Cass and Chase Broadhurst

art centre. The elaborate designs created realistic masks just like the Mayans made.

Daniel Clark, a pupil in Year 6 said: "It was very creative. Everybody concentrated on making the masks to best of their ability".

Another popular exhibit was the home learning section, which displayed all the wonderful projects, artefacts, jewellery and seals that were made, just like artefacts from the Mayan and Indus Valley civilizations. Hannah Martin said: "The home learning engages us in our topic. It's interesting. You have to use the imagination"

Tia Hartley, another student, said: "The exhibitions are a lovely way to celebrate the work that we have done over the term.

"It is an enjoyable time to spend with family, sharing all the hard work that we have created. I enjoyed every minute of it."

Another parent said: "Superb quality of work. It looks like the children are really enjoying their work in class.

"The displays were excellent, showing a wide variety of work they have produced in school."

The exhibitions at Yarborough Academy gave Year 6 students, in Chestnut and Walnut class, a professional way to present their work and discuss their learning with family and friends.

Youngsters raise bucketfuls of money for Shelter Box!

YARBOROUGH Academy pupils, in Year 5, went to Freshney Place to sell their information booklets about Natural Disasters to eager members of the public,

By Hawthorn Class



on the 28th of November 2014.

They raised a staggering amount of £1,467. All of this money went to Shelter Box, a worldwide charity.

Project based learning

Year 5 have been learning about Natural Disasters, with their essential question being ' How do natural disasters affect the world?' This project has included: researching information on iPads, artwork, a visit to the natural history museum in London, experiments, writing, movie and model making and much, much, more! Keira Towler (10) from Yarborough Academy, said: "I think the project based learning is very exciting because everything we do is to

do with natural disasters, like our maths and English. We went on a trip to the natural history museum in London, and we learnt lots of cool new things."

Shelter Box

Shelter Box is a worldwide charity that helps people who have been involved in a natural disaster.

A shelter box is a big, green box that has all the things in people need to survive a natural disaster like a tent, blankets, cooking equipment and loads more! Each Shelter Box costs £590. Keira Towler (10), a pupil from Yarborough Academy, said: "I think that it is really good that people from shelter box are helping other people to survive." Pupils raising funds for Shelter Box in Freshney Place shopping centre.

Exhibition

After weeks of learning and hard work, the pupils presented their spectacular work in the middle of Freshney place. They persuaded members of the public to donate money for their books. The books sold out in just one hour!

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Mrs Albery, a teacher at Yarborough Academy, said: "It made me very proud watching my pupils passionately talk about their learning. "The pupils have really enjoyed having a real life purpose to learning. I can't wait for project two."