



Northview – Over the Moon!

Northview Primary School's KS1 were thrilled when the postman brought a special surprise to enhance the Space topic they had been hugely excited about.

Genuine samples of moon rock were delivered in great secrecy and the children and their parents were thrilled to get the opportunity to see and handle it. Yellow Class (aged 5-7) did an assembly full of facts and figures about space, in which Michael Uzzell, aged 6, played Neil Armstrong and re-enacted the first step on the moon - "that's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind", and Lawrence Hitt, also 6, followed as Edwin 'Buzz' Aldrin – "Wow, that's amazing!!", with the original film as a backdrop.

Mr Bromberg, Headteacher, noted that he was one of the few people in the room who was old enough to remember it actually happening, being at school himself at the time.

The school wishes to thank the Science and Technology Facilities Council based in Swindon for the loan of the moon rock.



Lorissa Farrell, Michael Uzzell and Chloe Hayward of Northview's Yellow Class show the Moon Rock.

Thank You, Margaret Cox



(from left) Derick Benfield, Margaret Cox and James Dunn

After 17 years of giving care at the Grove Hill Residential Home in Highworth, carer Margaret Cox has retired at the age of 78 years.

A special event was held for staff and residents, who gathered to convey their best wishes for her retirement and thank Margaret for the years of dedicated caring. Proprietor James Dunn said that he was only 23 when Margaret started working at the home. James also said that during these 17 years Margaret had not taken any time off for sickness and had always been willing to cover a shift at the drop of a hat – an example to all.

Margaret was presented with a carriage clock, a bottle of champagne and a bouquet of flowers, from the residents and staff. Derick Benfield, Chair of Age Concern, Swindon, attended and presented a bouquet of flowers from Age Concern, thanking Margaret for her efforts. Graham Pearson, Director of Social Services, sent a telephone message to congratulate Margaret on her 17 years of service and to especially thank her for the care she had given to Swindon Borough Council's funded Residents of Grove Hill, past and present.

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