

# Happy's Circus



For a week building up to Happy's Circus, the questions on children's lips were:

"Is it going to be a real one?"

Yes.

"In a big tent?"

Yes!

"In our playground?"

Yes!!

Understandably, the answers were met with some scepticism. The grown-ups must have got it wrong!

Whilst for some of us the excitement of Happy's Circus was due to begin at 6pm on Thursday evening, for many the fun and anticipation started days before.



Each class had activities based around a circus theme. Class 5 even had the opportunity to polish up their clown skills in a hands-on workshop. The children were encouraged to design their own clown face and use their own faces as the blank canvas for their creativity. Plenty of curly wigs, baggy trousers, and juggling balls – a splendid time was had by all!

At last big day arrived. As the afternoon progressed, the children were witness to a Big Top being constructed in their own playground. The grown-ups hadn't got it wrong after all! It was a real circus, in a big tent, in their playground!!

From 5pm the bar and BBQ were up and running. Opportunities to purchase circus paraphernalia, candy floss, popcorn, and have faces painted were well received but, frankly, over-shadowed by the opportunity to throw a custard pie at a teacher - all in the name of fund-raising, of course!

And then it was time to roll up, roll up....Children and adults packed into the Big Top to be dazzled and delighted by illusionists, clowns, breath-taking aerial acts and lashings of slapstick. From pre-school children to grandparents, the place was full of laughter, oohs and aahs, and yet more laughter.





It has to be said that the night of Happy's Circus was one of those memorable and exceptional school events where everyone felt part of something special - a close knit school community fostering and nurturing happy, laughing children.