Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra Concert – "Mini TSO for Kids"

Last Thursday 3rd April, Kinder – Year Two classes were very fortunate to attend the Mini TSO for Kids Concert held in the TSO Studio Hobart.

The concert provided a great opportunity for the children to observe musicians playing their particular instruments as well as listening to a range of music, participate in creating music and respond to music through dance and song.

Each part of the orchestra had different coloured shirts so the children could identify the different sections (string, wind, brass, etc) of the orchestra.

‘Like the Wiggles’, was the comment made.
The first piece played was an extract from The Nutcracker Suite composed by Strauss.
Many a comment was made at the beautiful sound played by the harp.

At one stage the orchestra needed a little extra accompaniment to assist in playing “Old MacDonald had some instruments” whilst the audience were to sing along. Musicians Brianna Lovell played the triangle, Archie Pepper played the drum whilst Owen Grey played the clavers.

TSO conductor of the day Wayne needed a break so again Sacred Heart children were chosen to assist. Conductor Cayden Burgess performed brilliantly, with a very modest bow at the conclusion of his performance.

We listened to four of the many different versions of the nursery rhyme “Twinkle Twinkle Little Star” composed by Mozart.

Then came the physical part. We were invited to join in and dance to the music of the Can Can. No high legs or splits thank goodness! We were then mesmerised by the wonderful ballroom dancing, a lovely waltz danced by a couple from the Strictly Ballroom Dance Company.

All in all a wonderful experience for the children. Thank you Mrs. Faulkner for organising this excursion.
In Grade 4 we have been learning about sugar in our food and drinks. We had to look at the nutritional information tables on food and drink packages to see how many grams of sugar they contain.

We then looked at how many servings there were per pack and calculated the total amount of sugar in each package. We measured this out on scales and found that 1 teaspoon of sugar weighs about 4 grams. We are surprised at how much sugar we have a day in our lunch boxes. The recommended amount of sugar that kids should have per day is about 25 grams. If you have a Big M milk drink for lunch, that's almost your sugar quota for the day.

What surprised us the most was how much sugar is in lite milk. In 2 litres of lite milk there is 98.3 grams of sugar, which is equal to about 24 teaspoons.

So we think you should rethink your food and drink!

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