



*Joe Zalewski's Report - The Kimberley School - Year 8*

Well, the big day has finally arrived. Budding journalists are preparing news, school technicians are typing furiously and hundreds of schools across the UK are eagerly awaiting the 2:00 PM deadline.

Here at The Kimberley School we've been filming, recording, writing and researching to prepare our news reports. We've covered the new local 'Shokk Gym' at our leisure centre, the expected closure of our medical centre and a newspaper report on the Zimbabwean health crisis, as well as other national and international stories.

We started off the day excited as a child on Christmas morning. We were quickly briefed with our selected news genres (School, Local, National, International and Weather) and appointed to our groups.

Our first task was for the weather group, as they were entering the national World Record attempt for: Largest interactive weather report. Hundreds of schools took part in this event, and so did we. Our temperature recording at 9:15 AM was: 7 degrees celcius. 250 schools had to take part simultaneously to break the record. Can't wait to see if we've actually broken it!

Then, to add to the excitement, we were told that a video journalist from BBC East Midlands was visiting our school, to get us onto the television. But, he was arriving at 10:30 AM, and it was already really close to that deadline, so we had to rush to get our stories finished. Thankfully, we were in-the-zone, and we managed to cope brilliantly under-pressure.



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When the journalist arrived, we were asked to record our reports, whilst he recorded us! But it was really fun to be part of, and it was great being recorded on such an expensive and professional camera.

We decided to be really interactive today, by making it look, sound and feel like a real news reports. We were able to arrange a meeting with the general manager of Kimberley Leisure Centre, phone up Nottinghamshire Police and other companys, record small films between the interviews and write, record and take notes like real journalists do.

All day long, either the BBC News Channel or the BBC School Report channel has been streaming through to our classroom. We've sent in shout-outs and emails to BBC about our activities, developing ideas from the newspapers and generally been enjoying ourselves.

So, really, that's the end of my report on this fantastic, eventful, journalism event. Let's hope all the schools submit their reports on time! We've all had a bundle of fun being journalists and we've all learnt something new about language and reporting.

Good luck to next year's lucky students who get to take part in the BBC School Report!

But, until then, happy reporting!