

26th January 2024

Weekly Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

On Thursday of this week we took a group of Year 4 children to an athletics event at Alameda, the children had lots of fun taking part in different activities. They were all showing great sportsmanship and the school values and represented the school exceptionally, we are very proud of them.

We were delighted to welcome Diddy Disciples into the school this week to work with Reception classes, to learn about the creation story.

We were pleased to welcome parents to the Key stage 2 maths evening and we hope that everyone found it helpful and we look forward to welcoming parents of Key Stage 1 children next Thursday evening.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'S. Boyle'.

Mrs S Boyle
Headteacher

Reception Classes – Acorn and Chestnut

This week reception classes have enjoyed a session with Diddy Disciples. They continued their learning about the Creation story through learning and song. They then enjoyed making pictures of the different things that God created and playing with all the learning resources.



Year 1 – Hawthorn and Willow

This week Year 1 have continued to write their fairy tale based on the 3 little pigs, beginning with Once upon a time.

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In Maths they have been learning about addition and in RE they have been learning about the features of a Church.

Year 2 – Maple and Sycamore

In art this week Year 2 have been making different textures on paper using paint and different materials i.e lego, sponges and other materials. They will use this paper next week to create collages.

In maths this week they have started to look at multiplication.

In science this week they have been building bridges and seeing which construction would be the strongest and most stable.



Year 3 – Palm and Pine

This week in Maths, Year 3 have started exploring length and perimeter. The children have been learning about the difference between mm, cm and metres, whilst practically exploring these units of measure and recording their answers. Pupils have enjoyed choosing appropriate units of measure to measure objects around the school, as well as measuring their own height.

Year 4 – Elm and Oak

This week, the children have put into practise all their hard work in writing to create an epic battle scene worthy of a heroic legend. They have used 'the rule of three', prepositions and conjunctions all to make their writing exciting and engaging. We look forward to hearing them around our camp fire. In Maths, they have begun to work on the formal written method for multiplication. In art, they have been using a range of painting techniques such as dabbing, stippling and pointillism.

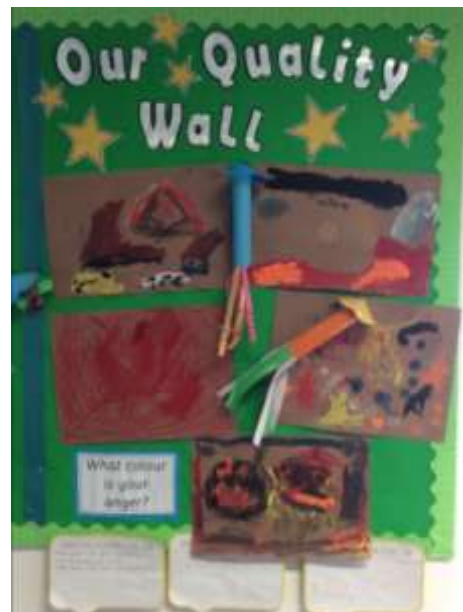
Conifer class

The children have continued to access their personalised curriculum in English and Maths whilst building and strengthening relationships with their peers and adults. Some of the children continue to access some mainstream lessons in the afternoons.

In our Hamish and Milo sessions, we have continued to think and learn about the feeling of anger and that sometimes our feelings of anger feel like 'explosions'. The children created some excellent pieces of artwork around this.

Some children have continued to learn about properties of materials in science and we carried out an investigation into which materials would make the best bridge! We have also started our computing lessons, thinking about how to stay safe online.

Other children have accessed many of their lessons with their mainstream class.



Attendance for this week

Acorn	99%	Chestnut	93.4%
Hawthorn	96.4%	Willow	98.1%
Maple	91.3%	Sycamore	98.1%
Palm	91.3%	Pine	90.0%
Elm	97.0%	Oak	94.1%
Conifer	84.4%		

Please find the link to the NHS website regarding 'Is my child well enough to be in school'
<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Being late for school can affect your child's attendance, anyone arriving after 8.55 and entering through the front doors will be marked as late and anyone arriving after 9.15 will be marked as an unauthorised absence which will affect their attendance (unless there is an acceptable explanation).

Star and Leaves awards

We are proud of the hard work the children make with their academic work, their resilience and positive attitude to learning in addition to the efforts they make to follow our school values. Each week in our celebration assembly we congratulate children who have gone above and beyond and have demonstrated a positive attitude to learning and thus achieved the Behaviour for Learning Star. We are also very proud of the children who demonstrate our school values to a high standard and are awarded the Values Leaf. All children who are recognised for their hard work in our celebration assembly will enjoy a hot chocolate with Mrs Boyle, our Headteacher.

Class	Stars	Leaves
Acorn	Alfie	Oonagh
Chestnut	Braulio	Piper
Hawthorn	Leo	Jacob
Willow	Alexander	Lola
Maple	Maurice	Keevie
Sycamore	Kayden	Phoenix
Palm	Patrick	Carson
Pine	Ruben	Alfie
Elm	Grace B	Aoife
Oak	Archie	Penny
Conifer	Marcus	



General Information

Young Voices

Last Thursday we were privileged to take 30 children who are part of the choir to the O2 to be able to take part in an event called Young Voices.

The Young voices concerts are the largest children's choir concerts in the World. The choirs perform alongside 5000-8000 other children as a single choir.

Please see below some photos from the day and some of the feedback from both the children and some of our parents who came to watch.

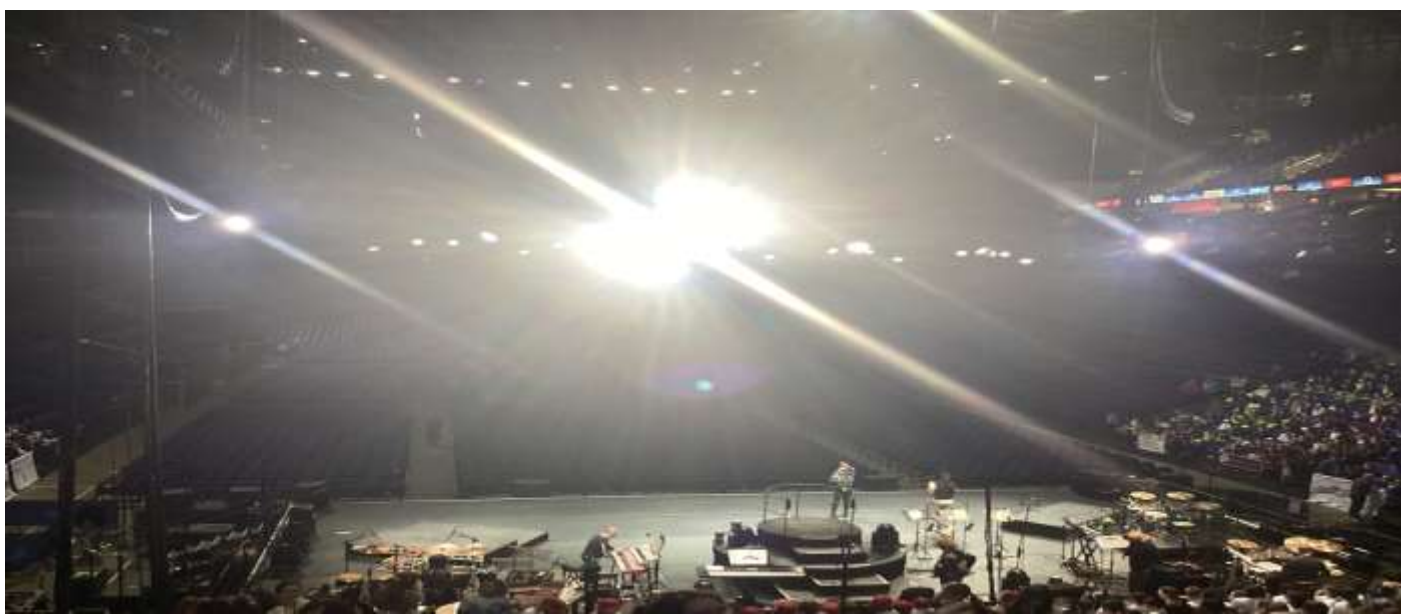


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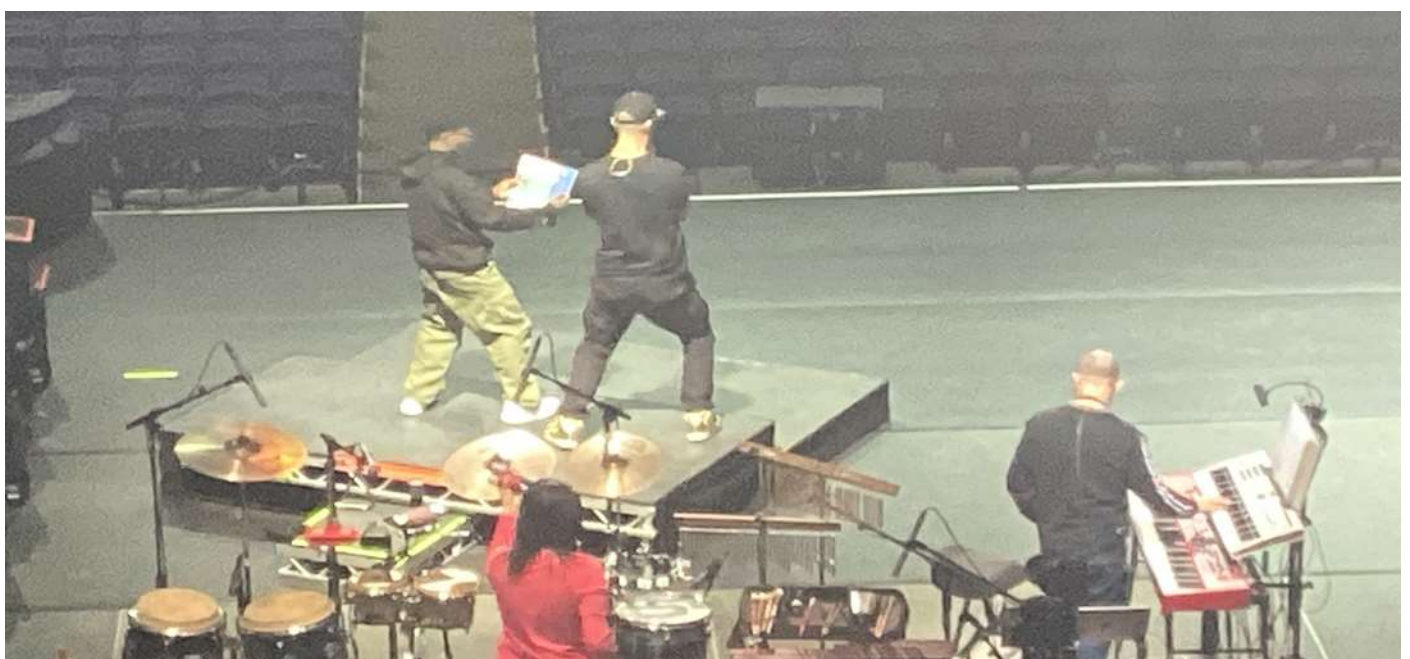
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Young voices by the Children

I Saw ...

mc Dancers and
a very good
13 year old
Drummer.

I saw ... a lot of
People.

I saw ... lots of
children and
dancer

I saw - a 13 year old
amazing drummer
and mc grammar

Dancers
children

I saw ... rows of people
and lots of chairs
and mad children
dancer / singers

Amazing
lites

I saw ...
lots of
other children

I learned ...

I learned a lot of words.

I learned ... Don't judge a book by its cover.

Lots of different songs.

That you can be what you want to be.

I learned ... lots of songs
a song's name and
and you can be
~~what~~ want to be

I learned ... lots of songs and work as a team.

Lots of different songs.

Lots of different songs.

I enjoyed ...

I enjoyed ...
Everything
and ~~especially~~ ^{especially}
~~the~~ 3 year old
drummer.

I enjoyed ... the
whole thing.

I enjoyed ... singing
doing the
media wave and
having
FUN!

I enjoyed ... the dance and
sings and the best
part was when
all the lights stopped
BID you know it was
the conditioner? ~~the~~
22/4/20

I enjoyed ...

the drummer

Being
there

the girl
drummer and
the dancers

I enjoyed ...
everything

Drawing of something I saw ...



Parent's feedback from Young Voices

We are incredibly proud of the children, but extremely grateful to the teachers who gave up their time to enable this opportunity.

We had the most enjoyable evening watching our children

Truly magnificent experience!

Thank you so much for the Young Voices concert yesterday. We had the most amazing time!

It was truly magical!!

A memory that will last a lifetime.

Huge well done and thank you to the teachers who dedicated their time in support of the choir's performance at the O2 last night.

Mrs Ashwell has truly inspired the children in the choir and shown them that (in the words of Matilda) 'Even if you're little you can do a lot!'

Redborne Sports event

This week we were delighted to take these children in Year 4 to Alameda School to take part in an athletics event which was run by Redbourne SSP. The children all had lots of fun taking part in the activities and showed great values and behaviours during the event.



Measles

Please can we remind all parents to check that their children's vaccinations are up to date. As you may be aware there is an increase in cases of measles across the UK and the disease is very infectious. The NHS is warning that as many as nine out of 10 unvaccinated children would be susceptible to measles if a single classmate brought it into school.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's vaccinations please contact your GP.

My family coach

My Family Coach have free online classes coming up soon. They also send out the recordings to watch on-demand if parents and carers can't make it on the night – just book a space to receive the recording:

- [Supporting My Anxious Child: Thursday 8th February 2024, 7.30pm](#)
- [What Can I Do When My Child Feels Angry? Tuesday 4th June 2024, 8pm](#)

See our website for more information on My Family Coach.

Diary Dates

Please find below dates for the rest of this school year. Please note dates which have changed or added have been highlighted.

01/02/2024	6pm	Key stage 1 Maths parent information evening (Y1 & Y2)
05/02/2024	All week	Children's mental health week
16/02/2024	All Day	Y4 Viking Day – Details to be provided nearer the time

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16/02/2024	All Day	Y3 Egyptian Day
29/02/2024	4pm to 7pm	Parent consultations – More details to follow
05/03/2024	4pm to 7pm	Parent consultations – More details to follow
06/03/2024	All Day	Y3 Faith Tour
07/03/2024	All Day	World Book Day
11/03/2024	All Week	National Science Week
26/03/2024	3pm	Y4 Grafham parents meeting
27/03/2024	9.30am	Easter Service at the Church – parents invited – Y1, Y3 & Oak Class
27/03/2024	2pm	Easter Service at the Church – parents invited Reception, Year 2 & Elm
18/04/2024	TBC	Y4 Transfer Festival at Arnold Academy
25/04/2024	All Day	Y4 Bikeability – children to bring in bikes & cycle helmets
13/05/2024	All Day	Y4 Grafham Water Trip
14/05/2024	All Day	Y4 Grafham Water Trip
15/05/2024	All Day	Y4 Grafham Water Trip
16/05/2024	3.30pm to 4.30pm	Scolastic Book Fair YR, Y1 and Y2
17/05/2024	3.30pm to 4.30pm	Scolastic Book Fair Y3 and Y4
07/06/2024	All Day	Y2 Herrings Green trip
12/06/2024	Morning	School Photographer – Class Portraits
24/06/2024	9.15am	Y4 Moving up assembly/workshop
26/06/2024	3.45pm to 5.45pm	Book look & meet your new Teacher for 2024 to 2025
27/06/2024	All Day	Transition Day
28/06/2023	All Day	Y1 Mount Fitchett Trip
01/07/2024	All Week	Sports Week – details to follow nearer the time
05/07/2024	TBC	Y4 Leaf Walk in Silsoe
08/07/2024	All Week	Back up Sports Week (for events cancelled during w/c 01/07/2024 due to adverse weather conditions)
10/07/2024	TBC	Y4 Visit to Silsoe Parks
19/07/2024	9.30am	Y4 Leavers Assembly



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faithful in prayer'*

Romans 12:12