



View from our seats at the O2

Dear Parents and Carers



It's been all go again this week with there being a very Eastern theme around the school, having been Chinese New Year on Wednesday. See overleaf for information about this week's value linked to Chinese New Year and read on for what Reception have been getting up to.

We neglected to give enough attention to the absolutely wonderful children who went to the O2 last Tuesday with Mrs Eves and Mrs Pope along with parent helpers Mrs Puddephatt, Mrs Bryan and Mrs Moore. Mrs Phillips was unfortunately unable to go with the children this year but she had been a huge part of the preparation for the event too.

What is an incredibly long day of travelling to the O2 by coach and rehearsing all afternoon is topped off with the most amazing performance of around 8,000 children performing together in front of a capacity audience filled with friends and family. This year, the children sang songs including Oceana and Get Loud and hits from the musical Hairspray and the late reggae artist Bob Marley, accompanied by dance moves led by the Young Voices principal conductor, David Lawrence.

The Young Voices Choir then headed back to school on the coach to arrive back with their parents at around 11:45pm. Pupils were afforded a lie in the next day with any late arrivals being given special dispensation so long as they arrived by 10:30am.

This experience really is a once in a lifetime opportunity and the children who volunteered themselves to go should feel incredibly proud of their achievements. Huge thanks must go to the parents and carers for allowing your children the opportunity to take part in such an event and also to the staff and parents who attended to accompany the children. Thank you all!



Pupils in reception were getting into the spirit of Chinese New Year this week by learning about the customs and traditions that happen around this time of year. Pupils also enjoyed tasting some Chinese food courtesy of our local Chinese takeaway, Mr Leung's! Pupils tucked into plain chow mein & prawn crackers where most pupils were happy to give new or different food a try! As a result of this generosity, pupils made a thank you card for the staff at Mr Leung's which was delivered this week too.

Mr Beavan

Quotes of the week

Singing at the O2 for Young Voices

"It was fun. I enjoyed the Hairspray song Nicest Kid in Town"
Abigail, Year 3

"My experience was really fun because after each song we sang everyone cheered"
Flossie, Year 4

"I really enjoyed it and it was really fun singing with everyone"
Maiya, Year 5

"The O2 was a fun experience and I enjoyed every second of it"
Marcus, Year 6

"I loved the experience of practicing the song every Tuesday"
Myemi, Year 6



Diary dates coming up



Thursday 6th February
Share your learning session -
Year 1 to 6 - 2:45pm

Tuesday 11th February
Safer Internet Day

Thursday 13th February
Chestnut Class performing at RBWM Dance
Festival. Braywick Leisure Centre
1:00pm-2:30pm

17th February - 21st February - Half term

Thursday 6th March
Year 6 trip to the Natural History Museum

Friday 7th March
PTA Bags 2 School

Good News Certificates



EYFS: Sienna and Isabella

Year 1: Ava and Francesco

Year 2: Louie and Leo

Year 3: Terry and Darcey K

Year 4: Scott and Jessica

Year 5: Leo and Maiya

Year 6: Daud and Ingso

Attendance

**Lower School: Birch
winners with 98.1%**

**Upper School: Yew
Winners with 97.3%**

**School attendance
this week**

92.2%



Last week = 93.8%
Last year average = 95%

Aiming for 97%

School Values



As is Chinese New Year this week, we wanted to draw on the wisdom imparted by some Chinese proverbs. Some of our favourites were 'From the blackest clouds falls the cleanest water' and 'Opportunities don't just happen; you create them'. Both of these show that things may be tough at times but you have to work hard to make good things come to you.

Share your learning session

We look forward to seeing you at school next Thursday at 2:45pm for our share your learning session. Please arrive at the school office from 2:45pm to sign in to go to your child's class room to look at their books and see their learning environment. If you leave before 3:15pm, you need to exit via the office and sign out. If you leave at 3:15pm, you can leave the classroom and wait outside, where the children will be dismissed as usual. This session is for parents of pupils in Years 1 to 6 only.

Year 1 sensitive smells

This week, Year 1 have been using their sense of smell and taste as part of their unit on the human body where they have had to identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense.

This week, pupils have been identifying smells such as coffee, onions and chocolate! Children were excellent at identifying which smell was which.



Character Curriculum

As something that has come up a few times recently on the playground, we thought it would be good to set this week's character trait linked to getting on with people outside; specifically playing properly with balls. Making sure that we pass the balls back to people sensibly and safely is really important to keep us all feeling happy.

Playing with balls safely



- Use the balls the correct way
- If a ball comes to you, stop it, pick it up and hold it in the air
 - See who it belongs to
- Roll the ball to the person it belongs to
 - don't kick it
- Saying thank you for someone who returns your ball



Positivity



Honesty



Respect



Pride

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