

Abbey Road News

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Dear Parents/Carers

Young Voices - Abbey Road Rocks!

On Wednesday, members of our Glee Club from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 travelled to Birmingham to take part in an event called 'Young Voices'. The children had been learning songs (and dance moves!) in school singing lessons as well as at their early morning club in preparation to join up with over 6000 other schoolchildren from across the country in performing to a packed arena. After an afternoon of rehearsals with the conductor, choreographer, guest performers and other school groups, we were all more than ready for our dinner and a bit of a break before the audience started to arrive.

The show was totally amazing – being part of something so big, so professional and so impressive was an experience never to be forgotten and although we didn't get back to school until 10.45pm and we were all rather tired the next day, we have so many wonderful memories of an awesome day. Huge thanks to Mr Marshall for organising the event and also to staff and parent volunteers for accompanying the children and making things run so smoothly.

Here is just a small glimpse of the experience – I will post more photos on the school website over the weekend.



Thank-you

Collections made at the Nativity performances at the end of last term raised £300 for Myleoma Research, £300 for Rainbows Hospice and £340 for Children's Brain Tumour Research. Many thanks for your generous donations.

Children's Mental Health Week

Many children go through tough times, just like adults, and in those moments, the smallest acts of kindness can make a big difference. That is why we are joining with hundreds of other schools to '**spread a little kindness**' by taking part in Children's Mental Health Week.

The event is hosted by the charity 'Place2Be, who support pupils, families and teachers in schools across the UK. During the week, children will be exploring the above theme at an age-appropriate level – within assemblies and class PSHE lessons. If you would like to find out more, helpful advice and resources are available for parents and carers on their website: www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk.

Keeping Clean!

We are trying very hard to reduce the amount of mud being brought onto our playgrounds and into school.

As the grassed areas around school are so wet at the moment, we are reminding the children not to use them – unless they are accompanied by an adult as part of a sporting activity - and would be very grateful if you could support us with this before and after school. Many thanks.

Settling In...

Thanks to the continued efforts of the Abbey Road children, staff and parents, I am slowly, but surely, getting there in meeting my challenge of learning a little more about everyone. I think I have secured the learning of about 60 of the children's names so far... only another 400 to go! It has been a really busy start to the term and I have really enjoyed spending time around school and seeing the range of activities taking place. Our Twitter pages show just a small snapshot of Abbey Road life – don't forget to take a look.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully,

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Dates for Spring 2017

Wednesday 8th February – Year 5 Samba workshops

Thursday 9th February – Year 1 Grandparents afternoon

Thursday 9th February – HSA cake sale (on top playground - after school)

Thursday 9th February – HSA meeting at the Willow Tree – 8pm

Friday 10th February – INSET day

Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February – HALF TERM

Thursday 23rd February – Year 3 visit to Cresswell Crags

Friday 24th February – Year 6 School Council reps to Pupil Parliament

Friday 24th February – HSA quiz night – 7.30pm at The Boat Club (1980's theme)

Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day (You will receive a separate letter about this next week)

Thursday 2nd March – HSA Disco (6.15-7.15 – EYFS & KS1 and 7.30-8.30 – Key Stage 2)

Tuesday 7th & Thursday 9th March – Parents Evenings

Friday 24th March – Red Nose Day

Thursday 30th March – Spring term music concert

Monday 3rd April – Monday 17th April – EASTER HOLIDAYS

Tuesday 18th April – Back to school