



19th January, 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,



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High Quality Music Education

This week Twyford St Mary's has been awarded the Music Mark in recognition of our commitment to providing high quality music education for all children. Music is valued in our school as we ensure that our children are able to access and engage with high-quality music education. Listen2me, musical instrument tuition, singing, choir, opportunities to listen to live music, Young Voices and enrichment Golden Time Clubs are just a few of the curriculum opportunities we offer our children. As a result, we have been recognised to be offering and delivering a broad and balanced curriculum. The news came as Sycamore and Willow class began to explore their Brass instrument selection with sounds that added to our excitement and joy.



Sycamore and Willow learn to play brass

Sycamore and Willow are learning to play brass instruments with Mr Wood from Listen2Me. This week, we looked at and listened to trumpets, trombones, cornets and baritones. We learned to 'buzz'. We were given our own mouthpieces and practised 'buzzing' with them before putting them into our instruments. Next week will be exciting as we all start learning to play!

Cinderella



Continuing with the messages learned during our Health and Wellbeing Week, the children had a very exciting start to the week; we had a visiting pantomime! It filled the school with fun and colour. The crew actively encouraged audience participation, expertly combining the tradition of theatre pantomime with up to date and age appropriate humour, music and themes. Such wonderful costumes, superb scenery and magical special effects all combined to deliver an electric atmosphere. It certainly inspired our Year 6s and got them thinking about their end of year production!



Beech and Oak Class visit Southampton's Central Hall

This week Beech and Oak went to a classical music concert at Central Hall in Southampton. We were treated to an orchestral performance of music by Holst, Tchaikovsky and Moross alongside some amazing magic tricks! The children were particularly enthused by the music from Star Wars. Our very own Josie even got to try her hand at conducting the entire orchestra!



Internet Safety Day – Tuesday 6th February

A parentmail was sent earlier today for our Key Stage 2 parents regarding Vlogging (video blogging). This is an increasingly popular trend amongst the young and ranked as one of the most popular dream jobs in the eyes of our children. If Key Stage 1 parents would like information regarding this, please do contact our office.

The collective aim of Internet Safety Day is to not only create a safer internet but also a better internet, where everyone is empowered to use technology responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively. An E-Safety parent workshop will follow in the hall at 3:40pm. A crèche will be available in Yew Class for school aged children. We hope you will be able to join us!



Due to the space needed to host this event, we have unfortunately had to cancel Gymnastics after school club on this day.



Star of the Week

Ash	Rosie	For being a Curious Cat with number and investigating different ways to make 6.
Beech	Brandon	For being a Persevering Pig and finishing his fantasy story. Well done Brandon!
Oak	Amber	For using her 'think pink' and purple pen to correct and improve her writing.
Sycamore	Megan	For getting unstuck – really super writing about Pompeii and thoughtful use of the success criteria. Keep it up!
Willow	Lily S	Super reflection and perseverance skills to write a survival guide using subordination and appropriate features.
Yew	Bean	For his resilience and determination when approaching recent mock assessments in Year 6.



Roll of Honour

Ash	Daisy	For always following our Golden Rule of looking after our property AND for also being a star at tidying up!
	Evie	For showing our value of "joy" in our music sessions and for being able to copy and continue a steady beat in our pussy cat chant.
Beech	Tamsin	For being courageous and taking part in our smelly science experiment even though she didn't like the smells!
	Michal	For showing our values of 'care' and 'respect' when Eveny was showing her home learning in class.
Oak	Venne	For being an excellent Evaluating Owl by correcting her HFW spellings using the word mat!
	Luke	For being a Persevering Pig by focussing and producing two paragraphs in a literacy lesson.
Sycamore	Alice	For her fantastic work on mental strategies for multiplying large numbers.
	Daniel	For all-round super skills, including remembering to use some of the skills we practised last term – super Pompeii writing!
Willow	Thomas	For his positive attitude in Listen2Me to explore brass instruments and perseverance in maths to correct his rounding errors!
	Maisie	For using her independence and perseverance skills to create a superb survival guide with subordination- a fabulous piece!

Yew	Jessica	For progress in Maths evident during our recent mock assessments.
	Joshua	For exploring why the pepper moth evolved and writing a very clear explanation.

Dates for your diary

Spring Term	
22nd January	Young Voices Rehearsal 3.30 – 4.30
25th January	Sycamore Class – Forest Schools Session 1
26th January	INSET Day
29th January	School Nursing Team Drop-in coffee afternoon for parents – 1.30 - 3.00pm.
29th January	Friendly High 5s match v Otterbourne (Home) – by invitation
31st January	Yr 3/4 Gymnastics Event – by invitation
1st February	Sycamore Class – Forest Schools Session 2
1st February	Stubbington Residential Parents Information Event 4pm
5th February	Young Voices Rehearsal 3.30 – 4.30
6th February	Internet Safety Day
6th February	Young Voices at the O2 Arena
6th February	E-Safety Workshop for Parents 3:40pm in the hall
7th February	Cross Country Event at Fleming Park – by invitation
8th February	Sycamore Class – Forest Schools Session 3
12th – 16th February	Half Term
19th February	Year R - Vision and Hearing
22nd February	Sycamore Visit to Fishbourne Palace – details to follow
27th February	Mid-Term reports out
1st March	World Book Day – Local author Anne Wan visiting
1st March	Sycamore Class – Forest Schools Session 4
8th March	Sycamore Class – Forest Schools Session 5
8th March	Yr 5 / 6 Tag Rugby competition – details to follow

13th March	Parents' Evening
15th March	Beech and Oak to Hilliers Gardens
15th March	Yr 5 / 6 High 5 Netball tournament at Kings' School
15th March	Parents' Evening
19th – 23rd March	Stubbington Residential Trip
22nd March	Sycamore Class – Forest Schools Session 6
26th March	KS2 Relay Event at Fair Oak Junior School
29th March	Easter Service at St Mary's Church – 9.30am
29th March	Last day of the Spring term

Warm Wishes



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