



Friday 31st January, 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Twyford Circus

Last Friday, a group of children entertained so many with their talents of dancing, gymnastics, comedy and magic raising an impressive £600 to be shared equally between TSM and a charity dear to Ms Holman's heart, the Helen Arkell Dyslexia Centre.



Our children have been learning about examples of people who faced adversity and overcame this to be courageous advocates for change, for example recently, Martin Luther King. What an excellent team effort from our courageous advocates! These stories and others have challenged the whole school community to think about how each of us can make a difference in our local community, nationally and globally. It

all gave us such joy to see how our young and flourishing global citizens are caring about issues such as their school's funding and fair access to support for learning.

Holocaust Memorial Day

This week, the whole school took part in Holocaust Memorial Day. A wide variety of events took place in order to explore this year's theme of 'Standing Together'. In a special morning worship led by Mrs Beckett, we stood together with 160 other schools in the diocese to say a specially written prayer for those affected and learnt about how we can all speak out against hatred and discrimination. Our spiritual ambassadors held a prayer space during lunchtime for children to reflect and say their own personal prayers through weaving and bubble blowing.

In the afternoon, teachers tailored lessons for their classes around the theme and some children from Year 6 were invited to a workshop on 'Kindertransport' led by the diocese. They will be sharing their experience with the school in collective worship on Monday.

We will be returning to the theme of 'Standing Together' as part of our 'Team Afternoon' next half term.



Holocaust Memorial Day Year 6 Workshop



Four Year 6 pupils took part in a workshop this week at Old Alresford House led by the Diocese. This is an opportunity to learn about the past, consider the impact on the people affected and think about our social responsibility today. As part of this workshop, we joined pupils from other schools to learn of inspiring individuals, who showed solidarity with, assisted or rescued those who were being persecuted in their communities and countries during World War 2. Their favourite activity was enquiry based on the life of survivor Susanne Kenton. Susanne was a Kindertransport refugee born in Berlin

where she spent the first 13 years of her life. Susanne was driven to flee her country of birth by the rise of Nazism and the horrors of Kristallnacht. She was sent to England as a refugee, fostered by a loving family and after the war married a former soldier in the British army. They led a happy and exciting life together.

Together, we remembered the millions who were not fortunate to be fostered, who were unable to find refuge from Nazi hatred and we remembered the parents, family and friends who were left behind.



Perform Drama Workshop

Ash and Beech classes were lucky to try a Perform drama workshop on Wednesday this week where they travelled to Australia to get a boomerang for the Queen of England.



WWF Charity Bake Sale



Thank you to everyone who came along on Tuesday to support Daniel and Tom's bake sale to raise money for the World Wild Fund for Nature. The total raised was a whopping £54.08 – well done boys! The monies raised will go towards adopting an endangered species for the school – details to follow in due course.



Energy Kidz – W/C 03.02.20 – Theme of the Week – Sorcerer's Emporium

Alakazam! Step up for every wizard and witch's favourite pastime as we host a game of 'Quidditch for Muggles', help us cast a jinx on the Wicked Witch of the West crafting 'Melted Witches' and prepare a tasty treat fit for a Sorcerer themselves whilst we bake 'Wizard Pasties'.

To make a booking or for more information, please visit our website: www.energy-kidz.co.uk or call 0333 5771533.

Messy Church – Sunday 2nd February at 4.00pm, Twyford Parish Hall

The session this week in Messy Church is all about wobbly and firm foundations. We will be making cornflour slimeballs, little houses on rocks and seeing who can build the highest wobbly tower. You will be challenged to play blow skittles, fill Twyford full of love and decorate a wobbly picture. To finish it all there will be a worship session and a delicious shared meal. Everyone welcome - see you there.

Dates for your diary

Spring Term	
3rd February	Young Voices at the O2
4th February	School Nursing Year R visit – height, weight, hearing, vision
4th February	Football tournament with Compton + Owslebury on Ballards Close
6th February	Sycamore trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace
11th February	E-Safety Day
12th February	Yew Class trip to Hawk Conservancy
14th February	INSET day
17th – 21st February	Half Term
24th February	Year 3 Forest School programme begins – session 1
2nd March	Forest School – session 2
4th March	Bedtime Stories event – 5.00 – 6.00pm
5th March	World Book Day
6th March	Yew Class author visit at Twyford Prep School
9th March	Forest School – session 3
11th March	Sticks and Stones Theatre Production Yrs 2-6 Theme: Anti bullying / cyber bullying
11th March	Meet the Author Event – years 4-5
13th March	PTA Breakfast
16th March	Forest School – session 4
17th March	Parents' Evening – 4.00 – 7.00pm
19th March	Meet the Author Event – years 1-2
19th March	Parents' Evening – 5.00 – 7.00pm
23rd - 27th March	Yr 4/5 Stubbington Residential Week
23rd March	Forest School – session 5
30th March	Forest School – session 6
3rd April	Easter Service at St Mary's Church, 9.30am
3rd April	Last day of term



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