

FRIDAY LETTER

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Young Voices Choir

Staff, parents and carers enjoyed a magical afternoon and evening with our KS2 choir at the Young Voices Concert in Manchester on Monday. We are always amazed at how well our children perform and behave at these events but this year they really surpassed themselves. They stood out amongst the 9000 other children there as they

danced and sang their way through every song, adding their own moves to each one.

Everyone had an absolutely brilliant time and we were so proud of our children. Their confidence and happiness were shining through from start to finish and, as always, their behaviour was impeccable.

It was a very long day and there were lots of tired children and staff at the end but it was well worth it. Thank you to all of our KS2 choir for making this year's Young Voices Concert so memorable.

We would also like to say thank you to all our parents who came to watch and support our children, some parents seeing it for the first time. We know you enjoyed it as much as we did!



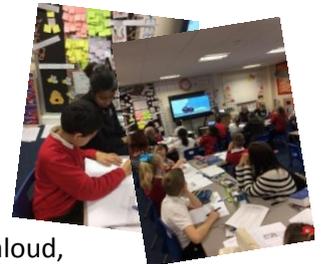
Year 2 Parent Visit

On Monday, parents and carers joined Year 2 children in a reading workshop. Miss Smith met with them to talk about the Year 2 expectations for reading as well as strategies and methods to help read at home. They then joined the Year 2 children in class to take part in a whole class session and a guided reading session. Many of the parents and carers found it extremely useful to find out how we assess in reading, how we can help children decode words and how we use Reading Plus and Nessy as interactive tools to help children progress. The children were fantastic and loved sharing their work with others. Thank you to all the parents and carers who came along to the workshop; we hope it will help make reading at home an enjoyable experience for you and your child.

Year 5K Parent Visit



This week, 5K hosted a reading parents' visit where parents and carers had the opportunity to see their child participate in a guided reading session, focusing on the different types of questions. The children were able to explore and explain their thoughts and then had the opportunity to read with their parents. Some children explored Reading Plus with their parents whilst other children chose to read a book aloud. The parents were able to see the benefits of reading aloud, whilst trying some of the suggested strategies to help make the most of reading.



Jon Mayhew, Author



Year 5C children had a fantastic writing experience with the author, Jon Mayhew on Tuesday morning. We have been busy planning our own suspense stories and Jon joined us to work on ways to edit and improve our writing. He gave us lots of top tips including how to create mood and tension in our stories. Why don't you ask your child about 'Instant pathetic fallacy'?

It is when you make a sentence with a mood + subject + verb + an object, for example, 'angry clouds screamed across the sky'. The children are looking forward to completing their stories and sending them to Jon to be reviewed.



WORD OF THE WEEK!

This week's word was: "Preferable"

"It is preferable to not live by a volcano because it can erupt at any time." (Tony-Junior Paget, Y3)

"I prefer to go to school instead of staying at home on Saturday." (Aiden Moseley, Y5K)

"Cake is preferable to ice cream, in my opinion." (Josh Ravenscroft, Y5K)

Next week's word - "Mysterious"

The challenge is set to see how often we can use these words in our talking and in our writing, both at school and at home with families. Please send in any examples used at home next week so we can celebrate this out of school learning with the children, with the best examples shared in Friday's assembly.

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Headteacher Award

The Headteacher's Award is given each week to children who have shown impeccable behaviour, outstanding attitudes and admirable learning skills.

This week the Headteacher's Award goes to:

Foundation Stage – Bobby (FS1 PM) for thriving in every area of learning. Bobby is making such good progress and stands out with fantastic listening skills, brilliant behaviour and the strong friendships that he is making.

Key Stage 1 – Franciszek (Y2) for amazing resilience when tackling challenges. He hasn't given up easily this week and has really taken on comments about being independent and thinking for himself – very impressive!

Key Stage 2 – Libby (Y5K) for making her own decisions and thinking for herself. Libby's inner confidence around staff has transformed this year and she's the first person to make independent decisions now, not worrying about others, whether it's the right decision or being judged, but taking the plunge and using her own initiative!

I CAN TALK ABOUT IT.

Time to Talk Day is on 1 February 2018.
Wherever you are, you can talk about mental health.

Parents and Carers,

Join us at school for tea and cake on

Thursday 1st February at 2.15pm

BBC Bird Watch

It's nearly here! Why not join families around the country for the Big Garden Birdwatch 27-29 January 2018. Around 500,000 people took part in the last birdwatch. That's a LOT of birds counted! Now it's your chance to join in, and count the wildlife that's counting on you. Read more about it at <https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch> We'd love to hear the findings from any children who've been out and about spotting from where they live.

Tuesday 30 January		
<p>FS2 Parent Visit 9:10 am (Reading)</p>	<p>Year 1 Parent Visit 2:00 pm (Phonics)</p>	<p>Year 3 Catalyst Museum Visit</p>