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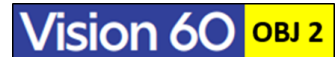
SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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‘What’s the week?’ ‘It’s Artsweek!’

ARTSWEEK 2024



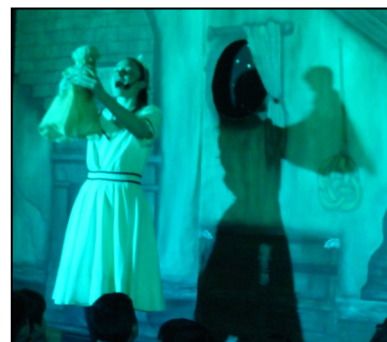
This week we have had a timetable of *Artsweek* activities for the children, including a launch assembly about The Arts, visiting Arts professionals as assembly guests, gamelan workshops, World Book Day and a whole school performance of *A Little Princess*. Our Y6 Arts Correspondents have written reports for this special edition Newsletter which you can read in the following pages. Ask your child to tell you about the different categories of *The Arts*.

‘A LITTLE PRINCESS’ SHOW

On Tuesday 5th March, M&M productions performed ‘The Little Princess’ in front of the whole school. It was based on the novel by Frances Hodgson Burnett. It’s about a young girl, Sara Crewe, who has to leave her beloved home in India and is sent to ‘Miss Minchin’s school for girls’ as her father has to fight in the war.

I liked how they used a range of dances and popular, well-known songs. There were many audience interactions; at one point they asked for two volunteers from the audience. As usual, there were 4 actors who performed many different roles each. I enjoyed the show and how it was performed in a school-friendly way for all classes.

By Evie Y6



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PETE BAIKIE - COMEDIAN, ACTOR AND MUSICIAN

On Tuesday, our whole school gathered in the hall for a special Artweek assembly.



Our guest was Pete Baikie, a comedian, actor, composer and also Mrs Baikie's husband! After a quick introduction, he told us about his childhood and how he got to where he is today.

Born and raised in Edinburgh, Pete grew up learning guitar with his best friend Moray when they were six years old. They were taught by their inspirational music teacher who supported them along the way.

Near the end of primary school, Pete and Moray joined a youth group where they performed shows for charity; this taught them the ability to act.

Pete and Moray stayed as friends for a long time taking part in events such as the Edinburgh Festival, West End Theatre and other smaller gigs, performing comical and entertaining shows.

In around 1980, Pete and Moray went their separate ways before getting together again to perform more shows with the help of other friends. They started a group called 'The Bodgers' where they performed on a TV show called 'Absolutely.' After many more successful shows, Pete won a BAFTA award with his group.

When the assembly ended, we sang a song written by Pete about The Arts. Learning about Mr Baikie's life was truly intriguing and it taught us about the different Arts.

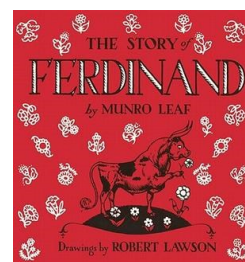
By James T Y6

Pete Baikie



ANN CRISCUOLO - VIOLINIST

On Wednesday, Mr Dowland's wife, Ann, came in for a special assembly. Ann is a professional violinist and played for us in assembly.



Mr Dowland read the story of Ferdinand the Bull. This story is about some bulls who always fight together. These bulls want to be picked for the bull fighting in Madrid. Ferdinand was a lazy bull who only wanted to sit under his favourite cork tree. Even though the other bulls fought all day Ferdinand never joined in.

Ann used interesting techniques on the violin: slides to show Ferdinand the lazy bull; pizzicato with her left hand; playing on the bridge; throwing the bow and letting it bounce off the strings. Whilst Mr Dowland read the story, Ann played the violin as an accompaniment.

After the story ended, Ann told us a little bit about herself. She started playing music at nine in a library and at 12, she played in a youth orchestra and now she teaches music at a school and plays in an orchestra.

By Zoe and Erim Y6



THE ART OF FOOTBALL

After an unbeaten run of 8 matches the mixed 'A' Team suffered their first defeat of the season, in the semi-final of the Central Cup against Alma, who were by far the strongest team that the Woodridge team have met. 3-0 at half time, Alma went on to win 6-0.



It was a disappointing moment for the team and Mr Mapes, but there are at least two more games to go in different competitions - the League Cup and the Dick Bailey Cup.

GAMELAN WORKSHOPS

This week the juniors took part in amazing workshops featuring an Indonesian gamelan orchestra. The workshops, led by Aris Daryono, began with playing on the gamelan instruments and then led into a puppetry workshop. The infants also had a gamelan concert, so that they could see and hear the instruments. Thanks to Ms Savournin for facilitating this through BEAT, with help from the Indonesian Embassy. It was fantastic to have such a rich learning experience from a different culture.



The gamelan orchestra and puppet making



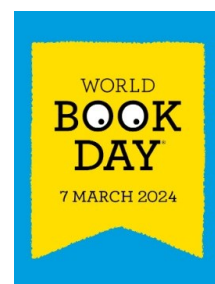
WORLD BOOK DAY

Yesterday it was World Book Day. Thanks to everyone who came in something comfortable or as a book character.

Leader of English, Mrs Hooper led a WBD Assembly and read the beginning of our whole school book focus 'Our Tower,' by children's laureate Joseph Coelho.

The children across the school used the story as a stimulus for some writing. See the next page for some Y5 poetry inspired by the story, set in a tower block.

We had a brilliant response to our reading in unusual places/ poses competition with over 80 entries! It will take a while to sort out some winners, so watch this space.



YEAR 5 POETRY

Here is some poetry inspired by our World Book Day book focus 'Our Tower' by Children's Laureate, Joseph Coelho:

The Flashback of the Murder Next Door

Here I am now,
Contented and overjoyed,
The wind high fiving me,
Slapping me with pride,

And I stand strong,
Until I remember next door's flat,
It's derelict sadness,
It's happiness dead,
Like an ancient man lying in bed,

Flashback to
Ebony eyes staring at you,
Screaming help in silence,
Confusing you with what you should do,
Silence slipping through your mind,
Danger in one word,
However, it could not be defined,

The Tower of Tragedy

Oh my capturer set me free,
I am a bird in a cage,
Let me fly away,
Oh set me free my capturer,
You have kept me so long,
Oh my capturer set me free of my dreadful cage,

The eyes of mine have not seen the light of day in years.
I have fought many battles against you but without swords or spears,
I fear this place and I hate it so,
Oh God help me please this place fills me with tears,
I hate this place I have no power,
to me this is my darkest hour,

I cannot stay in this state,
or else I will meet my fate,
I cannot survive this way,
I must await my very best day.

Lying on the cold damp floor,
Blood dispersed under the bathroom door,
The pain and sorrow blood implies,
It shows death but indicates you're alive,

Now the same flat holds great beauty,
A family home,
Flowers adorn and paintings hung,
Warm tactility and tinkling laughter has grown,

There I stood next door to this changed world
Like an audience,
The world realigned,
A perfect moment.

By Ella Year 5



By Leo Year 5

NEXT WEEK - SCIENCE WEEK & THE BIG WALK AND WHEEL



THE WSA QUIZ SUPPER

The amazing WSA Quiz Supper will be taking place on Sunday 17th March at 7.30pm. Tickets will cost £20 per person (which includes a light fish and chip supper) and go on sale soon - so get your team of 8 people ready for the launch as the event is always a sell out! Below is the booking form link or there is a QR code opposite, if it's easier. <http://bit.ly/WoodridgeSchool>



The WSA really need a team of people to help setup in the afternoon of the event from 1.30pm and also help-ers on the night. Please email woodridgeptauk@gmail.com if you can spare an hour or two or can volunteer on the night.



WPS KEY DATES/EVENTS FOR 2023-24



SPRING TERM	Tues 5 th March – 'A Little Princess' Show pm
Mon 8 th Jan – INSET Day 3	Thurs 7 th March – WPS World Book Day
Mon 15 th Jan - HSBC Bank workshops YR-Y6	WC 11 th March – SCIENCE WEEK
Tues 16 th Jan – Y5 Science Museum	Weds 13 th March - Bubble Science Day YR-Y6
Tues 23 rd Jan – Y1 Class Assembly	Weds 13 th March – Parent Workshop (Anxiety) 9-10am
Thurs 25 th Jan - Y6 to Central London Mosque	Tues 12 th March – Y6 Class Assembly
Tues 30 th Jan – Y2 Class Assembly	Tues 19 th March – Y5 Class Assembly
Tues 6 th Feb – Y3 Class Assembly	Tues 19th March - Y4 to Nanak Darbar Sikh Temple
WC 12 th Feb – HALF TERM	Fri 22 nd March – Y1 to Y6 reports to parents
Tues 27 th Feb – Y4 Class Assembly	Tues 26 th March - Y6 to Houses of Parliament
WC 4 th March - ARTSWEEK	Tues 26 th March – Workshare Evening
	Thurs 28 th March – Last day of term 2.30pm
SUMMER TERM	
Mon 15 th April – INSET Day 4	Tues 18 th June – Y1 Class Assembly
Tues 30 th April – Reception Class Assembly	Tues 25 th June – Y2 Class Assembly
Mon 6 th May – BANK HOLIDAY	Fri 5 th July – Y1-Y6 Short Reports sent home
Mon 13 th May – Y6 SATs week	Tues 9 th July – Infant Sports Morning
Fri 17 th May – Red Nose Day	Tues 9 th July - Y1-Y6 Learning Reviews 4-6.30pm
Mon 20 th May – Walk to School Week	Thurs 11 th July - Y1-Y6 Learning Reviews 4.30-8.00
Tues 21 st May – Y1 Phonics Parents' Mtg 9.00am	Fri 12 th July – Junior Sports Day pm
Weds 22 nd May – Y6 School Journey Mtg 3.20pm	Mon 15 th July – Junior Production Dress 2.00pm
Thurs 23 rd May – Y5 Southover Sleepover	Tues 16 th July - Reserve Infant Sports Morning
WC 27 th May – HALF TERM	Tues 16 th July – Junior Production Perf 7.00pm
Mon 3 rd June – INSET day 5	Weds 17 th July – Junior Production Perf 7.00pm
Tues 4 th June – Y1 Phonics Check Week	Fri 19 th July – Reserve Junior Sports Day pm
Tues 4 th June – Y4 Tables Check Week	Weds 24 th July – Last day of term 2.30pm
Mon 10 th June – Y6 to Conover Hall	

STARS OF THE WEEK!

Achievement Awards - Artsweek Themed

Friday 8th March 2024

Each Friday we hold an Achievement Assembly where two children from each class are awarded a certificate for outstanding achievement in the week. These recognise hard work, great behaviour or exceptional progress, as well as our Woodridge Values.

Reception Oak	Ayaz for making excellent progress with his reading and writing, using his phonic knowledge. Myla for completing some great independent writing about the imaginary world through her magic stone!
Year 1 Willow	Arjan for being so creative in Artsweek. Brilliant story writing and wonderful artwork to go with it. Anish for writing a fantastic story using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.
Year 2 Rowan	Mahi for her outstanding creative writing; she puts so much thought and effort into her work and produces amazing work. Ruchira for her amazing talent in drawing- you are a true artist.
Year 3 Silver Birch	Orla and Solly for great efforts in all subjects this week and creating fantastic shapes posters.
Year 4 Ash	Louis and Emily S. for their excellent designs for the Trafalgar Square Fourth Plinth competition.
Year 5 Lime	Shohei for excellent attention, behaviour and musical understanding during our Gamelan Workshop. Ofek for showing resilience and diligence during our DT day when making pulley systems.
Year 6 Maple	Oliver and Kaelyn for writing really creative mystery narratives.
Value of The Month	March - Thoughtfulness

SPORTING STARS OF THE LAST TWO WEEKS

Well done to the following children for receiving certificates from Mr Mapes this week (and last week) for being sporting stars:

Multisports - Ella YR, Aarav Y2, Max R Y1, Karina Y1,
Aarav Y6, Oscar Y2, Neil Y1, Zuri Y1 and Ernie Y1

Gym - Lyla F Y4, Max Y6 and Ezra Y5



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TERM DATES 2023-2024

Autumn Term 2023

Monday 4 September INSET Day: School closed for pupils
Tuesday 5 September First day back for pupils

Half Term: Monday 23 October – Friday 27 October

Monday 30 October INSET Day: School closed for pupils
Tuesday 31 October First day back for pupils
Thursday 21 December Last day of term: 2.30pm finish

Spring Term 2024

Monday 8 January INSET Day: School closed for pupils
Tuesday 9 January First day back for pupils

Half Term: Monday 12 February – Friday 16 February

Monday 19 February First day back for pupils
Thursday 28 March Last day of term: 2.30pm finish

Summer Term 2024

Monday 15 April INSET Day: School closed for pupils
Tuesday 16 April First day back for pupils
Monday 6 May Bank Holiday: School closed for pupils

Half Term: Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May

Monday 3 June INSET Day: School closed for pupils
Tuesday 4 June First day back for pupils
Wednesday 24 July Last day of term 2.30pm finish

Five INSET Days – School closed to children

Monday 4 September 2023
Monday 30 October 2023
Monday 8 January 2024
Monday 15 April 2024
Monday 3 June 2024

(Plus Monday 6 May 2024 - Bank Holiday)



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TERM DATES 2024-2025

Autumn Term 2024

Monday 2 September INSET Day: School closed for pupils
Tuesday 3 September First day back for pupils

Half Term: Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November

Monday 4 November INSET Day: School closed for pupils
Tuesday 5 November First day back for pupils
Friday 20 December Last day of term: 2.30pm finish

Spring Term 2025

Monday 6 January INSET Day: School closed for pupils
Tuesday 7 January First day back for pupils

Half Term: Monday 17 February – Friday 21 February

Monday 24 February INSET Day: School Closed for pupils
Tuesday 25th February First day back for pupils
Friday 4 April Last day of term: 2.30pm finish

Summer Term 2025

Tuesday 22 April INSET Day: School closed for pupils
Wednesday 23 April First day back for pupils
Monday 5 May Bank Holiday: School closed for pupils

Half Term: Monday 26 May – Friday 30 May

Monday 2 June First day back for pupils
Tuesday 22 July Last day of term 2.30pm finish

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Monday 4 November 2024
Monday 6 January 2025
Monday 24 February 2025
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Woodridge Primary School Value Cycle



Year B (2023-2024)

September	Kindness
October	Freedom
November	Understanding
December	Co-operation
January	Responsibility
February	Tolerance
March	Thoughtfulness
April	Perseverance
May	Compassion
June	Courtesy
July	Humility



Our strategic objectives

- 1 Through quality teaching and learning, to improve outcomes for all children by building a culture of achievement through progress across the curriculum.
- 2 To extend the Woodridge curriculum to create wider opportunities for all children to develop their skills and talents.
- 3 To develop sustainable, high quality and accountable leadership at all levels throughout the school.
- 4 To work in partnership with other schools, parents and the wider school community to enrich our school.