



Newsletter No. 4

Pride in ourselves, pride in our school, pride in our community.

Friday 27th January 2023



Big Schools 'Birdwatch'

Willow Class joined in with the BBC Teach Live 'Big Schools' Birdwatch' today. We listened to Chris Packham and the other marvellous presenters who helped us learn about birds, the food chain, interpreting data and answered our general questions. We emailed questions to the BBC and heard the responses online.

Everyone will be continuing with the Birdwatch next week - learning about our garden birds and how to look after them.

Families can join in with the fun too and do a Garden Birdwatch at home. Check the [RSPB website](https://www.rspb.org.uk) for details.



Number Day

On Friday the 3rd February we will be taking part in [Number Day](https://www.nspcc.org.uk) for the NSPCC. Everything the NSPCC does protects children today and in the future. The NSPCC need our support more than ever. By raising money, we can help to fund their vital services such as Childline – the helpline that's always there for children and young people whatever their problem or concern. On average, a child contacts Childline every 25 seconds. Number Day is a great way to make maths fun and bring about a positive, 'can-do' attitude towards it. We are having a fun day of maths activities and we will be taking part in Dress up for Digits. Pupils are asked to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (football shirt, cap, netball shirt or even a onesie!). Or get even more creative by dressing in a maths or numbers theme.

Thank you

The eco council were proud to show all of the plastic containers that have been collected by the school and the local community. The plastic will be recycled and also help to raise money for Macmillan Cancer charity.



Well done Year 3

On Wednesday, the Year Three children presented their year group assembly to their parents and carers. This was the first post-COVID year group assembly and Chestnut and Sycamore set a high bar for the other year groups!

The assembly focused on one area of their recent learning, namely the Stone Age to Iron Age prehistoric eras. The children demonstrated not just how much they have learnt, but also their ever-increasing maturity, their ability to convey complex information and their acting skills!





An account of Young Voices By Charlotte from Birch Class

The day had arrived of Young Voices and we were all so excited to leave. The coach arrived and we set off to the O2 arena. The coach was full of excited voices on the way there. We arrived just in time for lunch. We then lined up to get into the arena, we found our seats and got ready for rehearsals. When rehearsals were over it was dinner time and we waited for our parents to arrive. I was nervous at first but when I see all the smiling faces around to O2 there was nothing to be scared about. We looked to see if we could see our parents, but it was so big and there were so many people. Our opening song was Over the Hills, it ended up being really hard as the ending was in Welsh. The next songs were Just Around the River Bend and Go the Distance. The Beatboxers were next and did some great beatboxing. They made awesome sounds and tried to get the audience to do it too. It was really funny to hear. The next song was Milligantics and it was crazy and wacky. Urban Strides performed the dances and we stared at them amazed. Then we sang Don't Worry, we all swayed to the music whilst we sang. We then sang the rest of the songs and Urban Strides made the parents dance. It was funny. We then listened to a singer called Heather Small, and joined in her chorus of Proud. It was the end of the performance and time for us to go home.

I was so tired but happy about my day. It went really well and was better than I expected. I thought there would be less children and more adults there. My favourite part of the day was seeing all the adults join in and dance along, they all looked like they were enjoying the show as much as I did. Young Voices was an incredible experience that I will never forget.

Well done to our pupils who took part.



Golden Book

Children are nominated by Teaching Assistants and Teachers for a Principal's award which is entered in the Golden Book. The award can be for living one of our Values or special achievement. Sporting awards/achievements gained through a regular commitment to a club or group are also celebrated.

Ash	Lara	for her effort and enthusiasm when retelling the story of Little Red Riding Hood. She did this verbally, by sequencing pictures and writing sentences.
by Oak	Isabelle	for an increased improvement in concentration and eagerness to learn!
Beech	Oliver	for the wonderful improvement in his handwriting. Oliver is forming his letters beautifully and has reduced their size.
Elm	Leon	for his increased confidence in class to offer his brilliant ideas in class discussions in all subjects.
Maple	Charlie	for working particularly hard in phonics and maths and showing more of a can-do attitude.
Willow	Imogen	for amazing effort in remembering her finger spaces in her English writing!
Chestnut	Isla	for using clear and logical ideas in maths.
Sycamore	Freddie	for taking responsibility for, and pride in, his learning, in all areas of the curriculum.
Hazel	Micaiah	for his perseverance in learning different multiplication strategies and using them all successfully, showing his working out, to solve problems.
Birch	Charlie	for his constant effort and engagement in maths lessons. Always offering an answer and learning from his mistakes.

Other awards to mention

Tidy Ted - Ash Class for keeping the class nice and tidy.

Other awards to mention

Isabella Andrews - Willow Class

Isabella attended the STEMettes Hack at Moonpig in Manchester on Saturday. She developed an app to support mental and physical wellbeing and won the People's Choice Award for the best app along with her working partner.

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