

Young Voices 2024

On Monday 29th January, we went to the O2 to sing at the Young Voices (the biggest children's choir in the world). It was very fun and worth it! We had to practice in choir leading up to the day. On the day, we sang several



songs with loads of famous singers, rappers and drummers, the songs were amazing and it was overall an amazing experience.

Thank you to Miss Johnson and all of the other staff for helping with it.



By Sophia – Oaks Class

I know from the children, staff and parents that the children hugely enjoyed this experience so I would like to thank all those involved in ensuring that the children could attend, especially Miss Johnson and Mrs Warner, who skillfully organised the event. Thank you for giving the children such a wonderful experience.

Busy Buddies!

The Year 5 children have been extremely busy using their computer skills to design and create an insert for their buddies' Bibles. On Friday, Saplings were given their Bibles to mark the beginning of their journey at Ide Hill School.



A big thank you to all the Year 5 children and to Mrs Hodgson. Saplings were very proud to receive them.

Rev Lynette visit to Saplings class

A huge thank you to Reverend Lynette and Barbara for coming to meet Saplings this week. The children enjoyed learning about their roles at the church and asked lots of interesting questions!

Safer Internet Assemblies and Workshops – Friday 9th February

Just a gentle reminder that the children will be having assemblies and workshops this week to learn more about online safety. If you have not done so yet, please make a payment of £2 per child via SchoolComms.

PTA Update

Recent generosity from parents and carers has enabled the PTA to contribute half the cost of the coach that transported many members of the choir to the Young Voices concert at the O2 last Monday. This was a wonderful experience for the children!

The PTA were also able to contribute to the fee for internet safety day this week, reducing the costs for all parents. Thank you so much for your donations at every event.

Remember this week is the PTA meeting - Wednesday 7th Feb 7:45pm on Zoom. Please look for the link on your WhatsApp class group. Please do consider coming along.

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| Happy Birthday! | Mason B Luca B |
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| Upcoming School Dates for Your Diary | |
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| 6th February | Elms Class Assembly PTA – Ash Class Cake Sale |
| 7th February | <u>NO CHOIR THIS WEEK</u> |
| 9th February | Safer Internet Day workshops and assemblies. £2 per child, payable via SchoolComms End of term |

Congratulations!

A huge 'congratulations' to Willow, who recently took her first Street Dance exam. Willow did brilliantly and was awarded with an Honours pass at her recent ISTD. Well done Willow – we are all very proud of you.



Year 5

The year 5 children have been working hard this term on their literacy. Having completed their comparative literature learning, the children have now been finishing off the work associated with their novel "Cosmic" by Frank Cottrell-Bryce.

Within this book the protagonist, Liam, has managed to trick everyone into thinking he is a grown-up and has taken his daughter (really his best friend, Florida) to go on a space rocket ride - in REAL SPACE! Now Liam has to convince Dr Drax (the owner of the rocket) in the form of a persuasive letter, to let him go too since he is the "Best Dad for the Job". Here is an example of some of the lovely work produced. This letter belongs to Felix F and we are really proud of the way in which he took ideas from the novel and incorporated them into his persuasive letter.

Dear Dr Drax,

I am writing to inform you that I should be the Dad to go into space since I can keep the kids interested and I would be focused all the way.

Firstly, I played a starring role in a West End production of a classic novel alongside Florida. This shows that I am supportive and nurturing of her. Do you not think that this will keep a clear rocket ride? I have a superior memory, which will be useful when operating the rocket. I can also empathise with characters and see through the eyes of others. This will help me when handling the kids in the rocket and shows that I am destined to be the Dad to go up to space.

In addition, I was invited to appear as a guest speaker at a large secondary school. This shows that I can easily talk to children and that I am confident at

speaking. The children also admire me. The most important part of my talking ability is that I can talk at a child's level. Without a doubt, this will help me in the rocket; it is also certain that I am quite interesting!

Moreover, my daughter and I test drove a new luxury car. Considering this, I am trustworthy since I am able to test drive a car with Florida. I am also very competent with technology, which will allow me to operate your multi-million pound rocket. Furthermore, I am spectacular at geography, which will help both when I am in the rocket and when landing. I am good at shopping and always in control.

In conclusion, your brilliantly shaped mind will know that I should be the Dad to go into space. I have the skills and all the evidence in the letter evaluates why I should be the one to go to space.

Yours Sincerely,

Liam Digby

Writing Corner!

There are so many reasons to write. Why not try one of these and let us know how you get on.

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| <p>Draw a map of your dream bedroom. Label 12 items you've included</p> | <p>Write a very scary short story</p>  | <p>Write the first half of a story for a family member or friend to finish</p> |
| <p>Write a letter to the main character of the last book you read</p> | <p>Write a recipe for the most delicious ice cream sundae</p> | <p>Create a poster sharing ideas for being kind to others</p> |
| <p>Make a list of the top 10 books you've ever read</p>  | <p>Write a story featuring a rollercoaster</p> | <p>Write a list of 101 things that make you feel happy</p> |

Awards this week

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| Saplings | <p>Arthur - Well done for explaining the Creation story so brilliantly to Reverend Lynette this week. You are a star!</p> <p>Phoebe - Thank you for always being so positive, engaging in your learning and for bringing your lovely smile to school every day.</p> |
| Elms | <p>Lucas - For the huge improvement that you have made in gymnastics this term. You listen so well to the instructions given and have gained in confidence to try new skills.</p> <p>Alfie - For the incredible new skills you have gained in gymnastics and for always listening so hard to Mr Taylor's instructions and following them to improve your moves.</p> |
| Beech | <p>William C - For always having an excellent mind-set to learning!</p> <p>Harriet - For super perseverance and determination with solving money totals</p> |
| Willows | <p>Imogen - For her great definition of who indigenous people are. She understood the term very well and described it perfectly.</p> <p>Ralph - For his enthusiasm and eager participation in all our learning. He always has something interesting to say or add to our lessons</p> |
| Hazel | <p>Nathan - For working hard on his perseverance and completing some lovely work in class this week</p> <p>Felix - For being such a kind, attentive and friendly member of our class team. You always try to make others feel better when they need some encouragement.</p> |
| Ash | <p>Harry - For your wonderful contribution to the class science experiment!</p> <p>Seth - For your wonderful contribution to the class science experiment!</p> |
| Oaks | <p>Sienna – for her excellent understanding of algebra in maths this week.</p> <p>Georgina – for her outstanding work ethic in all areas of the curriculum!</p> |