



# NEWS FLASH

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023



## YOUNG VOICES – 2023

This week, 39 of our amazing Year 5 choir attended the Young Voices Choir at the O2 Arena. The children had spent many weeks rehearsing and preparing to be part of a show which included 9099 children from around the country and beyond. There was even a school visiting from Saudi Arabia! At the event, the children were treated to performances from the Beatbox Collective and Heather Small (amongst others). The children were incredible and sang so beautifully and knew all the actions. Thank you to the parents/carers who made the trip to the O2 to support this event and we hope you managed to see us 😊.

We know how important events like this are in building confidence, resilience and introducing the children to a deeper understanding of wider cultural opportunities and this would not be possible without the support of our staff so a big thank you the Year 5 team who supported the event.

## MUSICAL TALENT AWARD (MTA)

This week Aimee and Erin (in Year 6) presented to the school the details of the Musical Talent Award which they have helped design with Ms Baynes over the past few weeks.

The award is intended to recognise the incredible focus and skill of our musicians. It is specially designed so that EVERY child can gain an award whether or not they learn an instrument outside of our weekly music classes. Children will be encouraged to come for their test on Tuesday lunchtimes from 12:00-12:30 or Thursday lunch times from 12:30-1:00. Children can take the test as many times as they need.

The award scheme is in three parts and once passed, the musicians will be presented with a bronze, silver or gold certificate in assembly.

## ROCK AND POP ASSEMBLY

Yesterday in assembly our two new bands performed to the school. First, we heard from the talented **Turquoise Phoenix** and then we were treated to the incredible **Thunderpack**.



Both bands played with such style and focus and we were so proud of them. If your child would like to join the band please contact Sam Hopper on [samhopper87@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:samhopper87@hotmail.co.uk).

## INSTRUMENT DONATIONS

If you have any wind instruments that you would like to donate to the school, we would really welcome them! It makes all the difference to our children to be able to start an instrument without having to buy it first. We are particularly keen to receive donations of CLARINETS, FLUTES and TRUMPETS.

MANY THANKS!



## WORLD THINKING DAY –22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY 2023

Girl Guides and Girl Scouts have been marking this special day since 1926.

World Thinking Day is a celebration of ten million girls worldwide that has taken place on every 22<sup>nd</sup> February since 1926. It remains a day for all Guides and Girl Scouts to think of each other and celebrate their sisters all around the world.

Across our Girlguiding County in Surrey West we have almost 6000 girls involved in Girlguiding. There has been a long tradition of inviting school children who are members of Girlguiding and Scouting to wear their uniforms to school on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, adult members will often do the same. Alternatively, members can be asked just to proudly display their promise badges on their usual school uniform.

We would like to ask that children from our school who are members are invited to wear their uniforms this year as World Thinking Day falls on a school day.

## EVERY DAY COUNTS

As you will remember, last week we informed you that our whole school attendance was up by 0.1% to 94.6% (against our target of 96.1%). This week, attendance remains the same. Reception continue to have the best attendance and Year 5 the worst. Please support your child to have exemplary attendance so that they do not miss learning time and social time with their friends.



Every School Day Counts!



## THE FANTASTIC FRED EXPERIENCE

This week a number of our children took part in The Fantastic FRED Experience which was a performance-led mental health resource for primary aged children delivered by a team of trained actors.

Children were able to take part in the live, interactive and engaging performance in the school hall.

Specifically designed to inform, equip and build resilience, it delivered simple, memorable and practical ways that young children can look after their mental health and explained the link between our physical and mental health.

The letters in FRED's name represent the areas of educational focus:

**F**ood - Eating the right foods

**R**est - Getting enough sleep

**E**xercise - Being active

**D**eveloping - Managing time on digital devices

Please find out more by clicking on the link: <https://www.thefantasticfredexperience.com/>

## WEEKLY UPDATE FOR EARLY BIRDS AND NIGHT OWLS

This week, our focus has been on polar animals and their habitats. The children have thoroughly enjoyed getting messy while being creative making clay animals - Chloe in Year 3 made an amazing penguin and polar bear which you can see in the photo below. The role play area was based around being a polar explorer and looking at photos of polar animals and learning how to sketch polar bears and penguins. In our tuff tray area, we had sugar cubes where the children could create houses for the miniature polar animals. As you can see from our photo, Tom in Year 5, created an amazing igloo for them.



We also celebrated National Compliment Day and the children coloured in and wrote compliments to hand out to their friends, staff and family to show them how much they appreciate them. The children were very keen to do this which was lovely to see. At Early Birds we have introduced doing shake up, wake up 2 mornings a week to get the children moving and wake them up ready to go to class full of energy. The younger ones, in particular, loved dancing and exercising to the music. The children have also been: outside playing; completing homework; and playing with the usual variety of toys and games on offer.



Next week is National Storytelling Week. We are going to be making sock puppets and creating shows using a puppet theatre we will create. Therefore, if any children have any odd socks that they would like to bring in to create their puppets, that would be great. We will have our own supply just in case 😊.



Thank you to all the parents who have sent back the 'All about me' forms. This really helps us to know how to support your child in the clubs. As a reminder, if you're struggling to add photos or write on the form, then please let us know and we can print one off for you. You can also send the photographs via email and we can print them off and add them to the forms. Please email [lparker@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:lparker@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk) if you have any questions or you wish to send the photographs.

As a reminder, the mobile phone number is 07857 852603. It is for both clubs and is for you to call if you are held up or if there are sudden changes to pick up or drop off arrangements. You can call in the morning too if you need an emergency space and Mrs Fyfe can let you know if there is a space that morning.

## BERTIE BOOS' NEWSFLASH

2 <sup>nd</sup> February	<p><b>Time to Talk (woof, woof)</b></p> <p>This is a day dedicated to making time to talk about mental health. If you are having a tricky day, write us a note and post it in the post box, or speak to one of your big humans.</p>	
7 <sup>th</sup> February	<p><b>UK Safer Internet Day</b></p> <p>Please, please remember to stay safe online.</p>	
11 <sup>th</sup> February	<p><b>National Make a Friend</b></p> <p>Friends are important for our emotional health! Did you know that people with more friends are happier and less stressed than those who have few or no friends!</p>	
20 <sup>th</sup> February	<p><b>National Love Your Pet Day</b></p> <p>We love this day! We might get some more treats and a longer walk today. Bertie and I know the benefits of loving your pet and what they can do to support your mental health.</p>	



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Try a **FREE** drama, dance and singing class  
To book a class in Farnham, Godalming, Guildford, Haslemere or Woking visit [perform.org.uk/try](http://perform.org.uk/try)

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**Princes Hall**  
Theatre · Aldershot

**FAMILY FUN THIS FEBRUARY**  
BOX OFFICE 01252 329155 [www.princeshall.com](http://www.princeshall.com)

**Play IN A DAY**  
DRAMA WORKSHOP  
Tues 14 Feb 10am to 4pm  
Tickets: £21 Ages: 7 to 11 years

**Dance IN A DAY**  
Workshop  
Weds 15 Feb 10am to 4pm  
Tickets: £21 Ages: 6 to 10 years

**Disney ENCANTO Sing-Along**  
Weds 15 Feb 2.30pm **U**  
Tickets: £8 / ScreenPass £7  
(One adult FREE with every child ticket purchased)

**DEAR EVAN HANSEN**  
FROM THE SONGWRITERS OF LA LA LAND AND THE GREATEST SHOWMAN  
Weds 15 Feb 7.30pm **12A**  
Tickets: £8 / ScreenPass £7  
(One adult FREE with every child ticket purchased)

**ALL STAR SUPER SLAM WRESTLING**  
Thurs 16 Feb 7.30pm  
Tickets: £16.50 / Child £11.50 / Family (4) £51

**The Three Billy Goats Gruff**  
Fri 17 Feb 2pm  
Tickets: £14 / Family (4) £52

<https://bit.ly/FamiliesMagJanFeb23Digital>

**PRODUCTIONS**  
YOUTH THEATRE GROUP  
01767 681 049

**OPEN AUDITIONS**

**GREASE**

**Tuesday 7th FEBRUARY**  
YVONNE ARNAUD THEATRE  
Millbrook, Guildford GU1 3UX  
5.30-6.30pm 8-12yrs old  
6.30-7.30pm 13-21yrs old

**TO BE PERFORMED AT THE YVONNE ARNAUD THEATRE. 13TH - 15TH APRIL 2023**

**NOTHING TO PREPARE**  
**JUST ARRIVE, BOOK IN AND AUDITION**

*You only need attend one audition / A show fee is payable by all successful applicants*