



Weekly Newsletter

20 January 2023

Welcome

No doubt you will have seen the news this week regarding the National Union of Education (NEU) striking on Wednesday 1st February, Thursday 2nd March and 15th and 16th March. I am talking to school staff at the moment - Teachers, Teaching Assistants, and Support Staff to find out the potential impact of any industrial action on school. Once I have more information I will let you know as soon as possible.

Many thanks to Mrs Davis and Mrs Kerslake for organising and running the choir for the Young Voices event on Monday night – they had an amazing experience of singing with thousands of other school children and seeing some wonderful performances. Thanks also to Mrs Thomas and Ms Cameron for volunteering to accompany the children.

Mr Michael Dillon – Headteacher

Young Voices

On Monday, our school choir took part in our second Young Voices event at the O2 Arena, London.

Young Voices is a national event comprising of a series of concerts with upwards of 9,000 school children taking part per concert. Joining the choir were a number of guest artists including 'Urban Strides' dance group and the 'Beat Box Collective'.

The event was a great success. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to experience singing in a huge venue, and also to perform alongside such a wide range of professional artists.

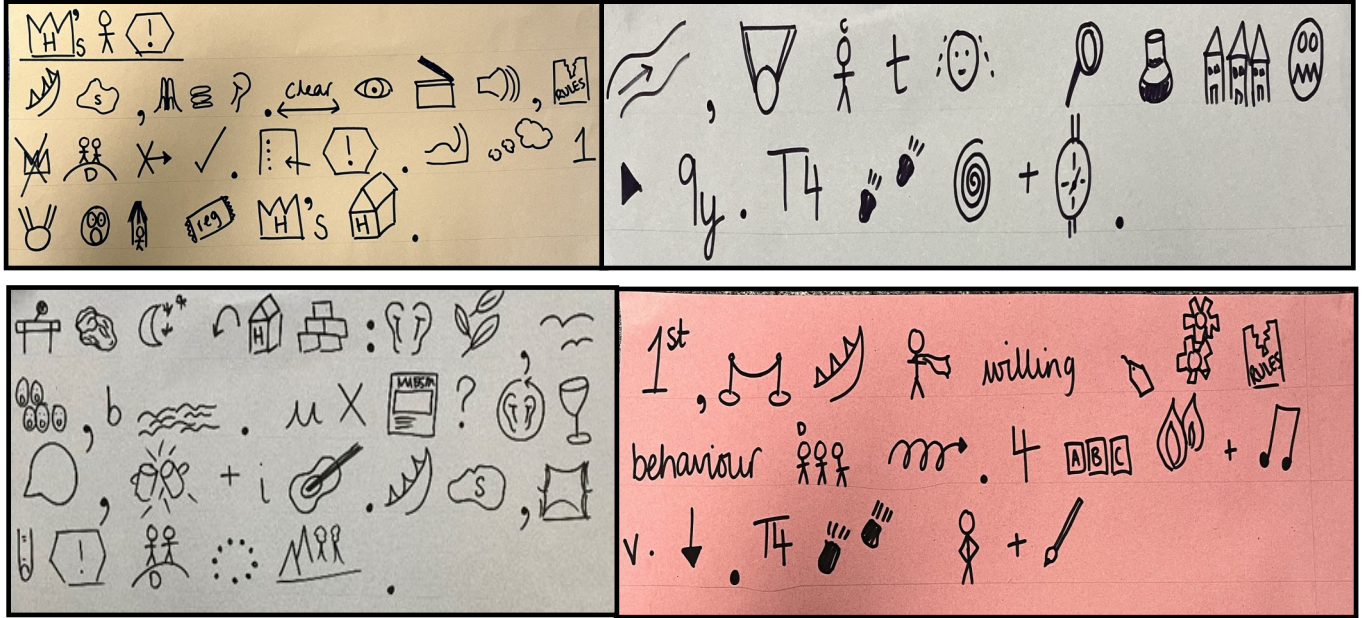
The absolute stand-out moment for everyone was singing 'Proud' with British soul singer Heather Small. We were incredibly proud of the children in our choir. It was an incredibly long day but their behaviour, along with their enthusiasm was wonderful throughout and it was a pleasure to take them.



Year 4

At the beginning of this term Year 4 immersed themselves into the Vikings and this week have been exploring Viking lives and Gods. We have also enjoyed beginning to learn our model text, based on the Viking saga Beowulf.

We have created symbols and actions to help us memorise the speech so that we can then write our own persuasive speeches.



Year 3

Last week, Year 3 enjoyed taking part in our school's Take One Picture art week. We spent some time learning about the artist of our chosen picture and his painting technique.

We explored the picture itself and picked out some themes to develop in our own artwork and poetry writing.

We look forward to sharing our work at the Take One Picture Exhibition at the end of term.



Cross Country

If you would like to join cross country club – it is on every Wednesday at 8am with Miss Davis. This club is open to years 4, 5 and 6.

"Cross country club gets me mentally and physically ready to learn. It is a good opportunity to improve my fitness and running skills. Although it is an early start, it is worth it!"

- Cross country club members.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friends Meeting	Tuesday 31st January—6.30pm
Year 1 Family Learning	Thursday 2nd February—9.00am Thursday 9th February—9.00am
Year 2 Home Learning Exhibition	Tuesday 7th February - 3.30pm
Year 6 Residential Trip Meeting (Virtual)	Tuesday 7th February—6.00pm
Take One Picture Art Exhibition	Thursday 9th February & Friday 10th February
Year 4 Home Learning Exhibition	Thursday 9th February— 2.45pm
HALF TERM	MONDAY 13TH FEBRUARY—FRIDAY 17TH FEBRUARY
Reception Family Learning	Tuesday 21st February—9.00am Thursday 23rd February—9.00am
Parents' Evening	Tuesday 28th February & Thursday 2nd March—3.45pm-7.00pm
Year 2 Family Learning Story Maps	Thursday 2nd & 9th March—9.00am
Year 6 Residential Trip	Sunday 12th March—Saturday 18th March
END OF TERM	FRIDAY 31ST MARCH
INSET DAY	MONDAY 17TH APRIL
START OF TERM	TUESDAY 18TH APRIL