



It's been another busy week with the Young Voices concert at the O2 being a big highlight. Next week we have an instrument concert on Tuesday (for those children who haven't already had the chance to perform), a reading & maths parent information session for Yr 2 parents on Thursday at 2.15pm and St Francis class assembly on Friday 27th at 10am. Have a lovely weekend.

Young Voices Concert

On Tuesday, the junior choir took part in an awesome concert with 'The Young Voices Choir' at London's O2 arena. The choir, along with 8000 children from schools around the south east, treated their evening audience to a mix of song ranging from disco and folk medleys, Disney mashups and even crazy nonsense poems by Spike Milligan set to music. We were also treated to beatbox and street dance performances as well as an amazing rock violinist! The Young Voices choir then accompanied Heather Small (M People) in singing her hit song 'Proud'. After a coach ride to Greenwich, we had our lunch ready for an exciting 2hr rehearsal! The sound of all the choirs together was immense - what an incredible experience!

A huge thank you to our office staff, teachers and support staff for helping us get there and enjoy the day, and to Mrs Longhurst, who organised the trip. Most of all thank you to our superstar choir for representing our school so well and singing your hearts out! We are so proud of you!



Year 5 Rainforest Day

Yesterday, we had a rainforest workshop to finish off our topic. Andy, the owner, gave us an indescribable experience like we were actually on an adventure. He told us about his camera kit but best of all, Andy showed us the animals! From the drive, to the river stream's alligators, to the forest floor, to the canopy up above. He taught us about all the animals he showed us. He let us also feel their skins and find how much they have evolved. My summarisation is that nature is amazing and Andy's dedication is 5 stars. (report by Nathan)

Yesterday we went to the workshop to finish our topic about the rainforest. Andy told us a lot of facts about the animals in the rainforest and also told us how to keep safe. Andy showed us a lot of real animals and my favourite one was the terrapin because when Andy held it up, it looked like the terrapin was swimming through the air (report by Kacper)



Parking

Please be considerate and safe when dropping children off outside the school. It compromises the safety of pupils arriving at school if visibility is reduced by people parking and dropping-off on the zig-zag lines outside the school. This seems to be a particular issue in the last few minutes of drop-off each day on the Birchanger Road entrance.

Shooting Stars



Butterflies: Benjamin
Ladybirds: Alex C
St. Joseph: Naomi
St. Elizabeth: Elizabeth
St. Francis: Nicole
St. Anne: Mylo
St Bernadette: Annelise

St Peter: Adele
St. Therese: Ethan G
St. Paul: Edward
St. Cecilia: James
St. Martin: Max
St Brigid: Jake
St Benedict: Awura

Reading Champions

Ten of our Year 4 reading champions led an assembly on Monday, celebrating their favourite books. There were titles from Malorie Blackman, Quentin Blake, Enid Blyton and Michael Rosen, among others. Mrs Lee, our literacy lead then showed us some new books that she has got for the school that we can all enjoy. Our reading champions were:

St Therese: Elsie, Christopher, Maja, Ethan G, Ashley
St Paul: Jai-Nittai, Edward, Emilia K, Neriya, Isabella



Year 3 Make History!

Our Canterbury room was transformed into an Egyptian pyramid for the launch of our Year 3 Ancient Civilisation History Topic. Our pupils had torches to crawl through tunnels and discovered paintings. They dug in sand to find artefacts. Great fun was had by all.



Tree Champions

Well done to everyone that entered our Tree Champion Competition. It was our last activity for our Gold Award for the Woodland Trust so all the children who entered should feel very proud. Congratulations to our Tree Champion winners Rosie, Preston, Jeremiah-Jacob and Jai-Nittai.



St Therese class assembly

St Therese class shared their special assembly about forgiveness this morning. They told us all about what it feels like to forgive and to be forgiven and they shared with us some important gospel messages about forgiveness. Well done to all the class and to the adults who work with them for doing such a good job.



New Parent Governors

We are pleased to announce that two new parent governors have been elected this week. They are:

Giulia Dallas, (mother of Jamie (St Brigid) and Benjamin (St Therese).

Mrs Dallas brings a wealth of experience working directly in education with children as an arts psychotherapist and clinical supervisor.

Our other new governor is Adam Windley, father of Esme (St Francis) and Isla (St Benedict). He has been a parent at the school for many years, as well as bringing lots of relevant experience from his background in HR. Congratulations to both new governors, who I have no doubt will be a fantastic addition to our governing body and thank you to all of the candidates who were nominated to stand in the election.

Start of year mass

Fr Keith joined us on Wednesday morning for a special start of year mass. Year 5 pupils led us in prayer and everyone sang and prayed together as we considered this new beginning and how we could use as an opportunity to grow closer to God through our actions in school and at home.