

RSC Visit Julius Caesar



It was really interesting.
(Lily)

The acting was great.
(Evie-Rose)



This week, we were privileged to have the Royal Shakespeare Company in school to perform Julius Caesar as part of their First Encounters, national tour.

The company arrived on Monday, complete with stage hands, wardrobe assistants, a props mistress, actors and a director. After setting up the acting area, the company performed to pupils in Key Stage Two with Year Four students participating in the beginning of the performance. All the children were well prepared for the show by the work undertaken during Shakespeare week and thoroughly enjoyed the ninety minute production. On Tuesday, five local schools visited to watch the performance. What a fantastic experience for our pupils and those from the local community.

The banners dropped and there was a man standing there with dramatic music playing in the background.
(Luca)

I loved it when Mark Anthony picked up Caesar's dead body!
(Arshdeep)

It was sad when Julius Caesar was assassinated because he didn't do anything bad. People said he was ambitious but he turned the crown down three times.
(Tristan)

The costumes were really realistic.
(Anshika)

Ofsted
Outstanding
2010|2011

WARWICKSHIRE
children's
UNIVERSITY

International
School Award
2010-2013

Healthy Schools

Eco-Schools
NATIONAL
GREEN APPLE
ENVIRONMENT
AWARDS
WINNER 2006

PRIMARY GEOGRAPHY QUALITY MARK
SILVER
2008

ARTS COUNCIL
ARTSMARK
GOLD
ENGLAND

Extended
Services
Warwickshire

Quality
Mark



Y4 KJ Class Assembly



The Tudors

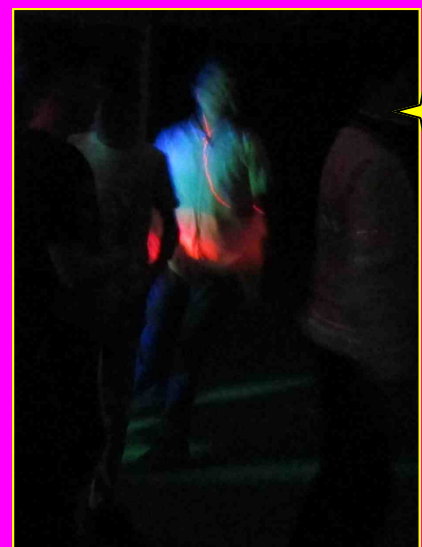
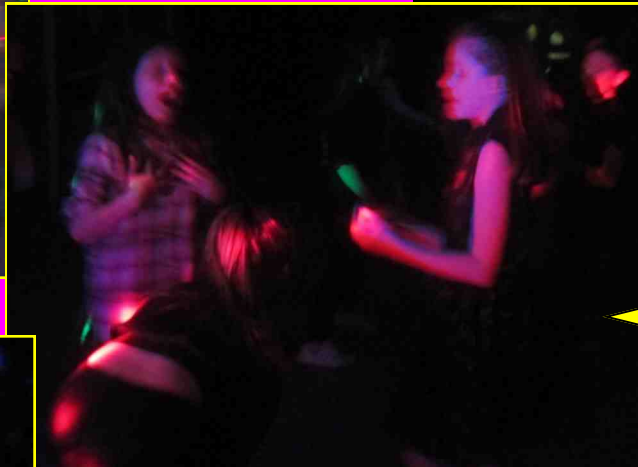


Year 4KJ presented a class assembly on Wednesday showcasing their learning in History. The class has been researching the life of the great Tudor monarch, Henry VIII and shared lots of facts about his childhood, coronation and adult life. Well done everyone for your hard work preparing for the assembly.



PTA DISCO

Here are some of the
movers and shakers
who came to the disco
last Friday!



Due to your generosity, we raised an
amazing £480.10. Thank you to the PTA
for organising the event and to the
teachers and pupils who attended.

Holidays in Term Time

As I am sure you are aware, regular and punctual attendance at school is a legal requirement. It is also essential if pupils are to meet their educational potential.

Following an attendance review, we have been advised by the Local Authority and our governing body to start issuing fixed penalty notices (fines) for unauthorised holidays during term time.

Whilst school remains sympathetic to the needs of some parents requesting holidays, current regulations state that the head teacher may **not** grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are “exceptional circumstances” that apply to that application. The law states that the head teacher should consider each application on a case-by-case basis and on its own merits. It is at the head teacher’s discretion if the exceptional circumstances warrant the authorisation of the leave and should also determine the number of days the pupil should be absent for.

Guidance states: *“Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.*

Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Attendance, Compliance and Enforcement Service of Warwickshire County Council

Fixed Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council’s Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices.”

For more information:

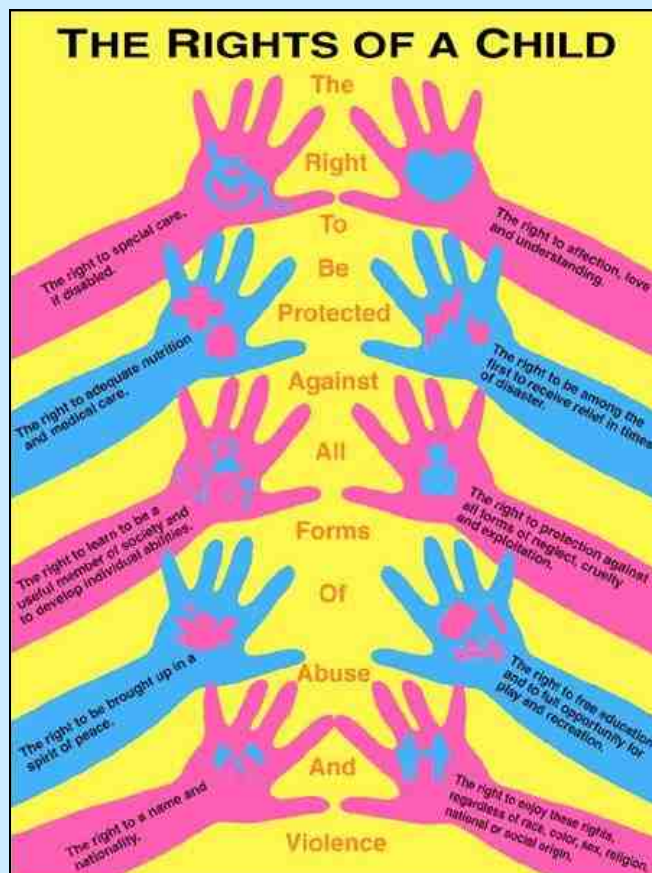
<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/pupilnonattendance>



We have just begun the process of applying for the Rights Respecting School Award — an initiative led by the international charity Unicef. The award recognises schools where children “feel safe, nurtured and in control of their futures.”

The award is based upon the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. It celebrates the work of schools “where children are respected, their talents are nurtured and they are able to thrive; where pupils lead happy, healthy lives and are responsible, active citizens; where the Rights of the Child are put in to practice within the school and beyond.”

As part of the award, pupils will be learning about their rights, putting them into practice every day. Rights will be taught, learned, practised, respected, protected and promoted. We hope this learning will enhance well being, good behaviour and positive relationships whilst improving awareness of injustice and encouraging equality, dignity, respect, non-discrimination and participation amongst the whole school community.



Pupil Progress Meetings with Parents/Carers

You should have received this letter offering you the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to discuss their learning. Please contact the office if you do not have a copy.



Dear Parents / Carers,

We are holding two open evenings for you to come and meet your child's class teacher on **Monday 12th February (3.30 – 5.30) and Tuesday 13th February (3.30 – 7.00.)**

Our aim is to work in partnership with parents and carers. The purpose of this discussion is to enable you to contribute to your child's learning. The discussion gives you and your child's class teacher the opportunity to celebrate your child's academic progress and achievements, and raise any concerns or areas for development.

Each appointment will last 10 minutes, so it is best to make sure you are armed with any questions! Please try to keep to a agreed time-limit, so that other parents / carers are not inconvenienced. We are very happy to offer you a further appointment if you wish to have a more in-depth discussion. Please arrive a little earlier than your appointment and inform us if you would like to have an interpreter.

Please complete the tear-off slip below, and return it to your child's class teacher as soon as possible. You will receive a note with an appointment date and time on **Thursday 8th February**. Please note that whilst we endeavour to give you your first choice, this is not always possible.

Yours sincerely,

Juliette Westwood

Juliette Westwood
Executive Head Teacher

Child's Name _____ in Class _____

My child has a brother / sister in Class _____ Name of sibling _____

I will / will not be able to attend the Parents / Carers conferencing evening

Monday 12th February
(3.30 – 5.30)

Before 4.30pm ☐

After 4.30pm ☐

Tuesday 13th February
(3.30 – 7.30)

Before 4.30 pm ☐

After 4.30 pm ☐

Signed _____ (Parent / Carer)

Diary Dates

Tuesday 6th February 2018

Y4 KG class assembly at 9.15 am.

Thursday 8th Feb

Parent's Evening appointments sent home.

Monday 12th January 2018

No teacher led clubs this week except Breakfast Club and Butterflies After School Club.

Monday 12th January 2018

Parent's Evening, 3.30—5.30pm.

Tuesday 13th February 2018

Y3 JM class assembly.

Tuesday 13th January 2018

Parent's Evening, 3.30—7.00pm.

HALF TERM—Break up Friday 16th February 2018

Monday 26th February 2018

Return to school after the half-term holiday.

Tuesday 27th February 2018

Y6 class assembly.

Thursday 1st March 2018

World Book Day

Tuesday 6th March 2018

Y3 AH class assembly.

Tuesday 13th March 2018

Y2 ES class assembly.

Wednesday 14th March 2018

Last Bake It Up session.

Tuesday 20th March 2018

Y2 HC class assembly.

Tuesday 27th March 2018

Last Bayleaf Cookery School session.

Tuesday 27th March 2018

Y1 MBB and Y1 JL class assembly

Wednesday 28th March 2018

Y6 trip to The Ashmolean Museum, Oxford.

Thursday 29th March 2018

MUFTI (non-uniform) Day.

Thursday 29th March 2018

BREAK UP for the Easter holidays.

MATHLETICS

Please note that, due to budgetary restrictions, we are unable to renew our subscriptions to the Mathletics website. This means that you will no longer be able to log in to the site.

Sydenham Super Stars!



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Have a lovely weekend.
Best wishes from Miss Glenney
(Associate Headteacher)