

Unicef Silver Award Rights Respecting School



We are thrilled to announce that we have been granted the Silver Rights Respecting School Award in recognition of our work to promote the UN Rights of the Child. This is a huge achievement for our school which has a long and proud history of promoting the values of respect, dignity and non-discrimination. The Unicef assessor who visited school met with pupils, teachers, senior leaders and parents/carers. She was very impressed with what she saw, especially that:

- Children's rights are well embedded within the curriculum, enrichment activities and in school policy.
- Pupils have a strong "voice" and are listened to by adults. They feel safe.
- Pupils want to make a difference to the lives of others in their local, national and global communities.

We are now inspired to achieve our Gold Award!

Ofsted
Outstanding
2010|2011

360°
degree safe
ACCREDITED SAFETY MARK
ONLINE

ARTS COUNCIL
ARTSMARK
GOLD
ENGLAND

children's
UNIVERSITY

International
School Award
2010-2013

Healthy Schools

Eco-Schools

PRIMARY GEOGRAPHY QUALITY MARK

SILVER
Extended Services
Warwickshire

Quality Mark





The Armed Man



Pupils in Y5 CB are busy rehearsing for their live performance of "The Armed Man" at Warwick Arts' Centre on November 9th. They will be singing as part of a massed choir in Greek, Latin and French alongside the Armonico consort and actor Timothy West. Last Friday, a mentor from Armonico visited school to lead a rehearsal and they were incredibly impressed by what the children have already learnt from their sessions with our with our music teacher, Mrs Murphy. Keep up the good work everyone!

Information about the performance.

Commissioned by the Royal Armouries to mark the new millennium, Karl Jenkins' The Armed Man is dedicated to the victims of the Kosovo conflict, whose tragedy was unfolding as it was being composed. Blending genres and cultures, and embracing the full range of emotions that the war evokes, Jenkins conveys a powerful message for world peace.

We will be joined by the forces of over 600 children from our AC Academy choirs in the region, helping recreate the performance initially intended by the composer.

Letters home, tales from the trenches, passages from diaries and extracts from the Wipers Times will be read by actor Timothy West.

Tickets for this event are selling quickly so please book as soon as possible if you would like to attend. To see a video of The Armed Man, follow the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nBLTngmUgWQ>



UN Convention on the Rights of the Child:
Article 31 (Leisure, Play and Culture.)



Reading along the reading river!

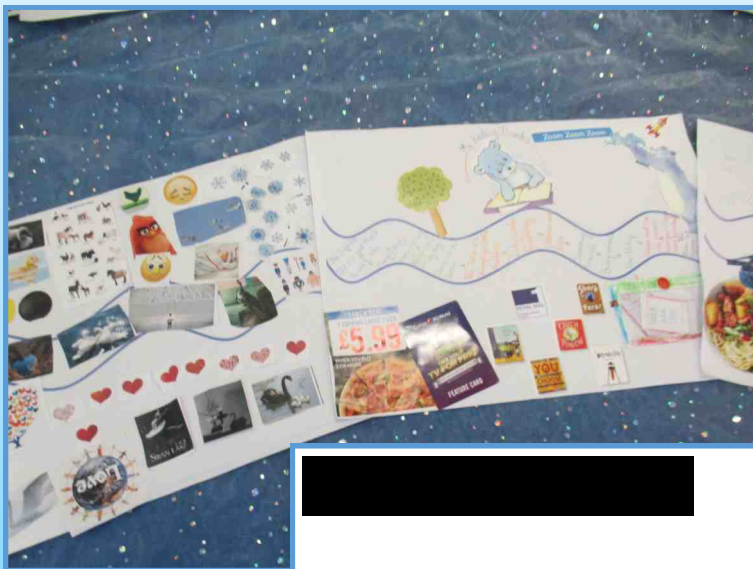
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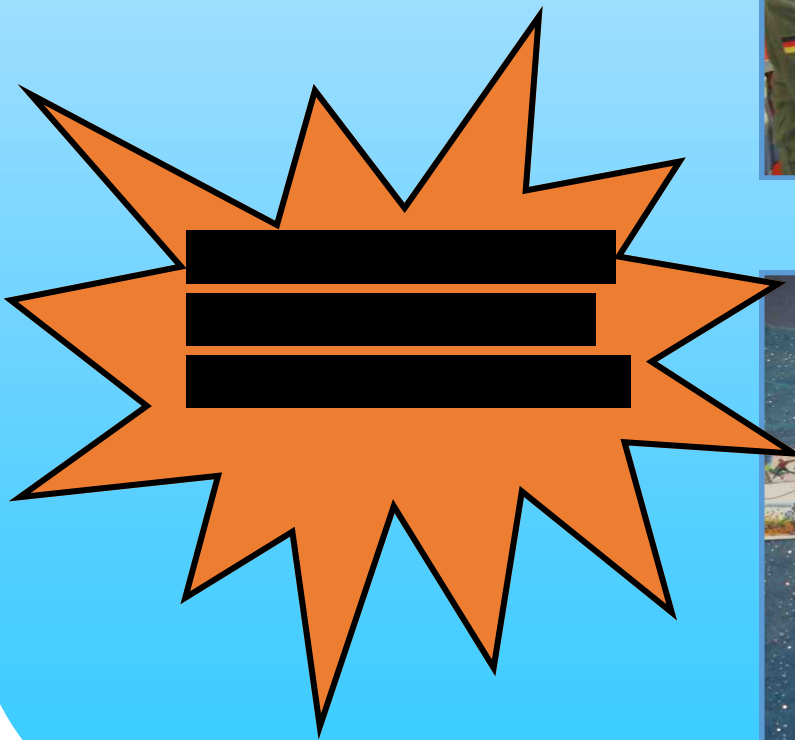
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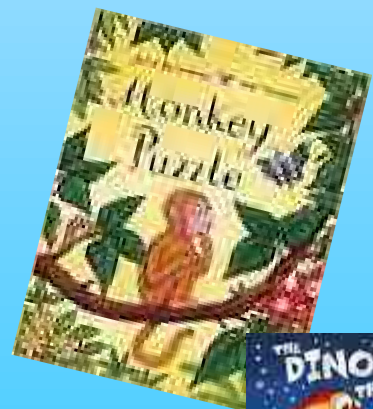
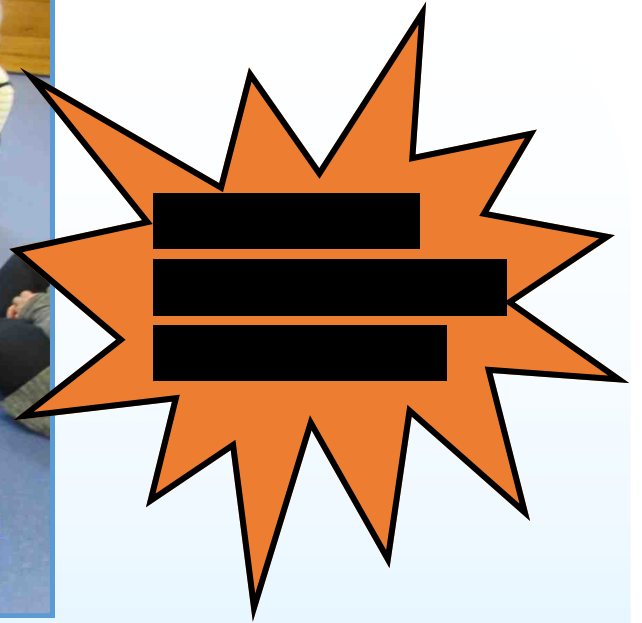
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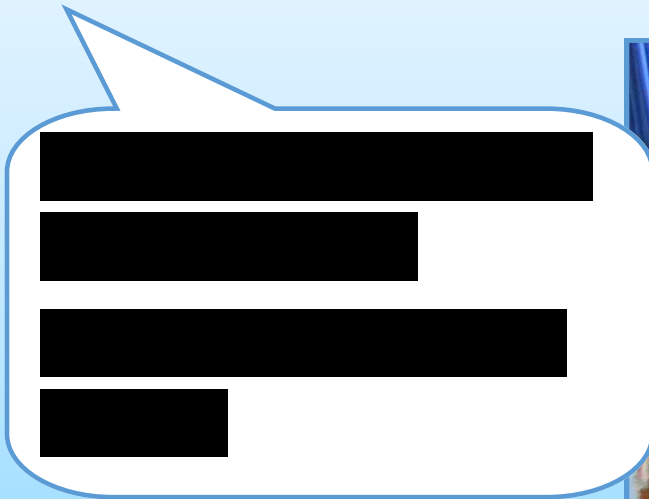
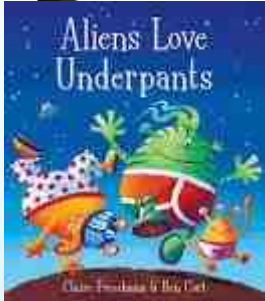
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School Council



UN Convention on the Rights of the Child: Article 13, Freedom of Expression.



Meet our new School Council! The pupils pictured above met for the first time this week. On Thursday they discussed what they really love about school. Answers included:

- Great lessons, especially Music, ICT, PE, Maths and Art.
- Just the right amount of learning given by the teachers.
- Teachers who are “so nice” and brilliant teaching assistants.
- Fantastic school trips and residential.
- The playground.
- The “green grass, tall trees and all the nature.”
- “Butterflies is amazing!”
- Mufti day.
- “The adults are safe.”
- Exciting after school clubs.
- Forest School which is a fun way to learn.
- Litter pickers who keep our environment tidy.
- “People who help each other as much as they can.”



On Friday, School Council met with Romy Dixon who is working on behalf of the town council. Romy is trying to designate the local parks around Sydenham as Green Spaces. This status will protect them from future development as roads or housing estates. School Council will be asking every pupil to complete a questionnaire for homelearning next week explaining how they use their local park. Please look out for this in book bags. For more information you can also visit: www.learningtonneighbourhoodplan.org.uk



Harvest Donations

We are collecting donations of tinned and dried produce to donate to the local food bank as part of our harvest celebrations. We would be very grateful for items such as pasta, rice, tinned fruit and vegetables, baked beans, spaghetti hoops, hot dog sausages etc. Please leave your donations at the school office no later than Friday 12th October 2018. Thank you in anticipation of your usual generosity.

Breakfast Club

In the interests of safety, please hand your child over to a member of staff when dropping off each morning rather than pulling up and allowing them to make their own way to the club. Thank you for your cooperation.

Pick Up From School

We are finding that rising numbers of parents/carers are late picking up their children from school, often on a regular basis. Whilst we realise that sometimes there may be legitimate reasons for late pick-up, it can be extremely distressing for a pupil if it happens frequently and it can also upset our pupil-staff ratios meaning additional cover must be provided at very short notice.

Please note that children who are not collected on time are sent to Butterflies After School Club for safeguarding reasons. Please note that if you are late you will be billed for the cost of a full session in order to cover the cost of supervision. If you are unavoidably late, please inform the office so that we can allay children's fears that they will not be collected.

Late Collection From Butterflies

Our Butterflies Club operates between the hours of 3.20 pm and 5.30 pm. All children must be collected prior to the club closing.

In the event of you collecting your child after 5.30 pm, in order that we can cover the additional cost of staffing children beyond their contracted hours, the following policy will apply:

Any child collected after 5.30 pm will be charged a late collection fee of £5.00 for the first 15 minutes and £1 for every minute thereafter.

Late collection fees will need to be paid in full before the child can attend any further sessions.

On the first occasion of late collection, the fee will be charged and parents reminded of the importance of collecting their child on time. The incident will be logged and the Headteacher informed.

On the second occasion, the late fee will be charged again. A letter will be sent to parents giving formal notice that should this situation occur again the child's place within Butterflies Club will be forfeited. The incident will be logged and the Headteacher informed.

On the third occasion the later fee will apply and the parent will lose their child's place within the Butterflies Club with immediate effect. A letter will be sent advising of this.



Well done to YR RK and who had the highest attendance at school this week with a brilliant 97%

Attendance for other classes this week was as follows:

Y4 KJ	98%
Y2 KG	98%
Y6 JB	98%
Y6 KC	98%
Y1 JL	97%
YR AH	97%
Y1 EL	97%
Y4 CD	97%
Y5 CB	96%
Y5 JvS	96%
Y3 JM	95%
Y3 AH	95%
Y2 AP	95%

Please note that our school attendance target is 97%.

The minimum acceptable attendance, as stipulated by Warwickshire Local Authority, is 95%. Low attendance results in poorer educational progress and attainment.



**UN Convention on the Rights of the Child:
Article 3 (Best Interests of the Child.)**

Autumn Term Diary Dates

Please note that diary dates are correct at the time of publication but they are subject to change, sometimes at short notice, due to matters beyond our control.

Week beginning Monday 8th

Shakespeare Week—"A Comedy of Errors."

October 2018

Tuesday 9th October 2018

York Waits concert for KS2 pupils (Renaissance music.)

Tuesday October 9th 2018

Artist, Ros Ingram, working with Y3.

Wednesday 10th September 2018

Y2 visit to The Motor Museum at Gaydon.

Wednesday 10th October 2018

Y6 JB class assembly at 9.15am in the hall (change of date due to the York Waits concert.)

Wednesday 17th October 2018

Y2 AP class assembly at 10.15am in the hall.

Monday 22nd October 2018

Y2 KG Reading Cafe at 2.45pm in the small hall—
Y2 KG parents/carers are invited to attend.

Tuesday 23rd October 2018

Parent's Evening (YR only) from 3.20pm—5.30pm.

Thursday 25th October 2018

Parent's Evening (YR only) from 3.30pm—7.00pm.

Tuesday 23rd October 2018

Y1 EL Reading River at 9.15am in the hall—Y1 EL
Parents/carers are invited to attend.

Tuesday 23rd October 2018

Y2 AP Reading Cafe at 2.45pm in the small hall—Y2
AP parents/carers are invited to attend.

Wednesday 24th October 2018

PTA AGM at 6.00pm—all welcome.

Thursday 25th October 2018

Open Morning for prospective Reception parents
2019/20 at 10.00am.

Friday 26th October 2018

MUFTI (non-uniform) Day—children must bring 50p to wear their own clothes.

Half-term holiday from Monday 29th October—Friday 2nd November 2018

Monday 5th November 2018

Children return to school.

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Y6 Warwick District Council visit.

Friday 9th November 2018

Y5 CB perform “The Armed Man” at Warwick Arts’ Centre—more information soon.

Monday 12th November 2018

Y3 JM Reading Cafe at 2.45pm in the small hall –Y3 JM parents/carers are invited to attend.

Tuesday 13th November 2018

Y3 AH Reading Cafe at 2.45pm in the small hall –Y3 AH parents/carers are invited to attend.

Week beginning Monday 19th
November 2018

Language of the Week—Hungarian.

Tuesday 20th November 2018

Open morning for prospective Reception parents
2019/20

Friday 23rd November 2018

School closed for staff training (INSET) - Talk for
Writing training, led by Pie Corbett.

Monday 26th November 2018

School closed for staff training (INSET) - Child
Protection training, led by Adrian Over.

Wednesday 28th November 2018

Parent’s Evening for Y1—6 from 3.30—7.00pm.

Thursday 29th November 2018

Parent’s Evening for Y1—6 from 3.30—5.30pm.

Monday 3rd December 2018

Christmas Crafternoon for Reception families.

Wednesday 5th December 2018

Y2 Christmas show at 9.30am.

Wednesday 12th December 2018	Y1 Christmas show at 9.30am.
Thursday 13th December 2018	Flu immunisation for pupils in YR—5.
Thursday 13th December 2018	Reception, Y1 and Y2 visit to Warwick Arts' Centre to see "Wilde Creatures" (1.30pm performance.)
Friday 14th December 2018	Y5 and Y6 visit to The Birmingham Repertory Theatre to see "The Wizard of Oz."
Monday 17th December 2018	Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day.
Tuesday 18th December 2018	KS1 Christmas parties (PM.)
Wednesday 19th December 2018	KS2 Christmas parties (PM.)
Wednesday 19th December 2018	Reception Nativity at 9.30am.
Thursday 19th December 2018	Y3/4 carol concert at 2.15pm
Friday 21st December 2018	Y5/6 carol concert at 9.30am.
Friday 21st December 2018	Break up for the Christmas holiday.

**Christmas holiday from Monday 24th December 2018 to Monday 4th January 2019
(Children return to school on Tuesday 8th January 2019.)**

Please note that school is closed for staff training (INSET) on Monday 7th January— online training on health and safety, forced marriage and honour based violence, female genital mutilation and safeguarding.

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Have a great break over the weekend.

Best wishes from Miss Glenly and Miss Challand