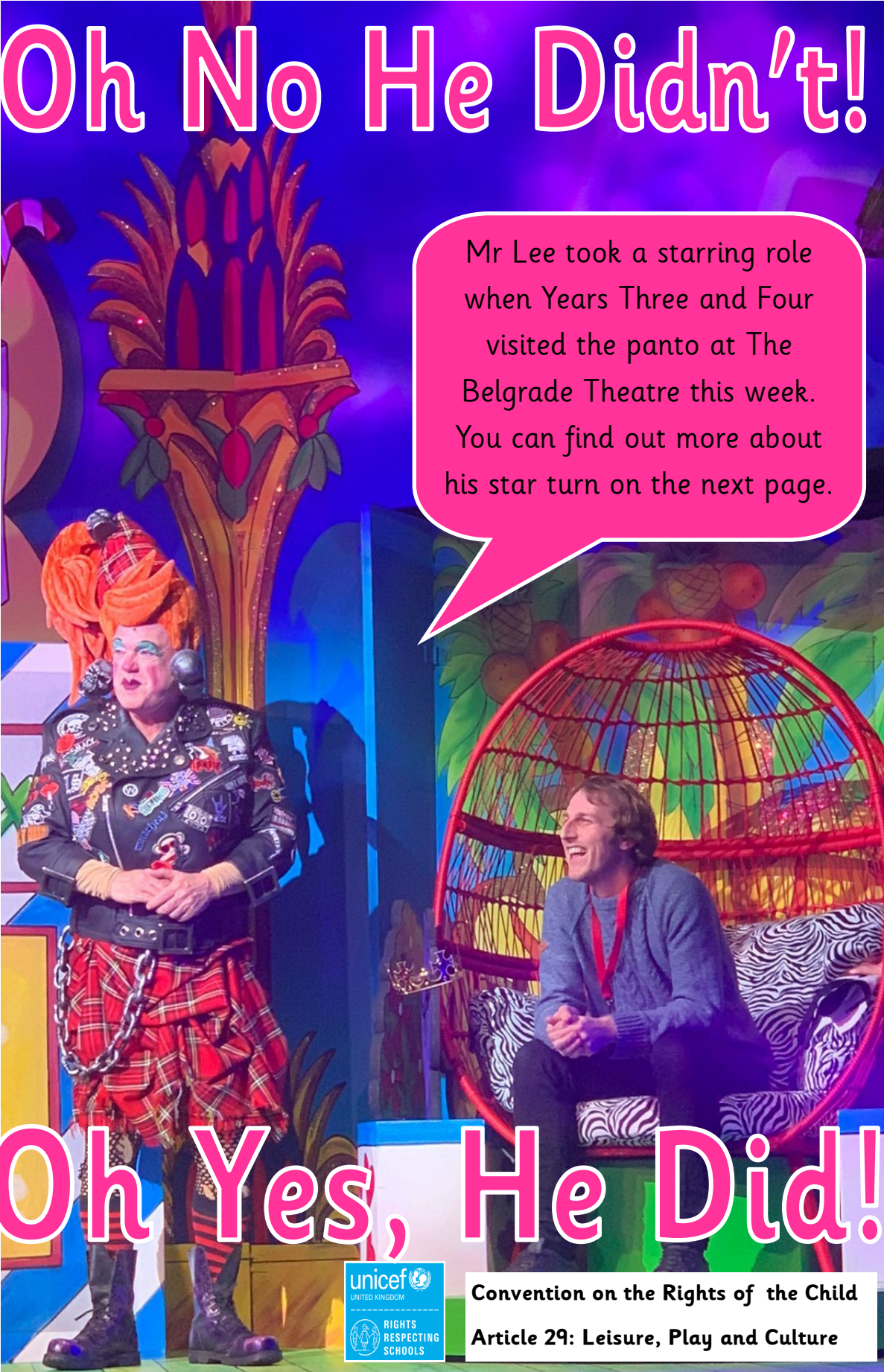


# Oh No He Didn't!

Mr Lee took a starring role when Years Three and Four visited the panto at The Belgrade Theatre this week. You can find out more about his star turn on the next page.

# Oh Yes, He Did!



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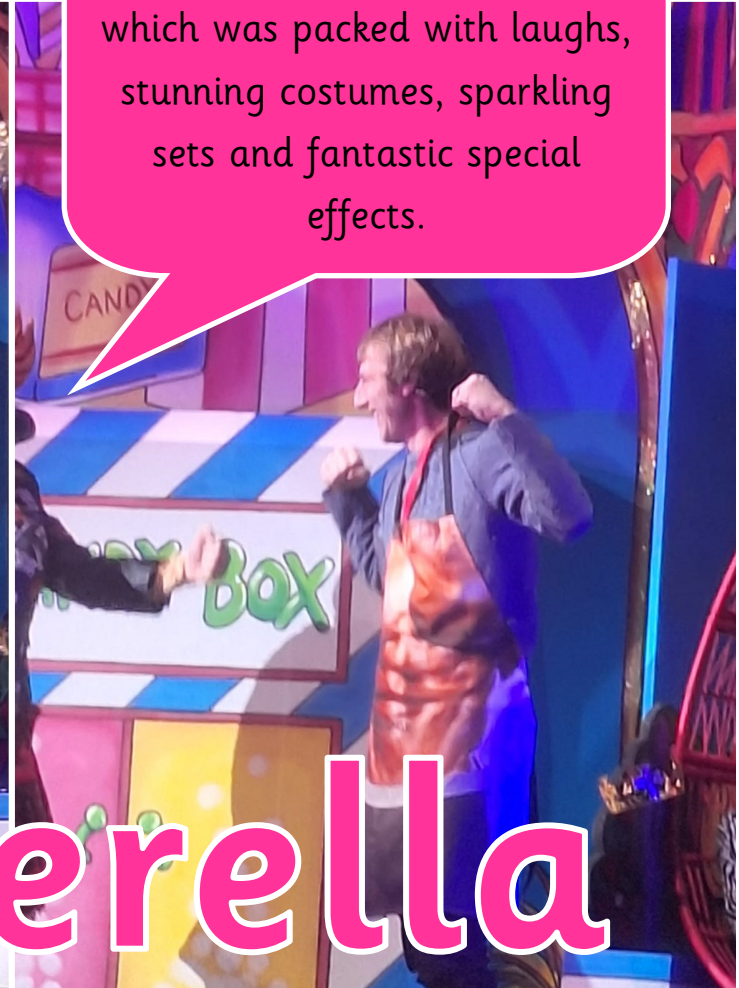




This year, The Belgrade's panto offering was "Cinderella." Y3/4 children were thrilled when our very own Prince Charming, Mr Lee, was invited up on stage to take part.



This added to everybody's excitement at a brilliant show which was packed with laughs, stunning costumes, sparkling sets and fantastic special effects.



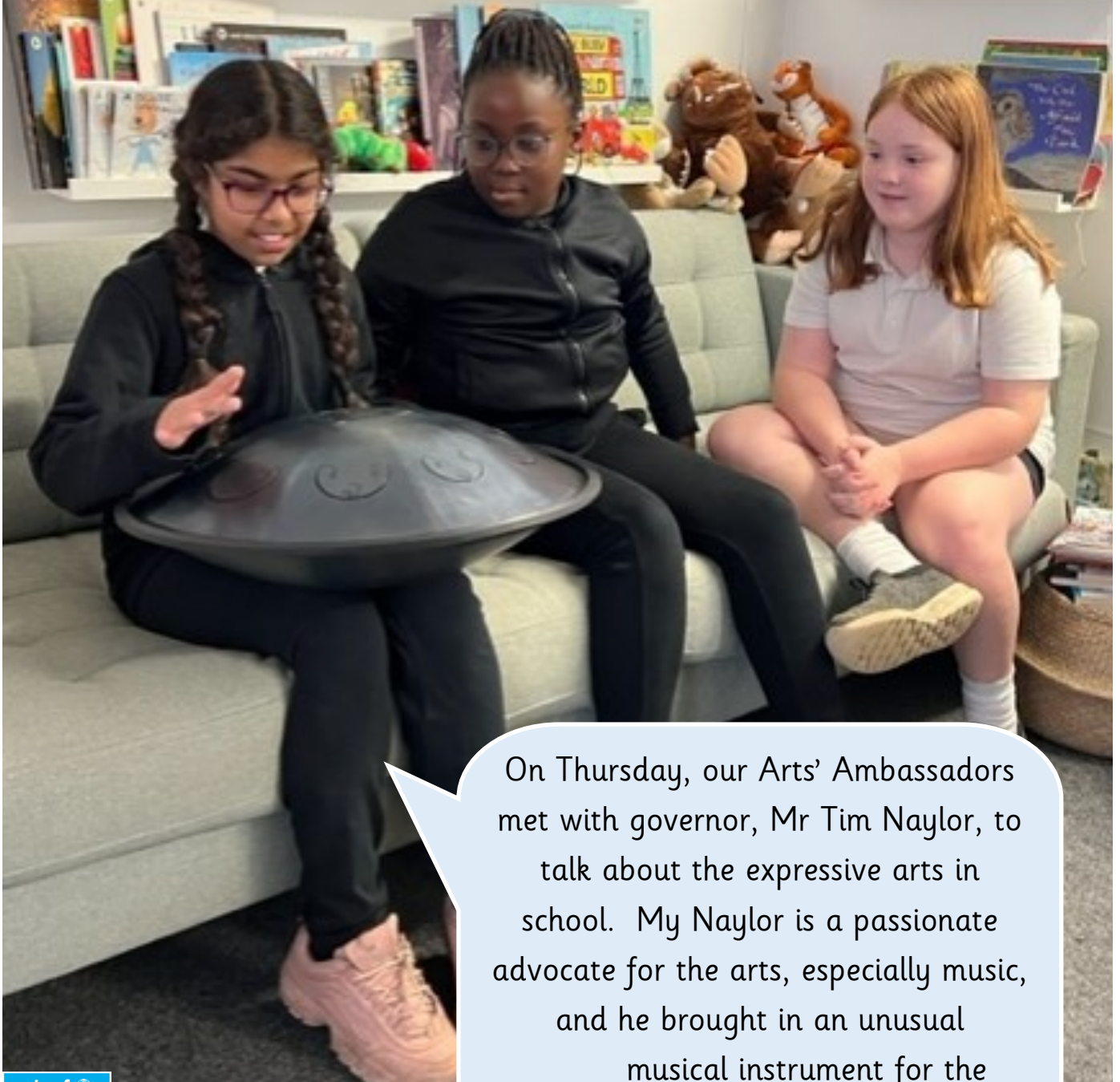
# Cinderella

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The children had a great time at the show and loved joining in. Their behaviour was exceptional! Well done Everyone.

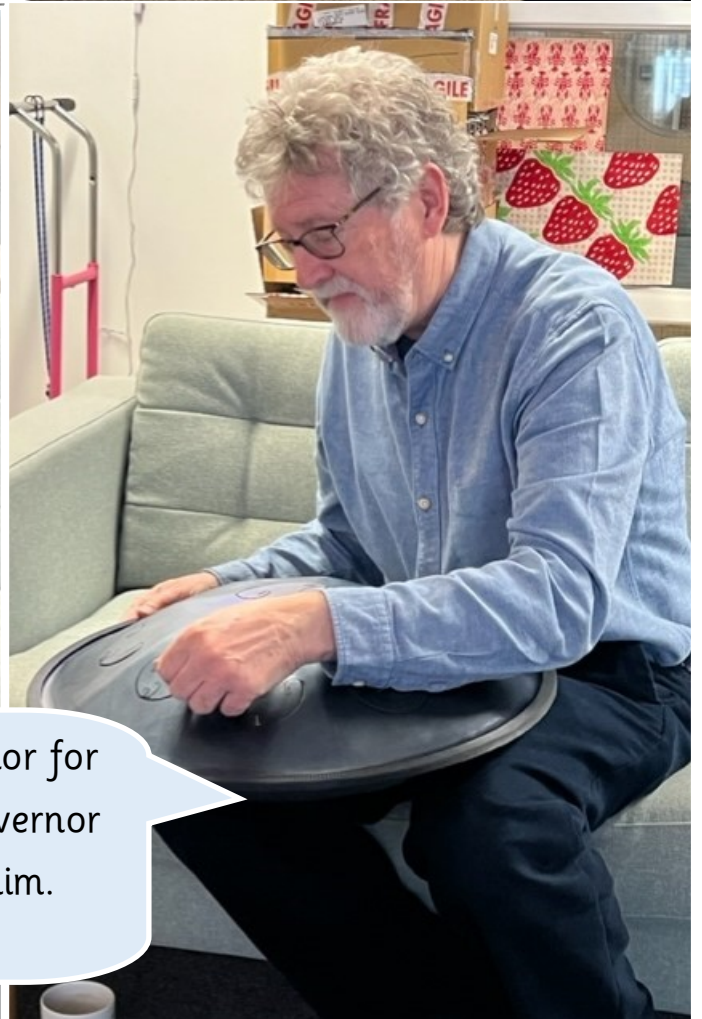
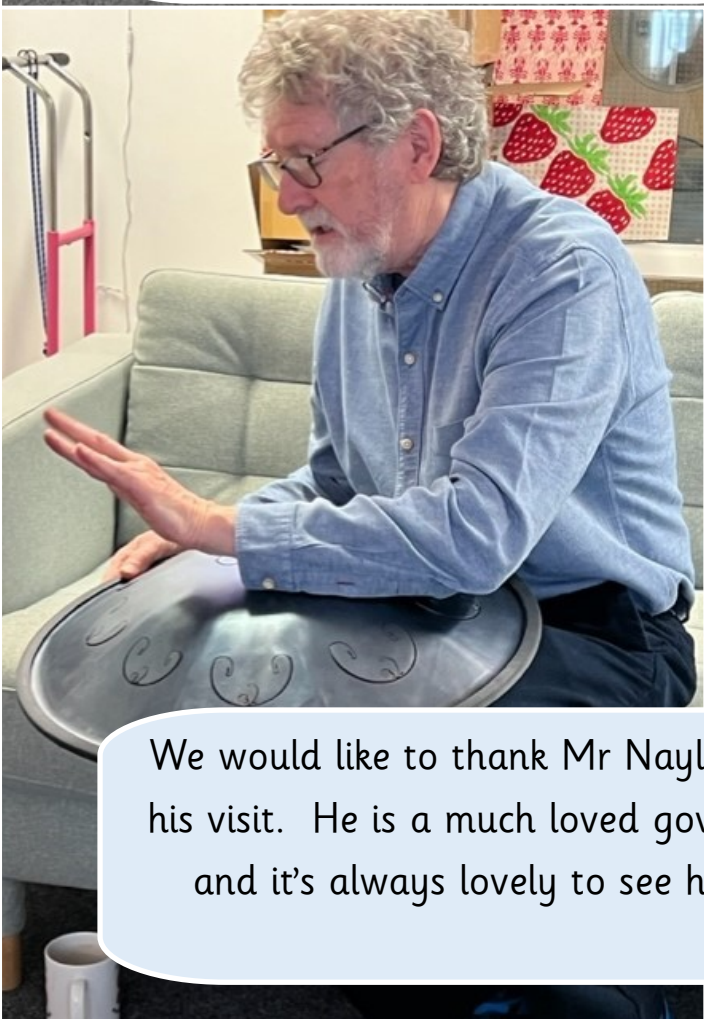
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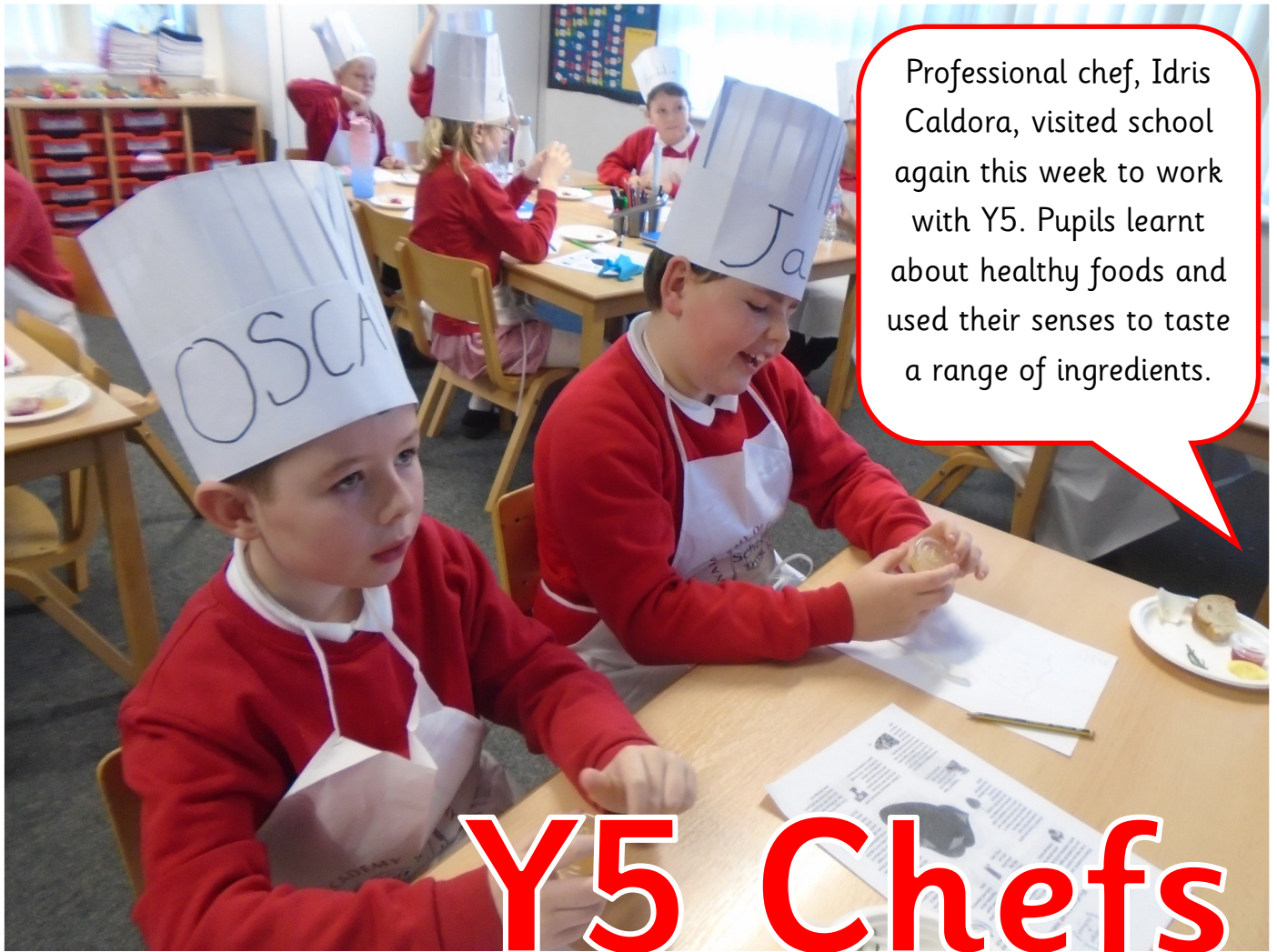
On Thursday, our Arts' Ambassadors met with governor, Mr Tim Naylor, to talk about the expressive arts in school. My Naylor is a passionate advocate for the arts, especially music, and he brought in an unusual musical instrument for the Ambassadors to play.



The Ambassadors talked to Mr Naylor about their role in promoting the arts in school. Afterwards, Mr Naylor watched a Y1 music lesson and reviewed our arts' action plan.



We would like to thank Mr Naylor for his visit. He is a much loved governor and it's always lovely to see him.



Professional chef, Idris Caldora, visited school again this week to work with Y5. Pupils learnt about healthy foods and used their senses to taste a range of ingredients.

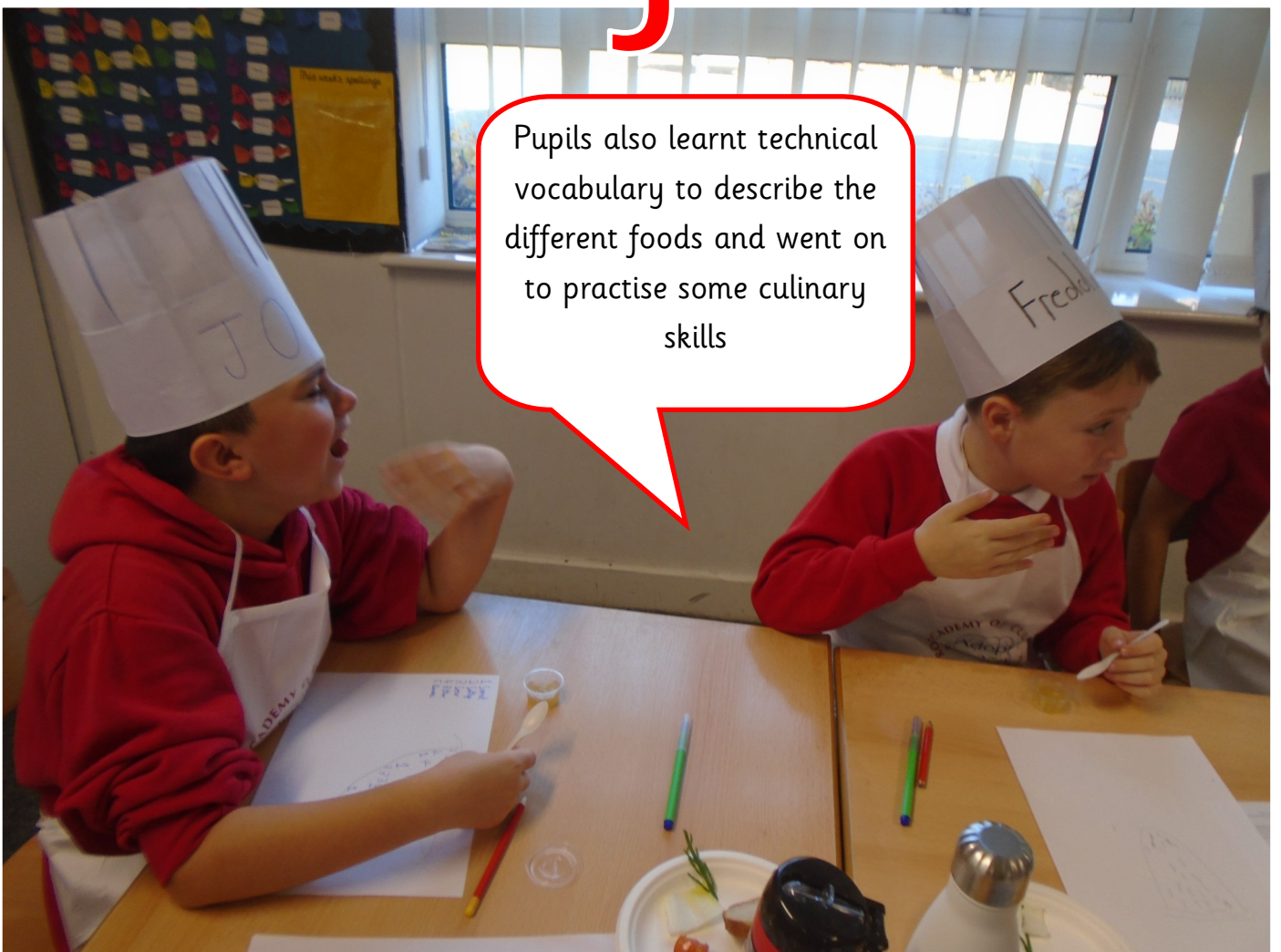
# Y5 Chefs



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# Y5 Chefs



Pupils also learnt technical vocabulary to describe the different foods and went on to practise some culinary skills



Kingfishers Class have been reading *Q Pootle 5* by Nick Butterworth. In their class assembly on Tuesday, they told us that there had been a crash landing of a space craft in the Forest School area.

# Kingfishers Assembly



The children read out their descriptions of the alien that they thought had arrived on Earth.



If you zoom off into space today,  
You're sure of a big surprise!  
If you zoom off into space today,  
You'll never believe your eyes!  
There's Mercury, Venus, Earth and  
Mars.  
Jupiter and Saturn amongst the stars.  
Today's the day you'll fly past

The Kingfishers sang a song  
to help us to learn the order  
of the planets in our solar  
system. If you sing it to the  
tune of *'The Teddy Bears  
Picnic'*, you can learn the  
order of the planets too!

# Kingfishers Assembly

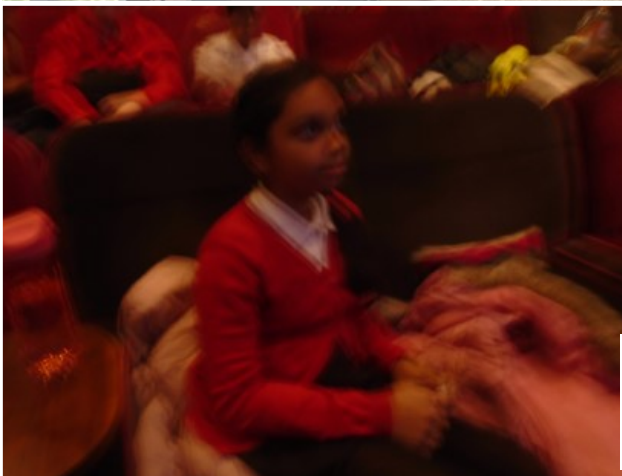


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# Y6 Cinema Trip



On Thursday, Year Six visited The Everyman Cinema to watch the film, "Puss In Boots." The Everyman is a very special cinema with extra-comfy seats and sofas to lounge on! Pupils really enjoyed the film and were very impressed by the luxurious surroundings.



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# Life is Precious

Life is like a balloon,  
It drifts up and down before it pops,  
From a baby to an adult, time doesn't freeze but carries forward  
With warm hugs and smiles.  
Life's so fast it's identity is like a blur,  
Full of blood, sweat and tears,  
Tests and challenges along the way,  
We all have our good days and our worst,  
But every second, every minute of each hour is blissful  
Because we have loved ones,  
And when we have to let go of their hand,  
Like a child letting go of their mother,  
Or a dandelion floating in the sky,  
We might shed a tear but remember that they are helping us  
Through the tough times,  
In our hearts,  
But like a good time it doesn't always last and eventually you have to wave goodbye.

Tayyaba (Y6) would like to share these poetic words of wisdom with you. We think she is wise beyond her years. Thank you, Tayyaba.



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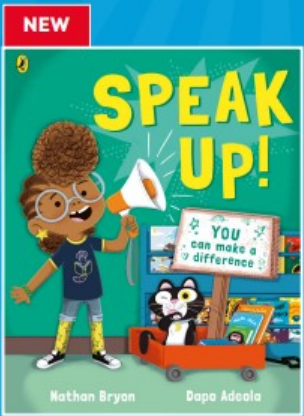
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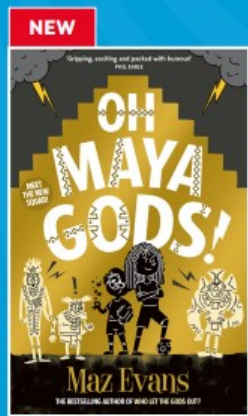
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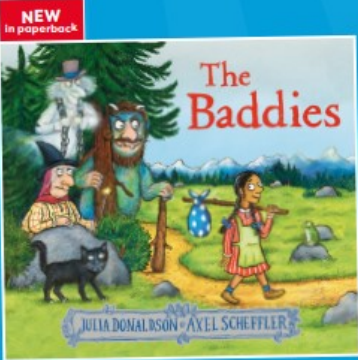
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We will be hosting the Scholastic Book Fair on Monday 27th - Thursday 30th November in the main hall from 3.20-4pm, so please pop in and have a browse.

**Please support the fair, as school can earn free books using points awarded every time a book is purchased!**

# Festive Performances



**You are warmly invited to watch your child perform in their Christmas show. Our performances are as follows:**

- Wednesday 6th December at 9.30am in the school hall, Reception present their Nativity.
- Wednesday 13th December at 9.30am in the school hall, Years One and Two present a carol concert.
- Thursday 14th December at 2.15pm in the school hall, Years Three and Four present a carol concert.
- Friday 15th December at 2.15pm, Years Five and Six present a carol concert.

# Christmas Craft



## Workshop for KS1

In collaboration with The Family Learning Service, we are offering a free Christmas craft workshop on **Tuesday December 12th at 2.00pm**. There are thirty spaces for parents/cares of pupils in Years One and Two who would like to get crafty with their children. Enrolment is at 2.00pm and you will be joined by your child in the school hall for some festive fun from 2.15—3.15pm.

Please sign up for the workshop on ParentPay.

We politely request that pre-school siblings do **not** attend.

# Theatre Trips

## THE GRUFFALO



A mouse took a stroll through the deep dark wood... Join Mouse on a daring adventure through the deep, dark wood in Tall Stories' magical, musical adaptation of the classic picture book by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler.

Searching for hazelnuts, Mouse meets the cunning Fox, the eccentric old Owl and the high-spirited Snake.

Will the story of the terrifying Gruffalo save Mouse from ending up as dinner for these hungry woodland creatures?

After all, there's no such thing as a Gruffalo—is there?

Songs, laughs and monstrous fun for children aged 3 and up and their grown-ups, in the much-loved show that's toured Britain and the world!



**If your child is in Reception, Year One or Year Two, book now on ParentPay for our Christmas theatre trip to see “The Gruffalo” at Warwick Arts’ Centre on Tuesday 11th December 2023. The cost of the trip is £16.75. Pupils will be back in school at 12.20pm.**



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# Christmas Lunch

We will be serving a traditional Christmas lunch on Monday 18th December. Alongside crackers and festive music, the menu will be:

**Turkey or Quorn fillet**

**Yorkshire pudding**

**Pigs-in-blankets**

**Seasonal vegetables**

**Gravy**

**Christmas Shortbread biscuit**

See next page for booking details.





# Christmas Lunch

We are delighted to inform you that Educaterers will be offering a Christmas dinner for our children on 18 December 2023. We will be purchasing Christmas crackers for all children (whether they are packed lunch or hot dinner) and there will be a festive atmosphere in the school hall for all the children to enjoy .

If you would like to book a Christmas dinner for your child, please log in to your parent pay account by 9.00 am on 1 December 2023. To make the booking, please access the payment item named "Christmas Dinner Booking 18 December 2023." This will show as free of charge as it is purely for you to book the meal.

Please read the below carefully regarding payment:

**Children in Reception, Year 1 or 2** - your child receives a free school meal under the Universal Infant Free School Meal scheme and no payment is due but we politely request you still book your meal in parent pay in order that we can order the correct amount of meals.

**Children in Year 3, 4, 5 or 6** - payment of £2.43 should be made to your parent pay account - payment item Dinner Money. However, if your child is in registered for a free school meal, no payment is due although we politely request you still book your meal in order that we can order the correct amount of meals .

# How to Book



# Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow





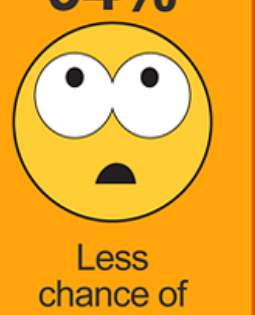


## Getting Your Child to School Really Matters



### Did You Know... ?

In a School Year, If Your Child is Late Every Day By...	Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...	or They Would Have Missed Approximately...
5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	20 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	41 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	55 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	82 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	123 Lessons

Please Encourage Punctuality to Maintain Attendance

<p><b>190 DAYS</b> <b>100%</b></p>  <p>Very best chance of success</p>	<p><b>183 DAYS</b> <b>96%</b></p>  <p>Off to a flying start</p>	<p><b>179 DAYS</b> <b>94%</b></p>  <p>Less chance of success</p>	<p><b>175 DAYS</b> <b>92%</b></p>  <p>Harder to make progress</p>	<p>More than <b>18 days</b> absence less than <b>90%</b></p>  <p>Persistent Absentee (Not fair on your child)</p>
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## ABSENCE = LOST OPPORTUNITY



### Did You Know... ?

If Your Child's Attendance During the School Year...	Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...	or They Would Have Missed Approximately...
was 95%	9 Days from School	50 Lessons
was 90%	19 Days from School	100 Lessons
was 85%	29 Days from School	150 Lessons
was 80%	38 Days from School	200 Lessons
was 75%	48 Days from School	250 Lessons

Getting Your Child to School Really Matters

Be an attendance  
**HERO!**

**H**ere



**E**veryday

**R**eady

**O**n time



# Diary Dates

Monday 27th—Thursday 30th November	Scholastic book fair, 3.30—4.00pm.
Tuesday 28th November	Y5 JE Kittiwakes class assembly at 9.15am.
Wednesday 29th November	Winter hoop decorations go up in the hall.
Friday 1st December	Booking for Christmas lunch closes.
Friday 1st December	YR reading workshop at 4.00pm.
<b>Monday 4th December</b>	<b>School closed for staff training.</b>
Wednesday 6th December	Reception Nativity at 9.30am.
Monday 11th December	Reception, Y1 and Y2 visit Warwick Arts' Centre to watch "The Gruffalo."
Tuesday 12th December	Christmas crafts for Y1 and Y2 families.
Wednesday 13th December	Y1 and Y2 carol concert at 9.30am.
Thursday 14th December	Y3 and Y4 carol concert at 2.15pm.
Friday 15th December	Y5 and Y6 carol concert at 2.15pm.
Monday 18th December	School Christmas lunch.

**Please note that school is closed for in-service training (INSET) on Monday 4th December.**

## Lateness

**Thank you to all the families who arrive on time for school. We understand that sometimes lateness is unavoidable but when this becomes persistent it is a problem. Arriving late is embarrassing for your child and it means they miss out on important Early Bird learning, assembly or the start of the first lesson. If you are late, you **MUST** sign your child in so that we know they are safely on site and understand their lunch requirements.**



# Sydenham Superstars



## YR and Key Stage One

Have a great weekend  
from Miss Glenny  
Associate Headteacher



## Key Stage Two