



This week has been singtastic for Sydenham Primary School, thanks to an epic evening spent at the “Young Voices” concert in Birmingham.

We have lots of photographs and information to share with you on the next few pages about the event.

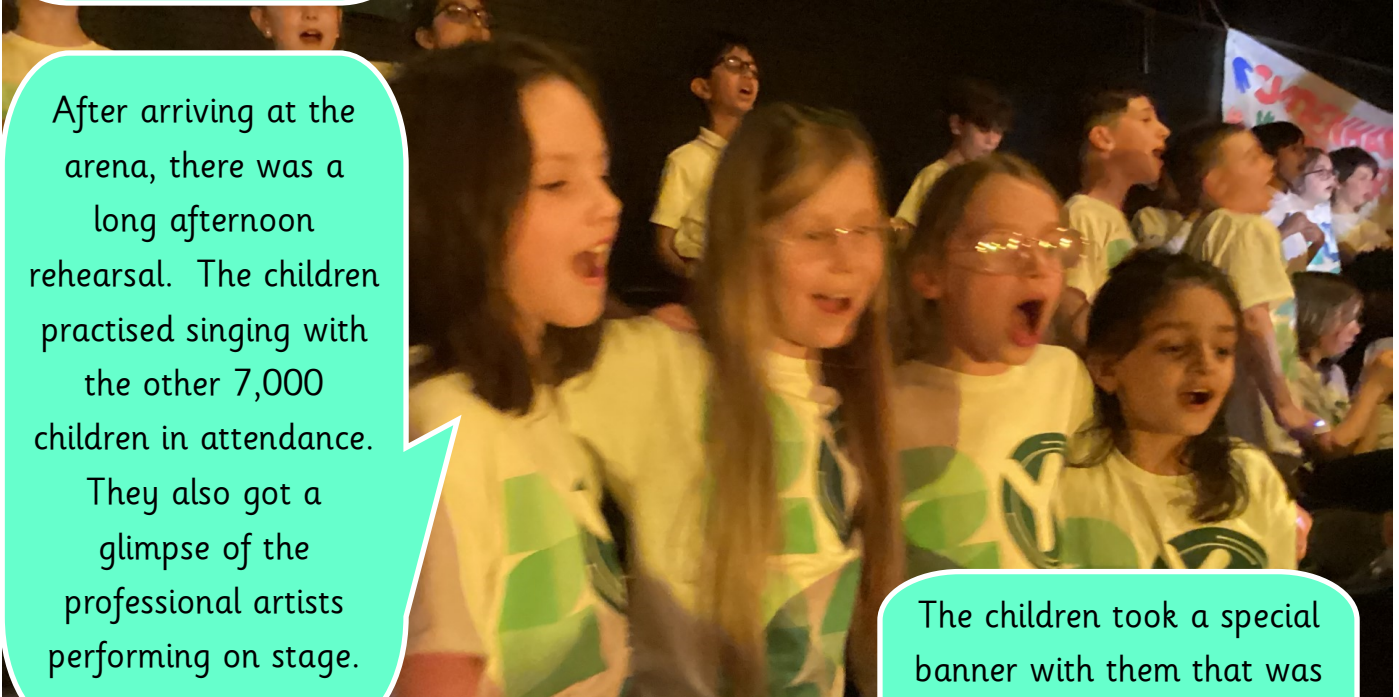


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Pupils have been practising after school with Mrs Keys for "Young Voices."

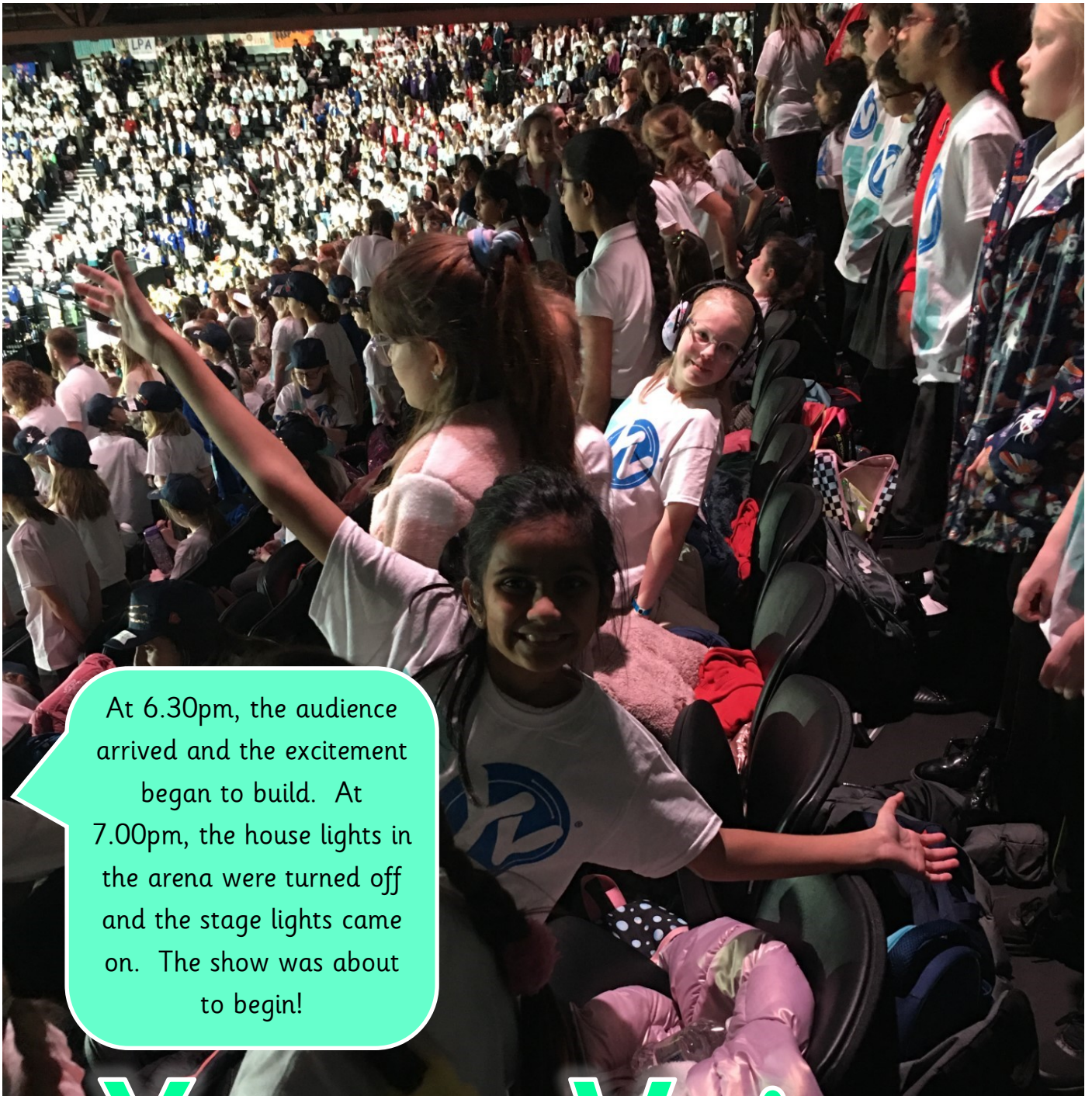
They had to learn lots of songs in preparation for the concert which was held at Resorts World Arena.



After arriving at the arena, there was a long afternoon rehearsal. The children practised singing with the other 7,000 children in attendance. They also got a glimpse of the professional artists performing on stage.

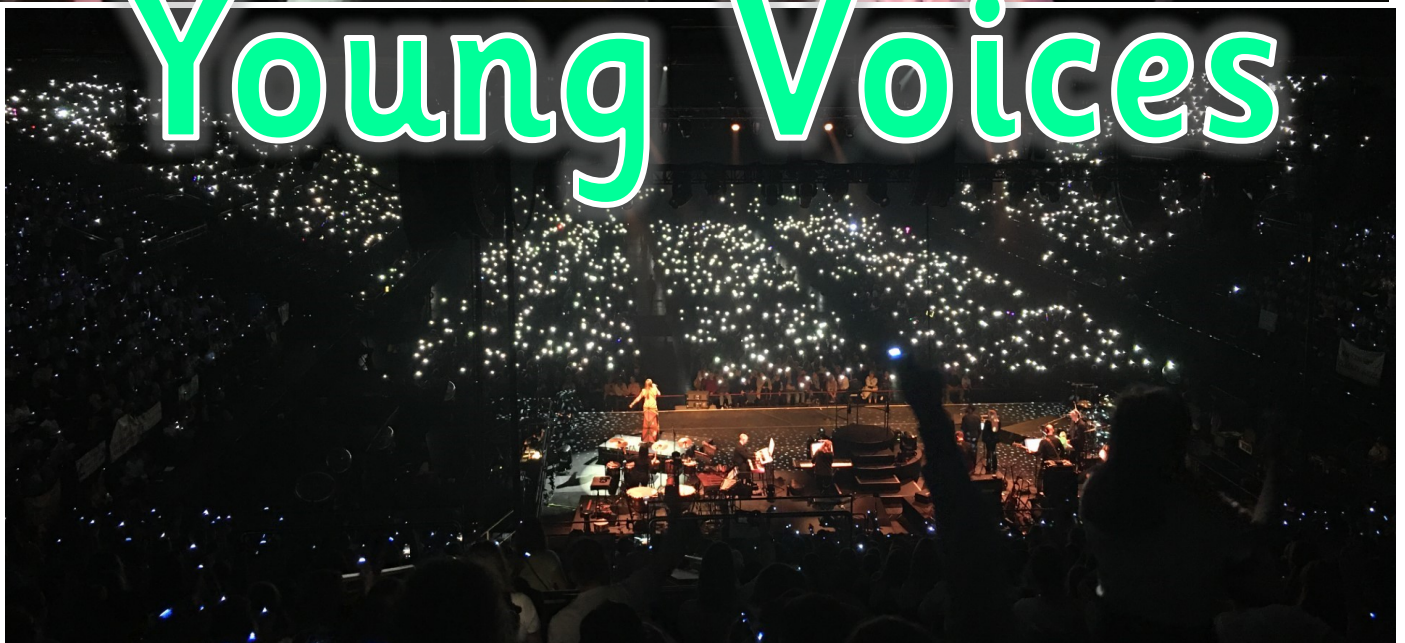
The children took a special banner with them that was made by Alfie-Gray's family. Thank you!



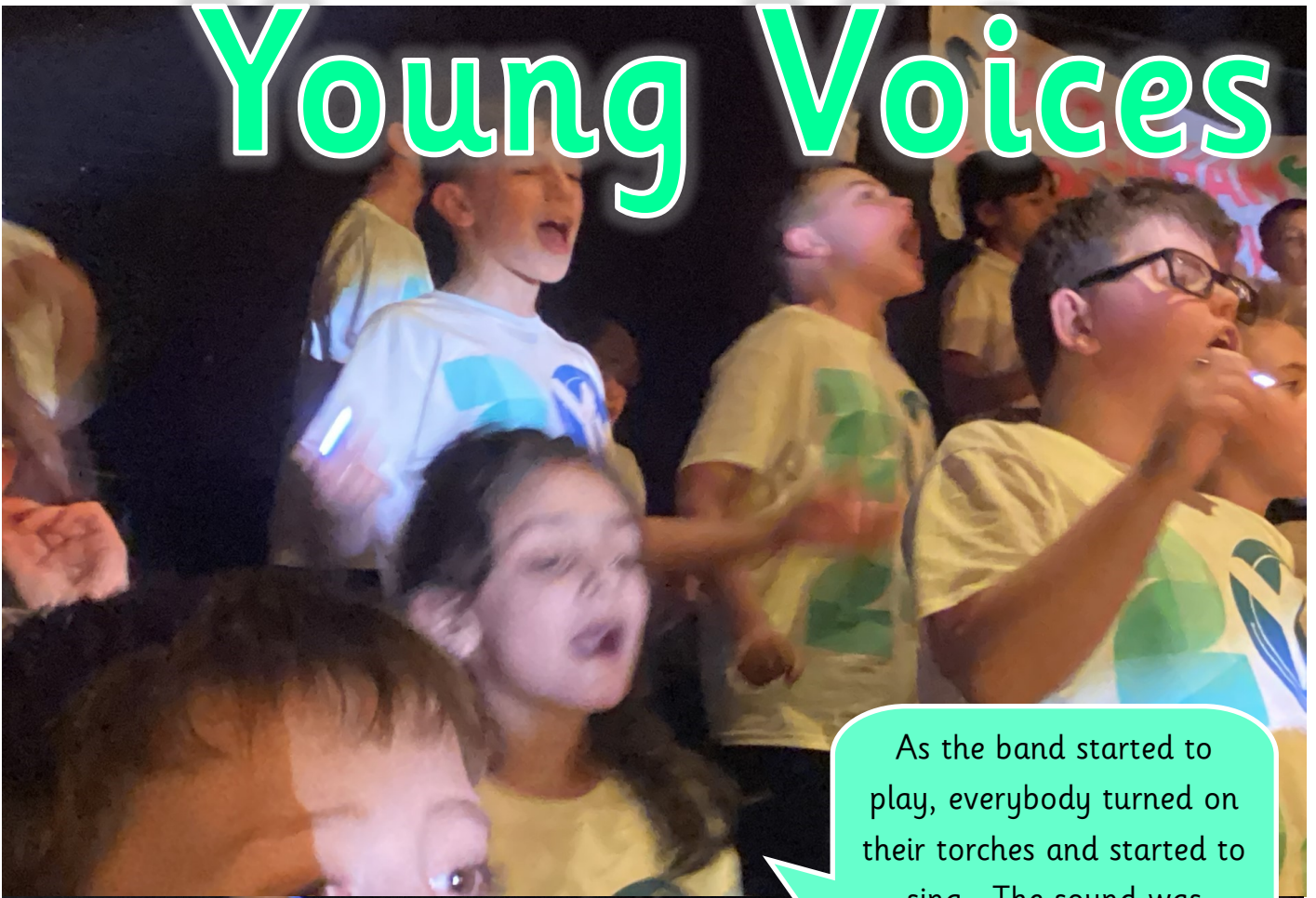


At 6.30pm, the audience arrived and the excitement began to build. At 7.00pm, the house lights in the arena were turned off and the stage lights came on. The show was about to begin!

Young Voices




Young Voices



As the band started to play, everybody turned on their torches and started to sing. The sound was amazing!



The concert included some incredible live acts as well as fabulous lighting and special effects. Everybody went home tired but very happy. This was definitely a night to remember!

A young girl with brown hair is sitting at a table, smiling. She is holding a large white stuffed dog and a smaller white polar bear. To her right is a large brown stuffed monkey. In front of her is a white plate with several golden-brown scones filled with jam and chocolate chips. To the left of the girl is a glass vase with red and white roses. The table is covered with a white tablecloth featuring a pattern of hand-drawn leaves and flowers. In the background, there is a wooden door with a circular window and a green poster with the word 'Rights' and the UNICEF logo.

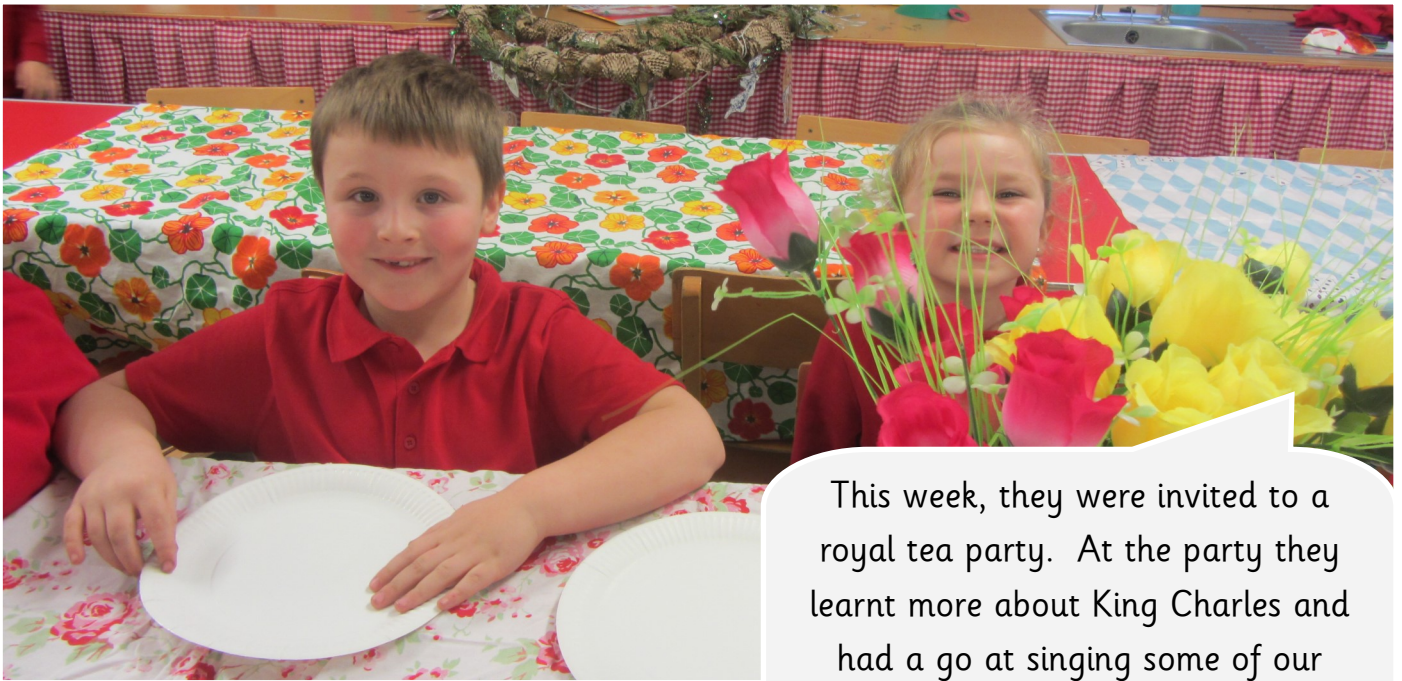
This term, Year One children are enjoying the History topic “Bright Lights, Big City.” The children have thought about their family trees and then gone on to learn about our royal family and Buckingham Palace in London.

Royal Tea Party



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This week, they were invited to a royal tea party. At the party they learnt more about King Charles and had a go at singing some of our national anthem.



Royal Tea Party



Art Exhibition

Year Two have been invited to participate in an exhibition of protest art at East Lodge gallery in Jephson Gardens. This week, they worked with artists Lynne Gugeon and Andi Dunn to create pieces of art linked to ocean pollution, climate change and conflict.





Art Exhibition



Art Exhibition

Ideas for the artwork have all come from the children and include a tank that fires flowers as well as a whale made from recycled materials.



Work on the exhibition continues next week when some of the children will work with acrylic paint to create canvases for display. The exhibition can be viewed from February 7th until 3rd March and there will be private viewings on the weekend of 24th/25th February.

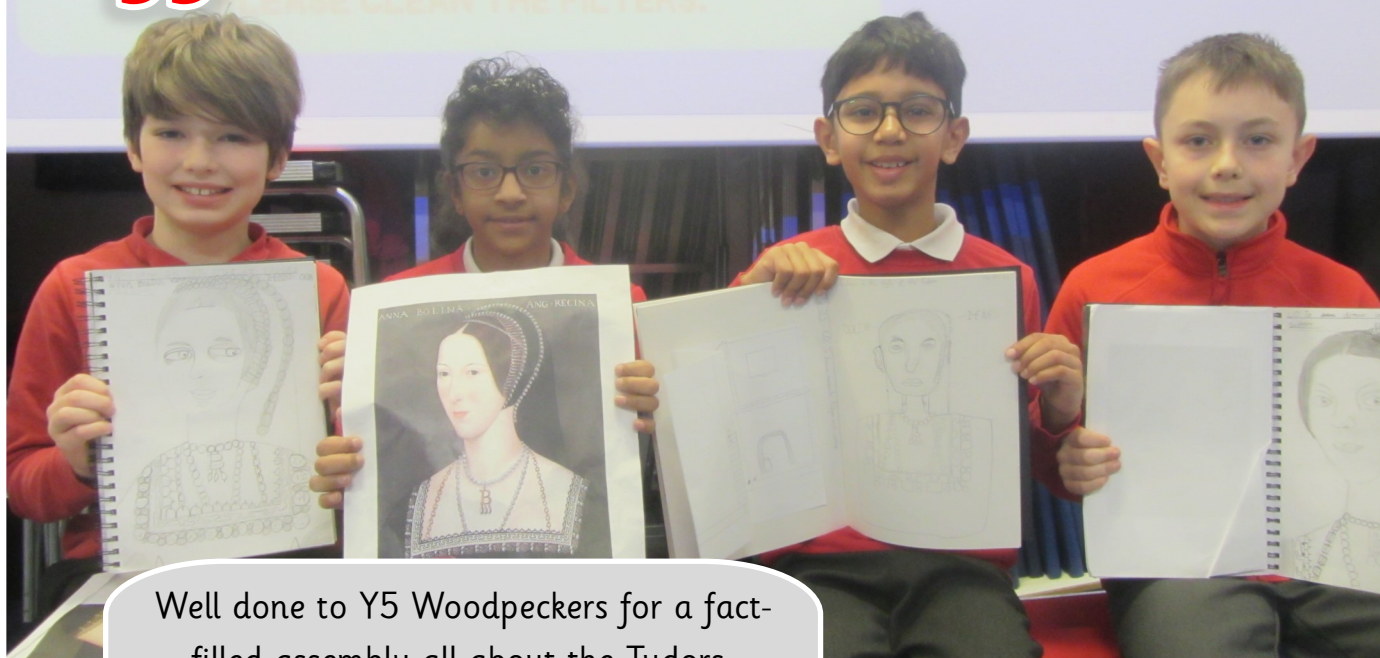


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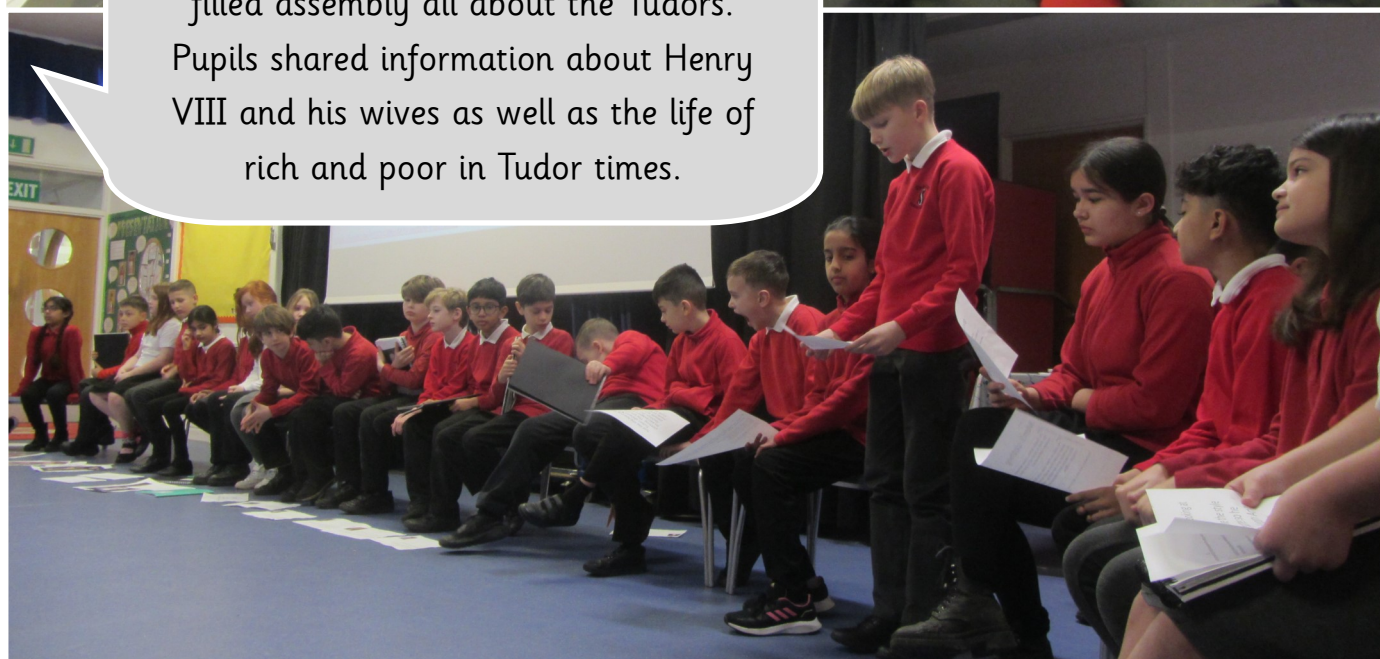
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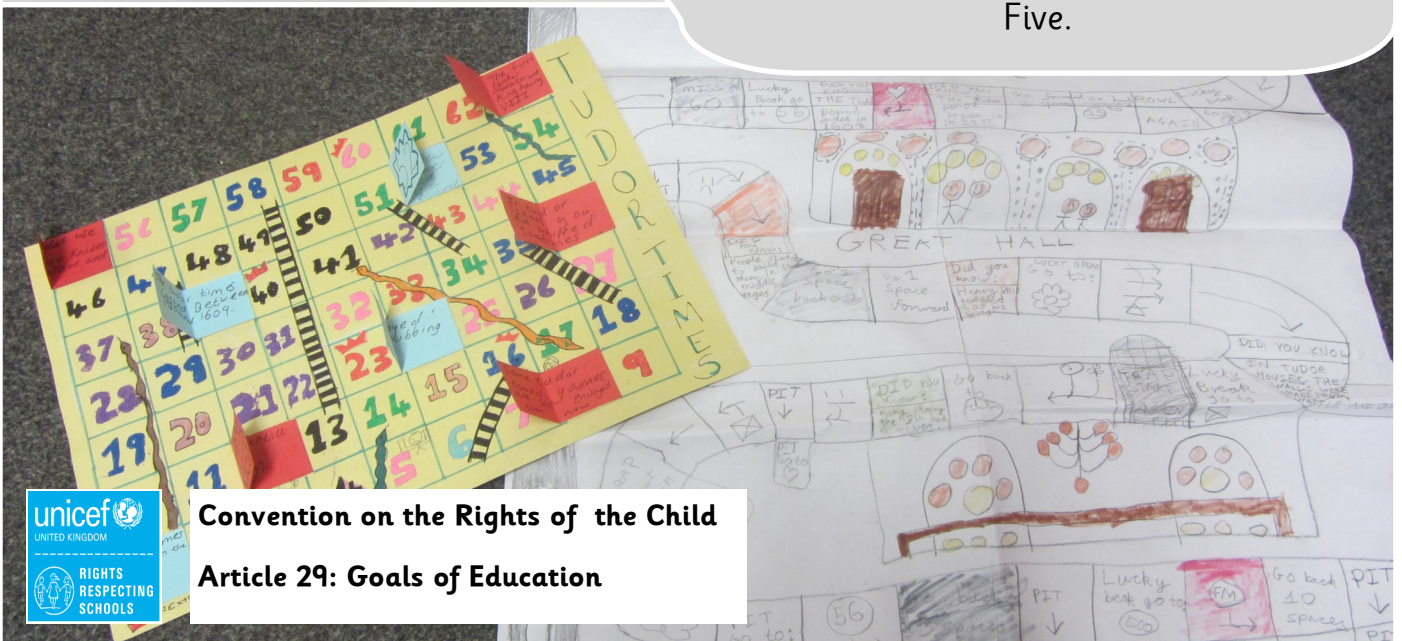
Well done to Y5 Woodpeckers for a fact-filled assembly all about the Tudors. Pupils shared information about Henry VIII and his wives as well as the life of rich and poor in Tudor times.





Off With Her Head!

Y5 have also created some fabulous Tudor homelearning which includes models, drawings, board games and fact files. Well done for being super historians, Year Five.



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In Science, Year Three have been learning about light and dark. Pupils were fascinated by shadows—how they are made and what happens to them when the light source is blocked by an opaque object.

This week, the children were challenged to use their Curious Cat Learning Character to answer the following scientific question: ‘Does changing the distance between the torch and an object change the size of a shadow?’ Pupils have planned an investigation to answer this question which they will carry out in their next Science lesson. They will need to make careful observations and record their results before drawing a conclusion. I wonder what they will find out?



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Well done to...

Athena and Isla-Rose for singing live in assembly.

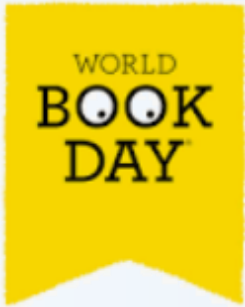
Kristofer for winning the Warwickshire County Council's road safety competition.



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World Book Day 2024

Save the date

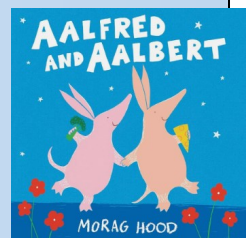
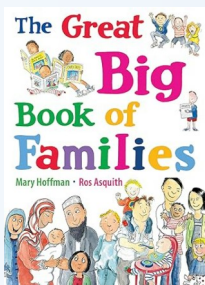
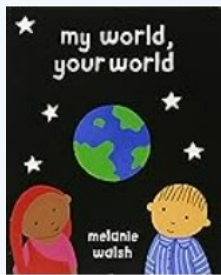
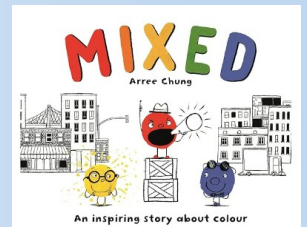


World Book Day this year is on Thursday 7th March, and we have lots of fun and exciting activities planned to celebrate! This will include a crafty task for families to work together on - so watch this space for more details next week!

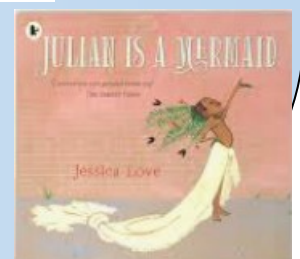
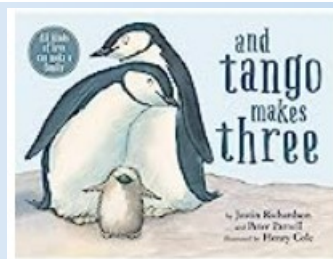
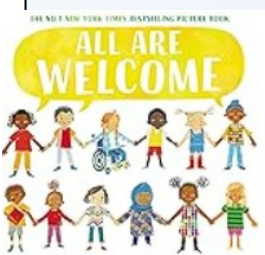
THIS YEAR'S THEME

It is important that all children gain an understanding of the world they are growing up in; and learn how to live alongside, and show respect for, a diverse range of people. During World Book Day week, our pupils will be developing their understanding of the Protected Characteristics, as defined in the Equality Act 2010.

Each class is going to choose a book which explores equality and diversity, and we invite children to come into school **dressed to express** on Thursday 7th March! You could wear your favourite colour or a unique outfit to express who you are, it can be as simple or elaborate as you like!



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Supporting Reading

Welcome to Oxford Owl... for Home



Emails went out to all Parents and Carers this week about supporting your child's reading at home.

We have class logins for every class on the Oxford Owl website so that every child has access to the Oxford Owl ebook library online. Your child's class username and pass-

word was in the email sent out. Once logged in, your child will have access to hundreds of high quality fiction and non-fiction books to read. By checking which book band level your child is currently reading at school (the books are labelled), you can choose the matching book band on the website for your child, so you will know that you are supporting your child to make progress in their reading at the level at which they are working.

Please note, if your child is a 'Rainbow Reader', it means that they have reached

the end of the book band levels for their year group. They can therefore choose to read banded ebooks for either just before or just after that bracket.

Please remember that every child is different, and some children will be further along the scheme than others.

Year group	Age	Book band level
Reception	4-5 years old	Lilac
		Pink
		Red
		Yellow
		Light blue
Year 1	5-6 years old	Green
		Orange
		Turquoise
Year 2	6-7 years old	Purple
		Gold
		White
		Lime
Year 3	7-8 years old	Brown
		Grey
Year 4	8-9 years old	Dark blue
Year 5	9-10 years old	Dark red
Year 6	10-11 years old	



The website is also the place where your child can access the 'Floppy's Phonics Extra Practice Zone', aimed at children in Reception - Year 2. This includes interactive books where children are able to practise identify phonemes, segmenting and blending.



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SYDENHAM PTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

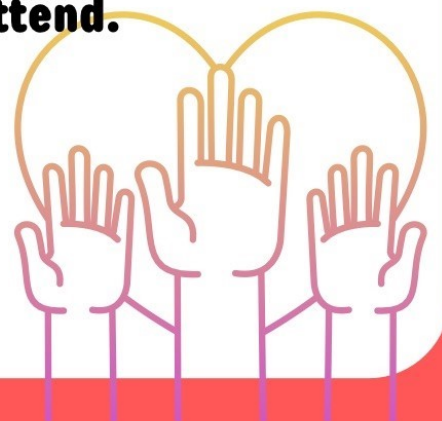
9-9.30AM, FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY

**All parents and carers of Sydenham students are
welcome!!**

**The AGM is your chance to hear how the funds we have
raised have been used for the benefit of
the children at our school.**

**We will also renominate/nominate committee
members and would welcome new roles such as
events & social media coordinators.**

**Please email sydenhampta@welearn365.com to receive
information on how to attend.**



FREE SCHOOL MEALS



School meals are free for lots of families, check if you are eligible to apply!

So much more than lunch...

A free school meal:

- creates healthy eating habits
- improves learning and behaviour
- saves money and time
- helps schools get extra funding

Did you know that claiming free school meals means that your child will get access to free school holiday activities and food?



To find out more and for help to apply for free school meals, please contact: freemeals@warwickshire.gov.uk or call 01926 359189



Can I apply?

Your child could be eligible for free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support or Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support from National Asylum Support Service (NASS)
- Guarantee Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

You should still apply if your child is aged 4-7 and receives a universal free school meal

Find out more and apply at
www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fsm





RISE MHST

Mental Health in Schools Team (MHST)

Tips For Wellness:

CONNECTING

One way to feel connected is to identify with those who share the same interests, hobbies, passions and beliefs. This may be through attending social groups, with friends at school, sports and extra-curricular activities, employment, religious groups or events.

It is also possible to feel connected with people who you may not share similar interests with. When we feel seen, listened to and our opinions are considered, we feel a greater sense of belonging and connectedness.

How to feel connected

- 1- Asking questions to find out who shares similar interests with you (e.g. what is their favourite film or sport?)
- 2- Sit next to somebody new in class!
- 3- Share your favourite activity/hobby with a friend to enjoy together
- 4- Listen to others - paying attention to details can support the connection between two people
- 5- Reach out to somebody you may not have connected with for a while - send them a text!

Trying new things is a great way to discover interests we may have never known we had! There are bound to be other 'first timers' there, who may also be nervous.

#ThanksKids recognises the efforts and kindness of children and young people, and thanks them with personalised #NHSStars certificates. If you know a child or young person that deserves recognition for going above and beyond, don't wait, nominate!

thankskids@covwarkpt.nhs.uk

MHST are available to support you and your school throughout the school year including term time and school holidays. Please contact your school's Mental Health Lead for information and advice.

Diary Dates

Monday 29th January	RSC First Encounters performance of “Romeo and Juliet” for Years 3, 4 and 5.
Monday 29th January	Y1 scooter workshops.
Monday 29th—Wednesday 31st January	Lunch in the classroom for all children (except those in Reception.)
Tuesday 30th January	RSC First Encounters performance of “Romeo and Juliet” for Year 6.
Wednesday 31st January	RSC First Encounters community performance of “Romeo and Juliet” at 6.30pm.
Tuesday 6th February	Y4 trip to Symphony Hall.
Wednesday 7th February	Canal and River Trust delivering assemblies to Key Stage One and Two.
Wednesday 7th February	Y2 Art exhibition opens at East Lodge gallery, Jephson Gardens. Open until 3rd March.
Thursday 8th February	Dragon dancing workshops in celebration of Lunar New Year.
Friday 9th February	Break up for half-term holiday.

School is closed for the February half-term holiday from Monday 12th—Friday 16th February.

Pupils return to school on Monday 19th February

Diary Dates

Tuesday 20th February	Y4 SM Wagtails class assembly at 9.15am. Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend.
Friday 23rd February	MUFTI (non-uniform) Day. Please bring 50p if your child wears their own choice of clothes.
Monday 26th February	Y3 Roman day.
Tuesday 27th February	Y4 RK Starlings class assembly at 9.15am. Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend.
Tuesday 5th March	Y3 JL Doves class assembly at 9.15am. Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend.
Tuesday 5th March	YR RK Robins class assembly at 10.15am. Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend.
Tuesday 5th March	Y6 road safety sessions.
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day.
Monday 11th March	Ducklings in school all week.
Tuesday 12th March	Y3 LR Herons class assembly at 9.15am. Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend.
Friday 15th March	Holi celebration.
Friday 22nd March	MUFTI (non-uniform) Day. Please bring 50p if your child wears their own choice of clothes.

School is closed for the Easter holiday from Monday 25th March—Friday 5th April

Pupils return to school on Monday 8th April.



Sydenham Superstars



Key Stage Two

Enjoy your weekend
from Miss Glenny
Associate Headteacher



YR and Key Stage One