

On Tuesday, Y2 visited Oxford Botanic Garden.
The weather was beautiful and perfect for
investigating the grounds and hot house.



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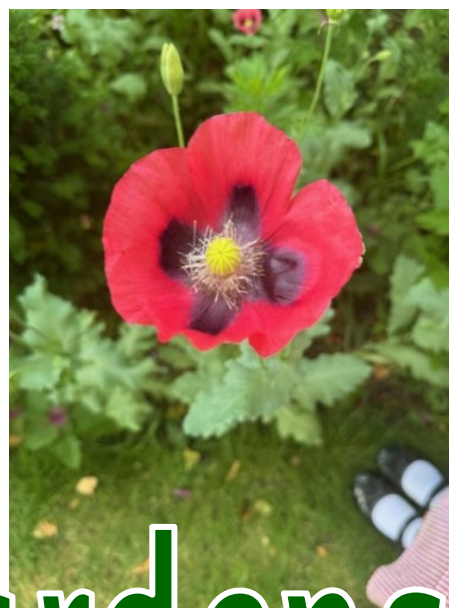
Glorious Gardens



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Staff at the garden carry out conservation, research and education work. They shared their extensive knowledge with the children and showed them many fascinating plants



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Pupils really enjoyed seeing tropical plants in the glasshouse and a range of traditional country garden flowers in the garden.



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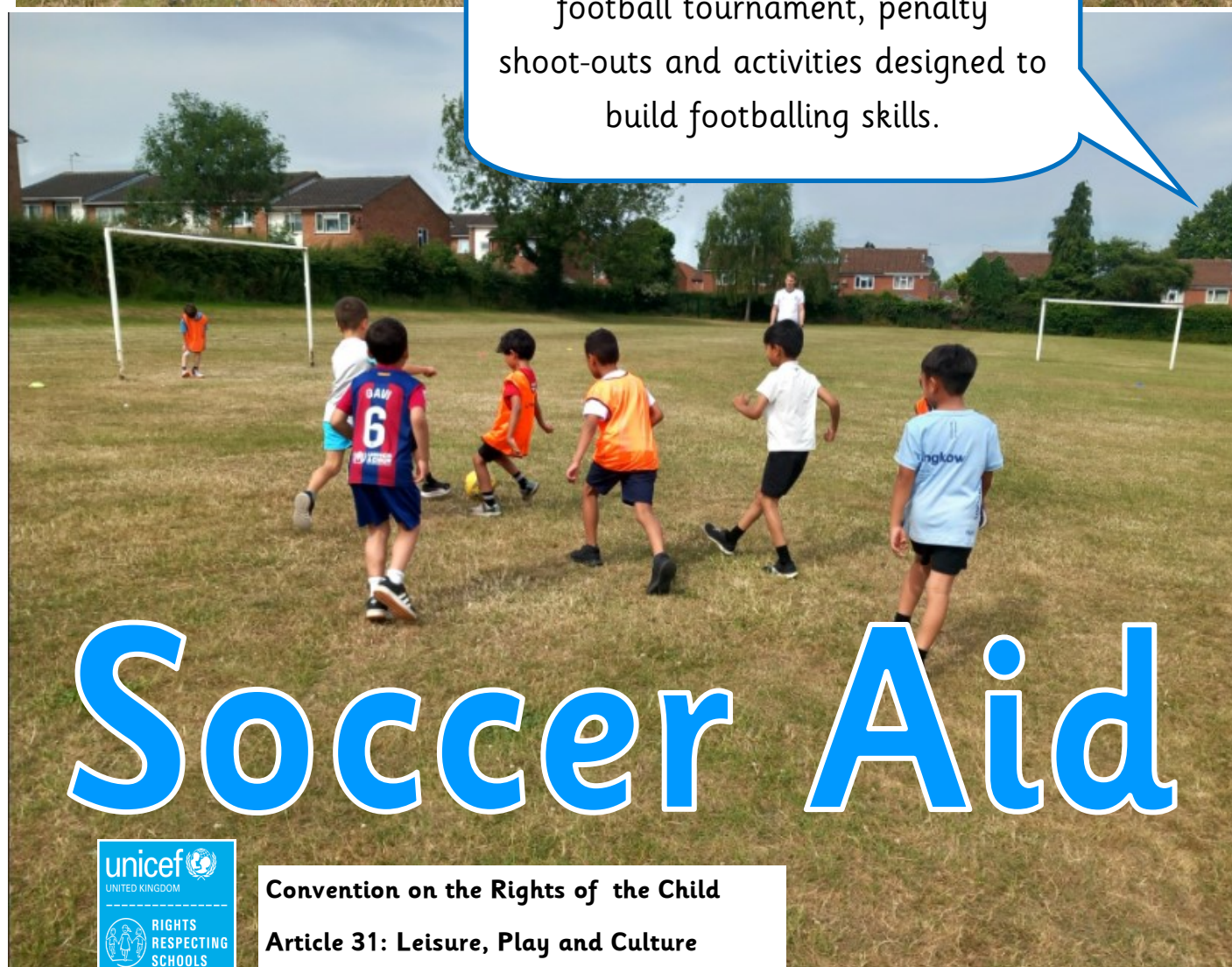
Thank you to everyone who participated in our Soccer Aid event today. It was a fun day of football and fundraising.



The whole school enjoyed football-themed challenges to raise money for UNICEF, helping them provide children with safe places to play and learn.



Pupils participated in a five-a-side football tournament, penalty shoot-outs and activities designed to build footballing skills.



Soccer Aid



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Soccer Aid



The event was over-seen by Sport's Ambassadors from Year Five. They did a great job of refereeing the matches and organising the challenges. They also held a very successful cake and icecream sale!



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Playmaking Festival



On Thursday Y2 Wrens took part in the RSC's Playmaking Festival. They performed an extract from "A Midsummer Night's Dream" in front of other schools.

The children were so confident and well behaved—what superstars!





Across the school, pupils have been marking Refugee Week. Y3 children thought about what it's like to flee your home with only a suitcase of belongings. The reflected on the special things they would put in their suitcase if they were in this situation and then wrote poems about their perfect refuge.

Refugee Week

My refuge feels like confidence,
 My refuge feels like home,
 My refuge tastes like fresh mango,
 My refuge sounds like the jungle,
 My refuge smells like flowers,
 My refuge looks like happiness.

When I was 3 my family and I were forced to escape our country because there was war. We couldn't take any belongings with us. We couldn't go back.

Spoken by a refugee pupil from our school

My refuge feels like a warm, cosy home.
 My refuge looks like a stuffed-crust pizza,
 My refuge smells like my mum's perfume,
 My refuge sounds like birds chirping in the trees.



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Article 19: Protection from Violence, Abuse and Neglect.

Y1 learnt about about birds and how some of them travel to different countries. The children made links with the books, “The Suitcase’ and “My Name is Not Refugee” and they began to reflect that people may need to leave their homes to take refuge.

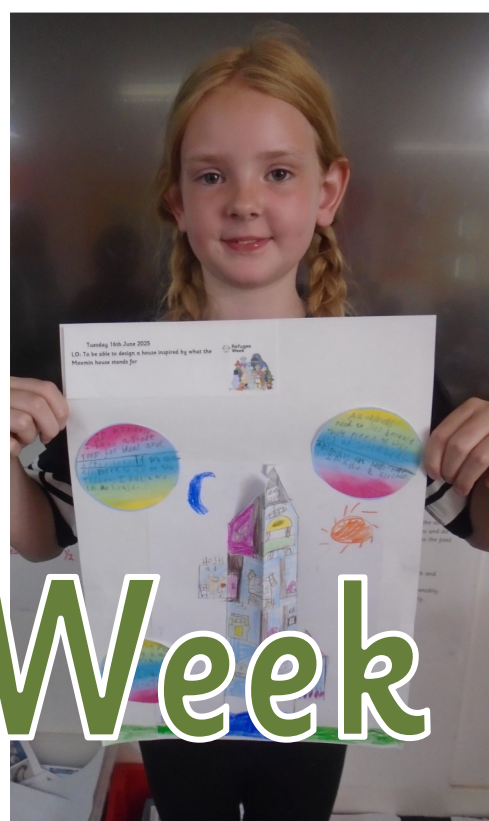
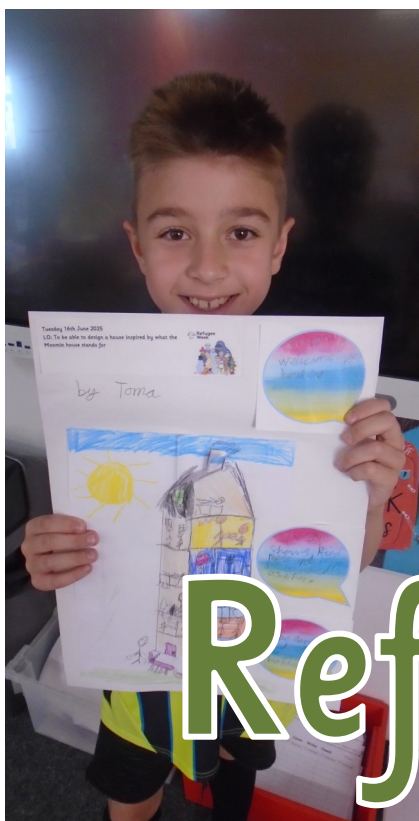
Pupils went on to create unique bird art sculptures to represent the theme of journeys. The children thought their sculptures would create a welcoming and colourful space for newcomers to our country.

Refugee Week

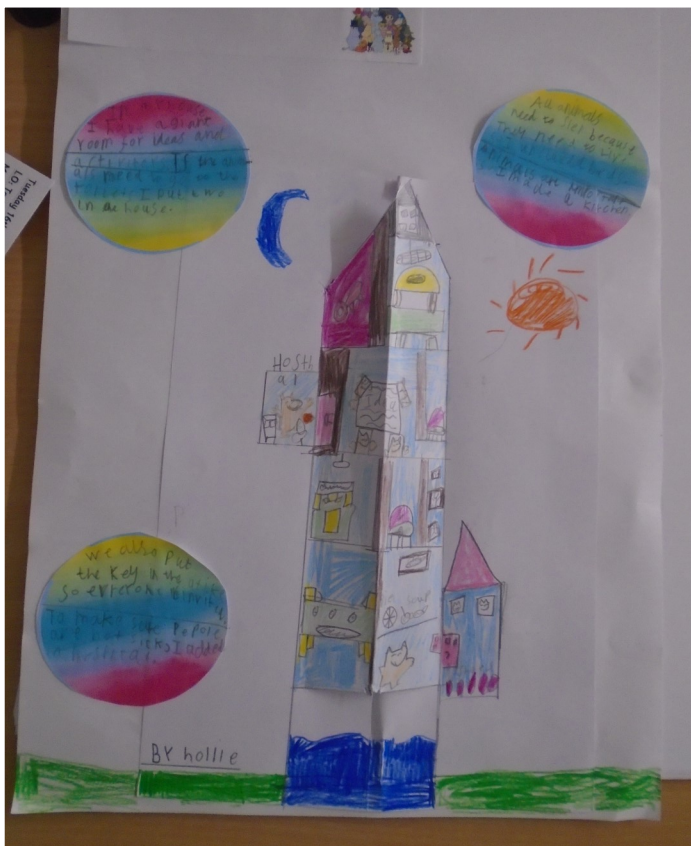




Year 4 listened to Moomin stories. They looked at the Moomin house and discussed the qualities it embodies, such as togetherness, equality and tolerance. Children then made their own 3D homes filled with the things that a refugee might need.



Refugee Week



Inside our houses you will find:

A dining table for everyone to share and enjoy food together.

Beds that are comfortable for everyone to rest in.

A library with books full of different languages.

A hospital/ medical room to help anyone who arrives that is unwell.

A key to the attic because the door is always open for anyone who needs a shelter or a friend.



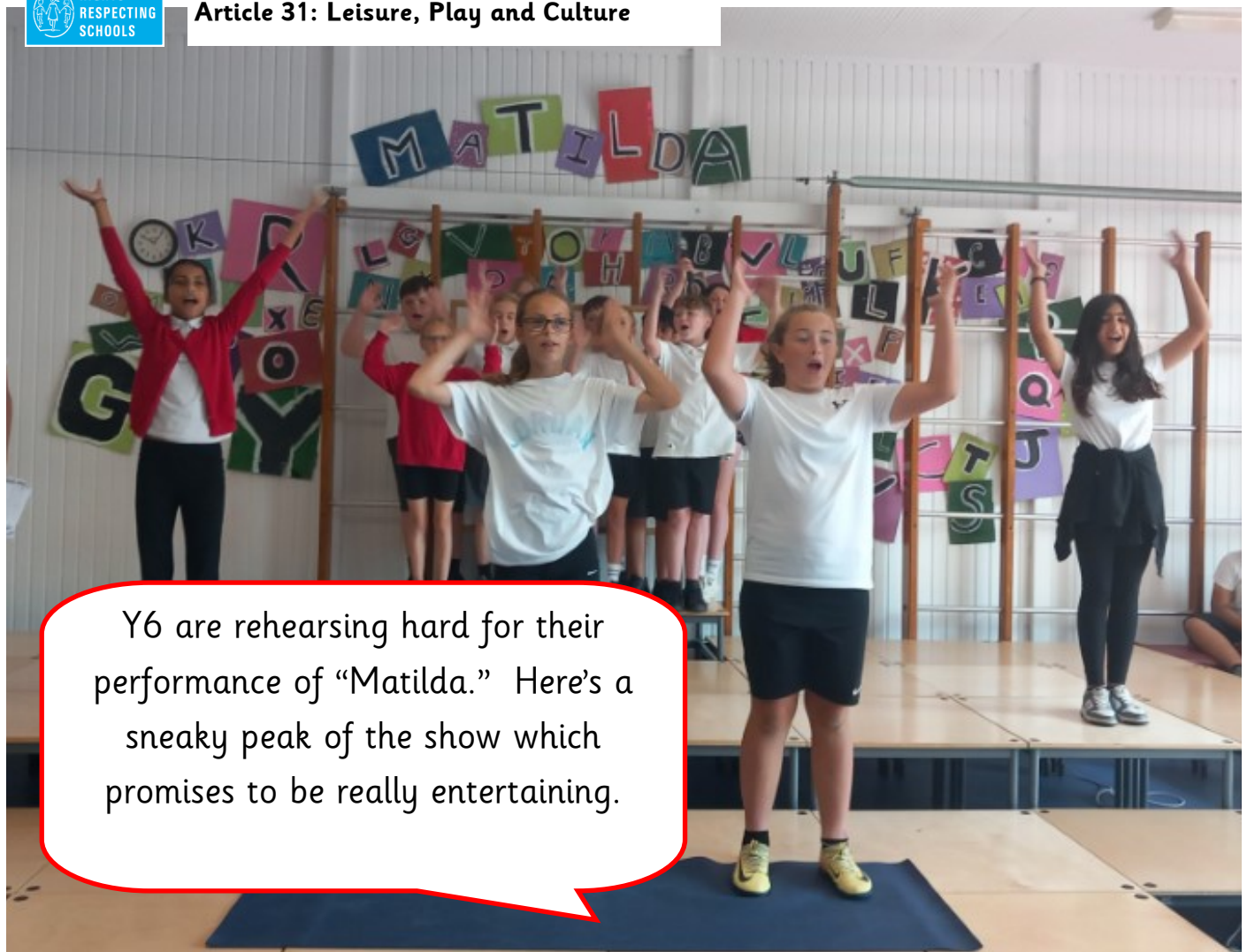
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Y6 Rehearsals



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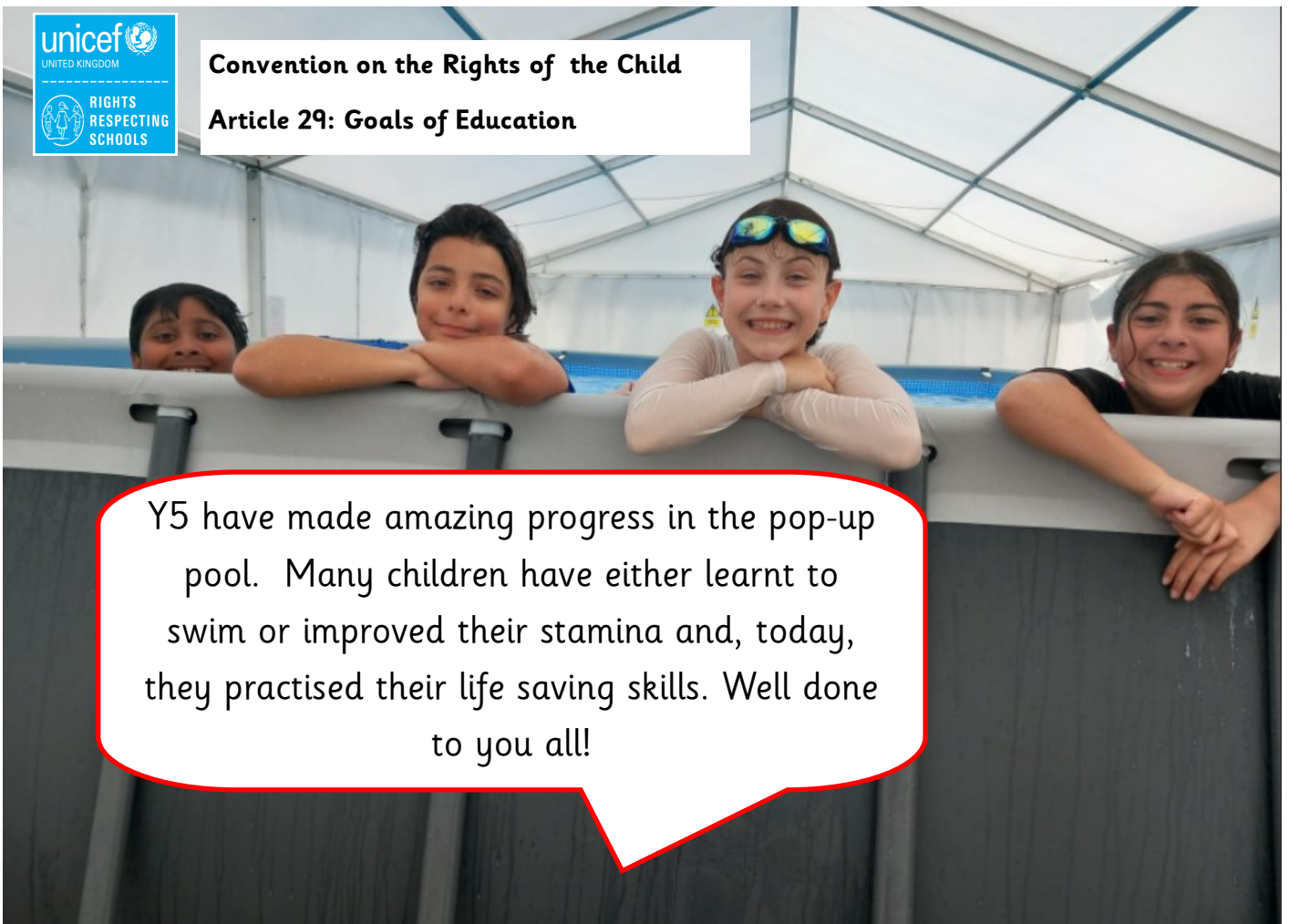
Y6 are rehearsing hard for their performance of "Matilda." Here's a sneaky peak of the show which promises to be really entertaining.

Y5 Swimming

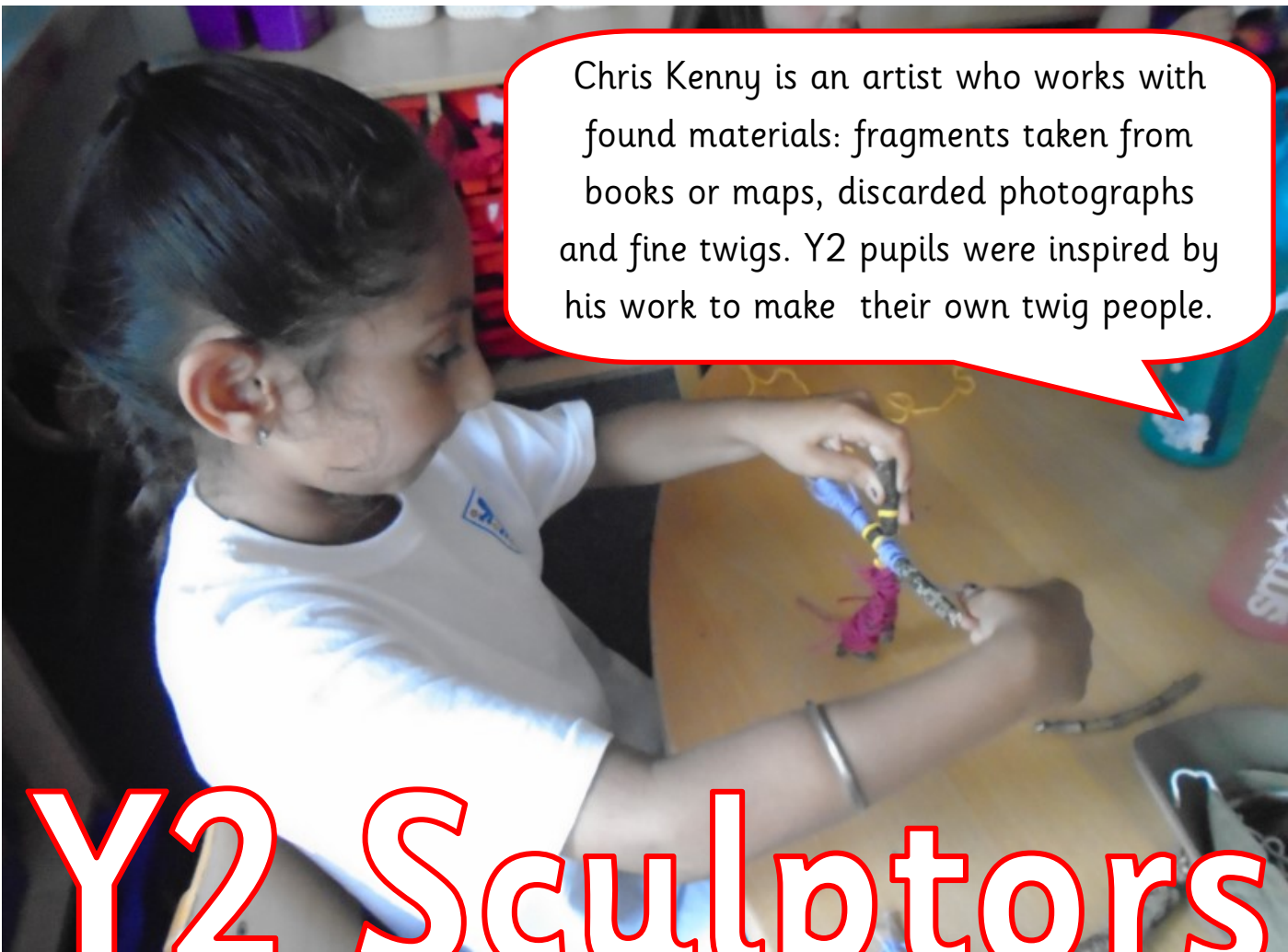


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Y5 have made amazing progress in the pop-up pool. Many children have either learnt to swim or improved their stamina and, today, they practised their life saving skills. Well done to you all!



Chris Kenny is an artist who works with found materials: fragments taken from books or maps, discarded photographs and fine twigs. Y2 pupils were inspired by his work to make their own twig people.

Y2 Sculptors





Y2 Sculptors



The children joined their materials carefully by tying and weaving the different components. Their results were delightful.



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PTA**

SUMMER FAIR RAFFLE DONATIONS WANTED

We're getting ready for our Summer Fair, and we need your help to make it a big success!

We're looking for donations for our Raffle and Children's Tombola — can you help?



**Duplicate presents
Unwanted (but unused) gifts
New or nearly new toys, games, and goodies
Small prizes suitable for children**

**All donations in as-new condition are very welcome and much appreciated!
Please drop off your items at the school office from Monday**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION AND HOW YOU CAN HELP

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International Pineapple Day

Friday 27th June 2025

**Sweet 'n' Sour Chicken
with Rice**

or

(v) Hawaiian Pizza (G.D)

**Served with Potato Wedges,
Sweetcorn or Salad**

(v) Pineapple Upside Cake (G.E.SU)

or

**(v) Pancakes with Pineapple Chunk
& Raspberry Sauce (G.E.D)**

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E-Egg
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** Level 1 is running 2024-25, and Level 1 and 2 are running 2025-26.*

Diary Dates

Monday 23rd June	Y1 trip to the West Midlands Safari Park.
Tuesday 24th June	Y3/4 Family Learning Food Explorers course, 1.50pm—sign up via ParentPay.
Wednesday 25th June	Parents/carers invited to watch Reynard and the Fox” performed on the school field by Fabularium—10.00am Reception and Y1 at 10.30am Y2 and Y3 at 1.45pm.
Thursday 26th June	Instrumental concert at 2.15pm. Due to Y7 induction for grammar school pupils, this date has changed to Thursday 17th July at 2.30pm.
Friday 27th June	PTA MUFTI Day— if you wear your own choice of clothes to school, please donate a bottle for the PTA Summer Fayre. Unopened bottle, please—drinks, toiletries etc.
Monday 30th June	Y5/6 Sport's Day, 10.00—11.30am.
Tuesday 1st July	Y1/2 Sport's Day, 10.00—11.30am.
Tuesday 1st July	Y1/2 Family Learning Food Explorers course, 1.50pm—sign up via ParentPay.
Wednesday 2nd July	Y3/4 Sport's Day, 10.00—11.30am.
Wednesday 2nd July	Induction Day for (most) Y6 pupils.

INSET (teacher training) dates for the academic year 2025/26:

- **Monday 1st September 2025**
- **Friday 10th October 2025**
- **Monday 1st December 2025**
- **Monday 1st June 2026**
- **Monday 20th July 2026**

Diary Dates

Thursday 3rd July	Arts Ambassadors working with artist, Emma O'Brien as part of the SPLAT! Children's Arts Festival.
Thursday 3rd July	Y4 parents/carers invited to watch their children perform in a flute assembly. Times TBC.
Friday 4th July	YR Sport's Day, 10.00—11.00am
Friday 4th July	PTA Summer Fayre.
Week beginning Monday 7th July	End of year reports emailed to parents/carers.
Tuesday 8th July	Idris Caldora (chef) in Y5.
Tuesday 8th July	Reception Family Learning Food Explorers course, 1.50pm—sign up via ParentPay.
Wednesday 9th July	Level 1/2 Bikeability.
Thursday 10th July	Y5 Residential—Kip in a Ship.
Friday 11th July	Y6 Leavers' assemblies. Swans at 9.45am Moorhens at 1.30pm
Monday 14th July	Rocksteady concert at 2.30pm.
Monday 14th July	Y6 Motionhouse session.
Wednesday 16th July	Y6 silent disco.
Thursday 17th July	New date—instrumental concert at 2.30pm. Parents of pupils participating are invited to attend.
Friday 18th July	Break up for the Summer holiday.



Sydenham Superstars



YR and Key Stage One



Key Stage Two