

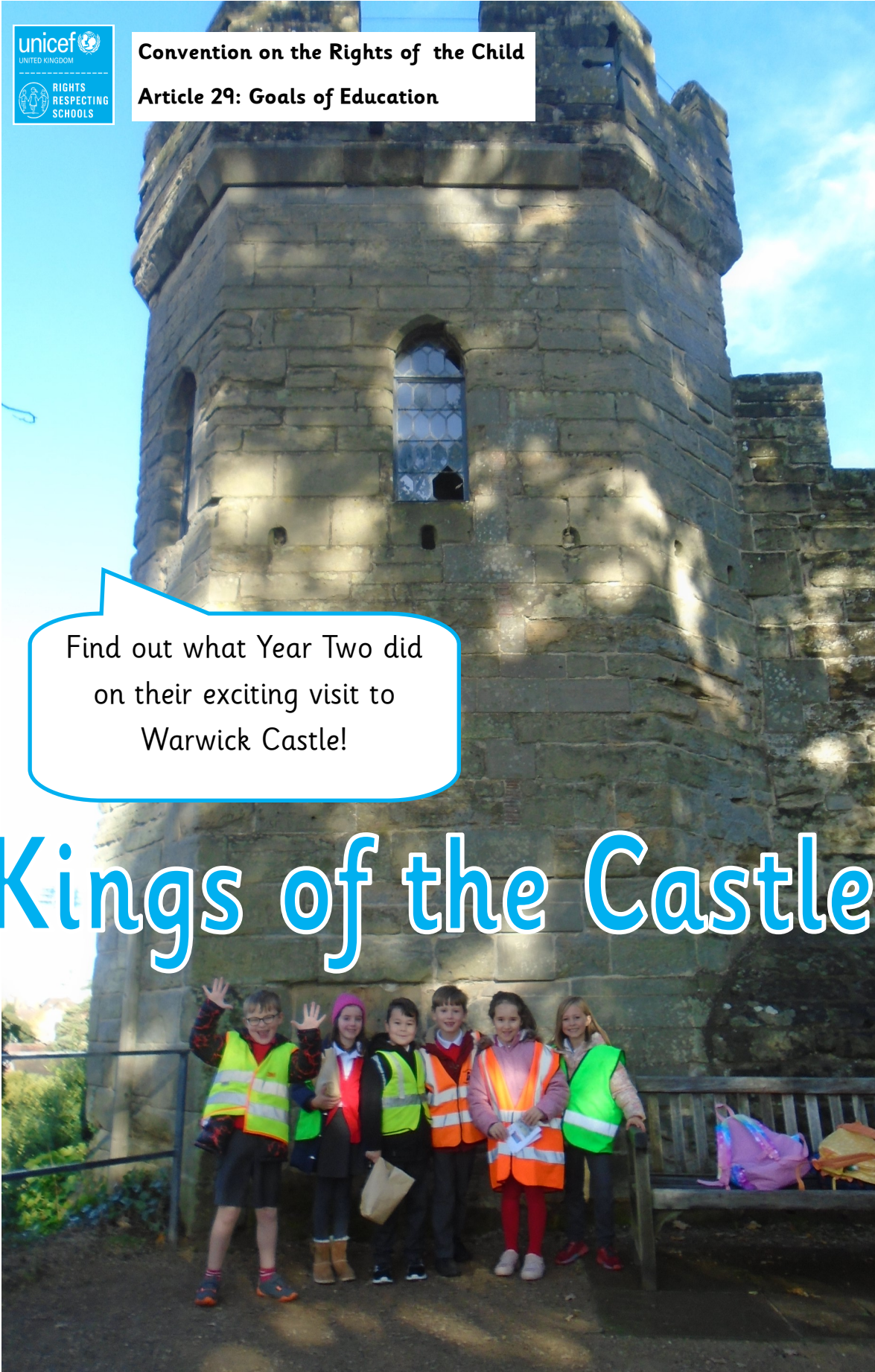



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Article 29: Goals of Education



Find out what Year Two did
on their exciting visit to
Warwick Castle!


Kings of the Castle





On Thursday last week, Year 2 visited Warwick Castle. The children enjoyed touring the castle grounds and apartments.

Kings of the Castle



Pupils were able to identify key features of the castle including stone walls, turrets and the dry moat.



The children also enjoyed playing in the dragon park and spotting peacocks strutting their stuff in the gardens.



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The children had to conquer their fear of heights when they climbed the narrow and steep steps of the castle towers.

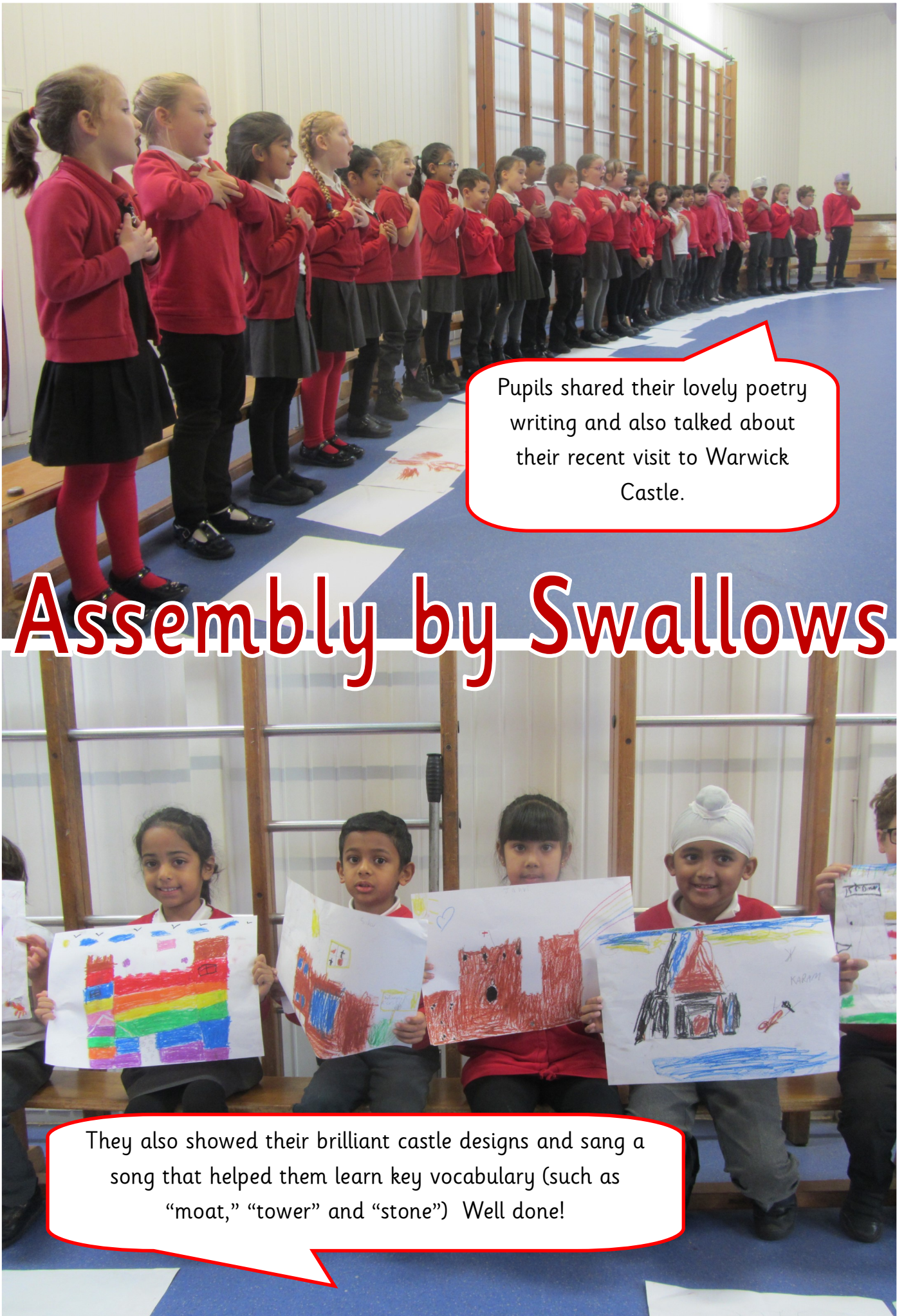
Thank you to all the staff and governors who helped with this trip.
It was a great day out!



Assembly by Swallows

We enjoyed a lovely assembly performed by Y2 Swallows on Tuesday.





Pupils shared their lovely poetry writing and also talked about their recent visit to Warwick Castle.

Assembly by Swallows

They also showed their brilliant castle designs and sang a song that helped them learn key vocabulary (such as "moat," "tower" and "stone") Well done!

Big Brush



This week, Reception pupils and their Y6 buddies walked to ASDA to collect toothbrushes kindly donated by the store. The younger children will be using the brushes when they learn how to look after their teeth as the promotion of good oral health is an important part of the Early Years curriculum.

Current data shows that a quarter of all five year olds have tooth decay affecting three to four teeth on average. You can support oral health at home by:

- Cutting down on free sugars (sugars not locked into foods like whole fruits or milk.)
- Providing your child with water or milk to drink and avoiding smoothies, fruit juices, squash and fizzy drinks.
- Helping your child to brush their teeth twice a day with fluoride toothpaste.
- Providing your child with plenty of vegetables, whole fruit, milk and plain yogurt.



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Box of Delights

On Thursday, Years Five and Six travelled to Stratford to watch The Royal Shakespeare Company perform "Box of Delights."



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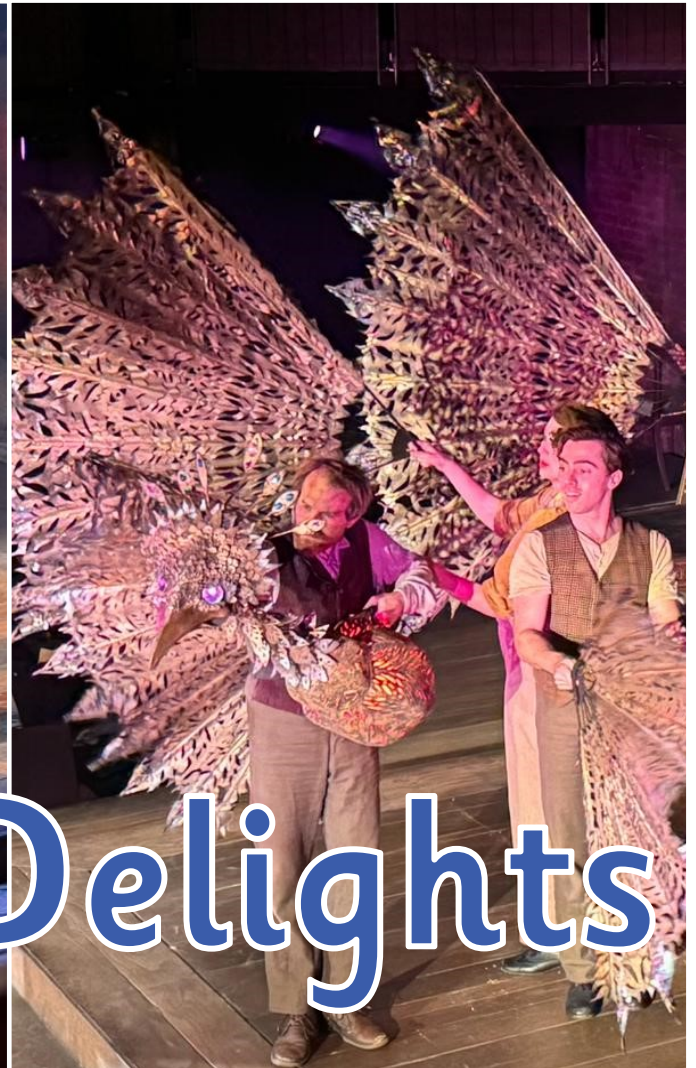
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Here are some photographs of the show. You can read a review by our Y5 Arts' Ambassadors on the next page.



Box of Delights



Box of Delights

Reviewed by Year Five Arts' Ambassadors: Gurtaran, Kayla, Manvi and Mollie.

This was a magical show. It told the story of a boy with a special box. If you flicked the lever to the left, you became as tiny as a mouse and if you flicked it to the right, you could fly. Best of all, if you opened the box, its guardian would grant you a wish.

The acting was professional and lots of emotions were shown on stage including anger, sadness, excitement, worry and joy. The special effects really brought the story to life and we loved the use of smoke and the way fabric created a river of melted snow. There were projections that made you feel like you were moving and fantastic puppets of a dog and a phoenix. Some of the characters even got to fly by being attached to a bungee rope.

Some parts of the story were really exciting, like when Maria was saved from the river. It was also sad because the boy's mum had died in a fire and he missed her. We think that the phoenix might have been his mum and we were happy when, at the end of the show, the boy realised that he didn't need the special box to make him happy or take him to different places because he could be happy all by himself.

This week, 17 of Campion School's Sports Leaders visited Sydenham to run football sessions with some of the girls in Key Stage Two.

Girls' Football



It was great to see the girls enjoying football, having fun and being active.



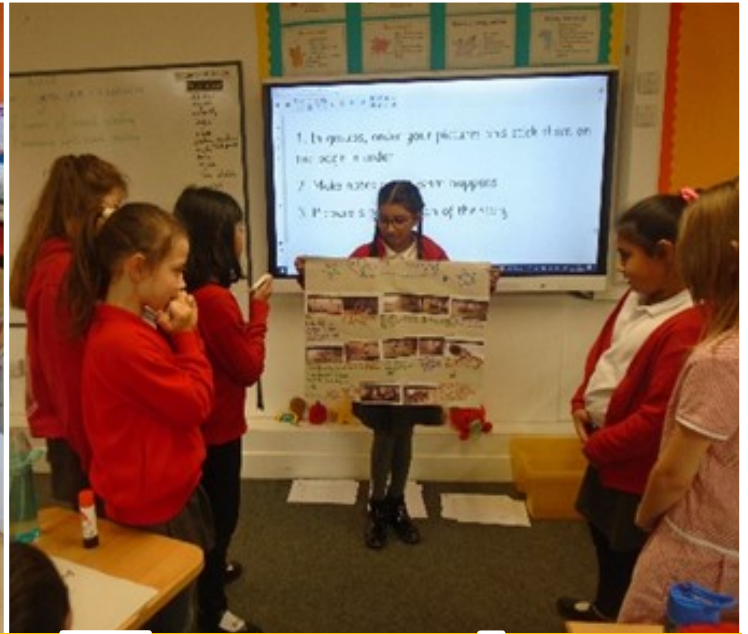


Y3 have been baking bread this week in response to the story, "Sam's Sandwich." Pupils loved kneading the dough and then watching it rise in the oven.



Y3 Bakers





Working Together



One of our school Learning Characters is the cooperative lion. The lion reminds pupils that they must listen, help each other and be tolerant when working together in a group. Here are Y4 Starlings, showing all of these skills when collaboratively sequencing the events of a story. Well done Starlings for building the attributes you need to be a good learners.



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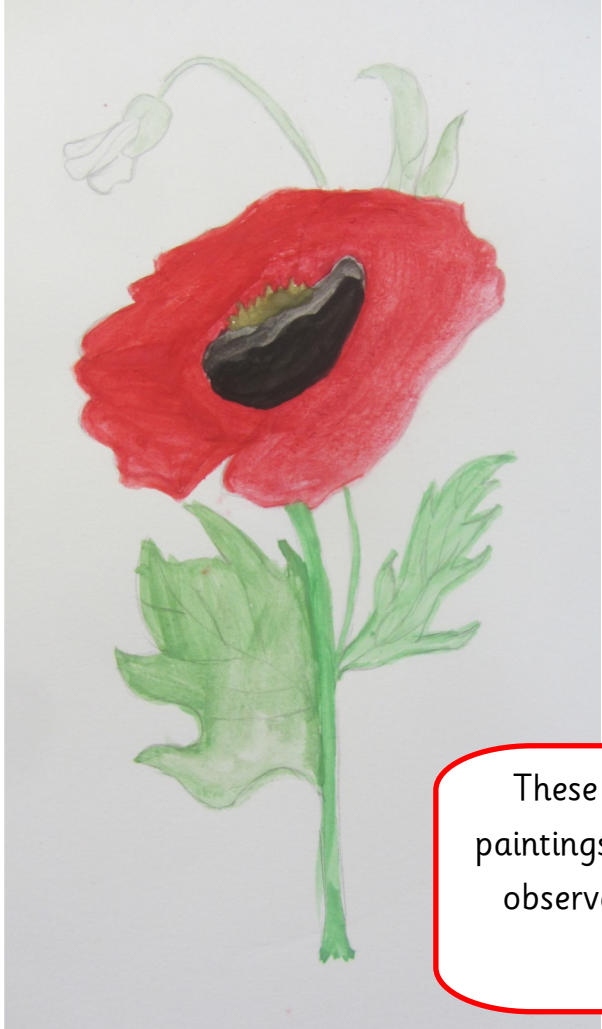
Remembrance



In last week's newsletter, we shared some lovely poppy paintings created by Y3 as part of their learning about Remembrance. This week it's the turn of Y5 to show off their fantastic art skills.



Remembrance



These beautiful and delicate paintings are the result of careful observation. Well done, Year Five!



ROAD SAFETY WEEK POSTER COMPETITION

To support Brake Road Safety Week, Warwickshire County Council's Road Safety Education Team are inviting pupils to design a poster.

Your poster must teach children and young people to wait on the pavement for a clear road before they cross.

Your design must be drawn in the box on the worksheet provided.

Try to fill the box, and make it bright and colourful.

Make sure to write your first name, year group and school at the top of your design.

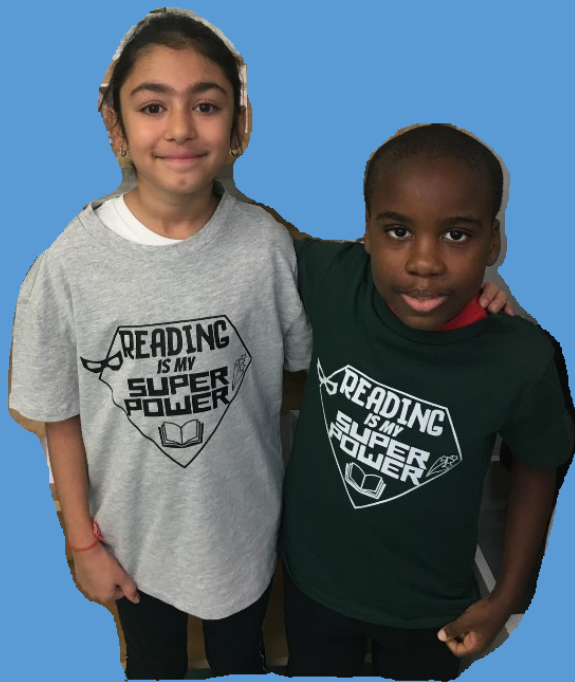
Send your submissions to
roadsafetyeducation@warwickshire.gov.uk by
Friday 8th December 2023

Reading is my

SUPER POWER!

October Half Term Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Maya, Ephraim and Pak Kui, whose reading challenge entries were randomly picked to win a prize. The children are the lucky recipients of these amazing t-shirts, kindly created by Mrs Doust!



Well done to EVERYONE who helped to make this challenge such a success. We had over 100 entries, which is incredible!



I am already having a think about an exciting Christmas challenge...in the meantime, keep enjoying reading! Miss Challand



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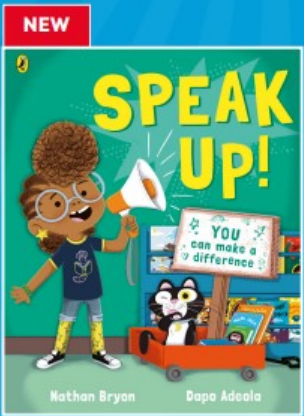
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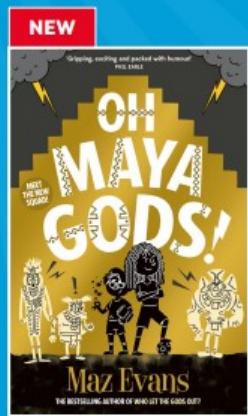
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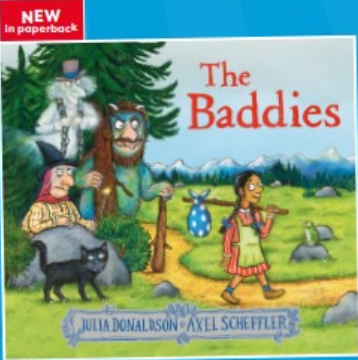
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We will be hosting the Scholastic Book Fair on Monday 27th - Thursday 30th November in the main hall from 3.20-4pm, so please pop in and have a browse.

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



RISE MHST

Mental Health in Schools Team (MHST)

Tips For Wellness:

LAUGHTER

"Laughter is the shortest distance between two people" – Victor Borge

Our wellbeing benefits from laughing regularly, as it builds and strengthens social connections and can release stress. Laughter has short-term benefits as it can create physical changes in your body and soothes tension. It can also support us in the long term by improving our immune system, relieving pain and improving our self-esteem.

It can feel difficult to start laughing if you are feeling low, but a good place to begin is to remember what has made you laugh in the past!

Our tips for laughter:

- 1- Smiling is contagious, just like laughter. Try smiling more often, as it has a positive effect on you and the people around.
- 2- Share a laugh. Make a conscious effort to spend time with friends who make you laugh. Return the favour by sharing funny stories or jokes with those around you!
- 3- It can be difficult to know where to start, so try preparing to laugh. Create a collection of funny movies, tv shows, funny photos and videos for when you need a humour boost.
- 4- Try laughing yoga, which is prolonged voluntary laughter that is designed to create positive energy. It will feel forced at first, but it will eventually become spontaneous.

#ThanksKids recognises the efforts and kindness of children and young people, and thanks them with personalised #NHSSStars 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.

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



Theatre Trips

Cinderella

This wonderful rags-to-riches tale is guaranteed to delight all the family and bring a touch of magic and make-believe to your festive celebrations.

Join Cinderella on her quest to win the heart of the dashing Prince Charming, with a little help from her best friend Buttons and the enchanting Fairy Godmother. But with her evil Ugly Sisters determined to ruin her chances and the clock about to strike midnight, will Cinders manage to win the Prince's love before the spell runs out?

This year's panto will feature the spectacular sets, lavish costumes and sing-along-songs that make a trip to the Belgrade a truly unmissable Christmas treat for thousands of families every year. What's more, with not one but two dastardly dames in the shape of the Ugly Sisters, this year's show is set to be double the fun (and mayhem)!

So pick up a pumpkin, grab your glass slippers and join us for some sparkling festive fun at the Belgrade Theatre, where Coventry celebrates Christmas.

Hurry now, the clock is ticking...

If your child is in Years 3 or 4, book now on ParentPay for our Christmas theatre trip to see Cinderella at The Belgrade on Thursday November 23rd 2023. The cost of the trip is £17.66.

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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Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow





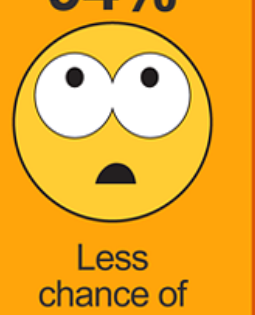


Getting Your Child to School Really Matters



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>190 DAYS 100%</p>  <p>Very best chance of success</p>	<p>183 DAYS 96%</p>  <p>Off to a flying start</p>	<p>179 DAYS 94%</p>  <p>Less chance of success</p>	<p>175 DAYS 92%</p>  <p>Harder to make progress</p>	<p>More than 18 days absence less than 90%</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

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RECEPTION TO YEAR 6

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TUES 2nd to FRI 5th JANUARY

Our GO GO Elves have been let off their shelves and are sprinkling lots of magic ready for our Magic Camp! So drop your little angels into us over the Crimbo break and we'll have beaming by the time you pick them up!

PRICE & TIMES

CHRISTMAS BREAK HOURS
(NORMAL HOURS OF 8am-5.30pm
WILL RESUME FOR FEB HALF TERM)

9AM - 3.30PM \ £27.95 PER CHILD
EARLY DROP OFF 8AM \ +£4.50
LATE PICK UP 4.30PM \ +£4.50

ALL CHILDREN TO BRING
OWN PACK LUNCH
(Please provide one
snack & a drink)

VENUES

NEW!

FINHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL
Green Lane, Coventry, CV3 6EJ
AVAILABLE HOURS 8am - 4.30pm

BRIAR HILL INFANT SCHOOL
Coppice Road, Whitnash, CV31 2JF
AVAILABLE HOURS 9am - 4.30pm
Only Year 1-Year 6 children can attend at Briar Hill.

HEATHCOTE PRIMARY SCHOOL
Vickers Way, Warwick, CV34 7AP
AVAILABLE HOURS 8am - 4.30pm

KINGSLEY PREP SCHOOL
Beauchamp Avenue, L/Spa, CV32 5RD
AVAILABLE HOURS 8am - 4.30pm

PRIORS FIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Diary Dates

Tuesday 21st November	Y1 EL Kingfishers class assembly at 10.15am.
Wednesday 22nd November	YR Maths workshop for parents/carers at 2.30pm.
Thursday 23rd November	Y3 and Y4 visit The Belgrade theatre to watch “Cinderella.”
Thursday 23rd November	Y6 visit to Everyman cinema in Stratford to see “Puss in Boots.”
Friday 24th November	MUFTI (non-uniform) Day—bring 50p if your child wears their own choice of clothes to school.
Friday 24th November	Bake sale organised by Y6 in aid of Young People First.
Monday 27th—Thursday 30th November	Scholastic book fair, 3.30—4.00pm.
Tuesday 28th November	Y5 JE Kittiwakes class assembly at 9.15am.
Tuesday 28th November	YR reading workshop on Teams, 4.00—4.30pm.
Wednesday 29th November	Winter hoop decorations go up in the hall.
Monday 4th December	School closed for staff training.
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.
Monday 18th December	Christmas lunch.
Monday 18th December	Rocksteady concert
Friday 22nd Deember	Christmas jumper day.



Sydenham Superstars



YR and Key Stage One

Have a nice weekend.
Best wishes from Miss
Glenny



Key Stage Two