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Newsletter – Spring Term 2024

Introduction

The spring term has once again been packed with different activities which I am pleased to report about in this letter. A particular highlight of the term was our fantastic production of 'Oliver!' Our sports teams have once again been active in a wide range of competitions. It was also wonderful to have our choir performing again at 'Young Voices' in Birmingham. As ever, it has been great to hear fantastic feedback about the quality of the children's behaviour particularly when working with visitors, or on the many school visits that have taken place this term. I hope this letter gives a flavour of school life over the last few months.

Staffing Update

- Mrs Rayment left for maternity leave at the end of the autumn term. Miss Hellin is now teaching in Year 3.
- Miss Barber-Jones returned from maternity leave in January.

Clubs

Throughout the term the following clubs have been running:

Basketball – Y3
Basketball – Y4
Choir – KS2 (Young Voices)
Computing – Y1
Football – Y1
Football – Y4, Y5, Y6 Girls
Hockey – Y3
Hockey – Y4
Indoor Athletics – Y5, Y6
My Maths Homework Club
Netball – Y5
Netball – Y6
Tag Rugby – Y1
Tag Rugby – Y2
Tag Rugby – Y5, Y6
Tennis – Y5
Tennis – Y6

Mr Davies and Miss Kelsall-Pugh
Mr Davies and Mrs Asterley
Mrs Houghton and Miss Hollis
Mrs Palin and Miss Jones
Mr Davies and Mrs Angelova
Mr Davies and Mrs Asterley
Miss Cadwallader
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Mr Davies and Miss Lee
Miss Jewsbury and Mrs Yapp
Mrs Roach and Mrs Quan
Mrs Roach and Miss Preston
Mr Davies and Miss Kelsall-Pugh
Mr Davies and Mrs Angelova
Mr Davies and Miss Lee
Mr Creffield and Mrs Beard
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Music

The following whole class instrumental lessons have been taking place:

- Year 6 – Ukuleles
- Year 5 – Ukuleles
- Year 4 – Recorders
- Year 3 – Recorders

The following individual/small group music lessons have been taking place in school:

- Violin
- Keyboard
- Guitar

Visits out of school

- Year R have visited the Shrewsbury Museum for an age-appropriate workshop led by museum staff.
- Year 1 have visited Attingham Park and the school locality to support their geography work about houses and homes.
- Year 2 have visited Liverpool to support their '1960s' history work and their geography focus.
- Year 2 have visited Theatre Severn for a front of house and backstage tour.
- Year 2 have visited the church and worked with Rev Charlotte on an 'Easter adventure' project.
- Year 3 have visited Shrewsbury to work with the museum service as 'rock detectives'.
- Year 4 have visited Cosford RAF museum to support their science work.
- Year 5 have visited the World War II experience at Weston Park to support their study of this area.
- Year 6 have visited Green Acres Farm, near Shifnal, to support their geography study of farming.

Year R at the Shrewsbury Museum





Year 1 at Attingham Park



Year 2 at Liverpool





Year 2 at Theatre Severn



Year 3 at Shrewsbury Museum – Rock Detectives





Year 4 at RAF Cosford



Year 5 at Weston Park



Year 6 at Green Acres Farm





Assemblies, Performances and Visitors to School

- **‘Oliver!’** – The performance by Years 3, 4 and 5 was a great success, with fantastic singing, dancing and acting. It was of a very high standard and contained some wonderful dramatic and musical moments. Photos on the ‘gallery’ section of the website capture some of the exceptional quality of this event. Once again, my thanks go to all involved for delivering a production of such quality.





- **‘Young Voices’** – The choir, once again, took part in a major national music event called ‘Young Voices’ which was held at the Resorts World Arena in Birmingham. This involved them performing as part of a huge, six thousand strong choir, to an audience of thousands!
- **World Book Day** – We celebrated the day with a ‘dress as a book character’ event. Both children and staff came wonderfully dressed for the event! Thank you for your help in providing such great costumes.
- **Reading the Game** – Year 4 have enjoyed working on a project combining reading and football delivered by Neil Homer from Shrewsbury Town Football Club.
- **Shropshire Bookfest** – Year 6 have taken part in Shropshire Bookfest, enjoying visits to school from the Bookfest team to discuss the books in this year’s competition.
- **Stranger Danger** – An officer from West Mercia Police talked to Year 2 about this issue.
- **Street Pastors** – Two of the Shrewsbury Street Pastors talked to Year 2 about some of their work.
- **Fire Safety** – Year 3 had a visit from a crew from Shrewsbury fire station to learn about fire safety.
- **Oral Health** – The school nurse visited Year R to talk to children about oral health.
- **Children’s Mental Health Awareness Week** – During the week we held assemblies for Key Stage 1 and 2 based on the theme ‘Let’s Connect’. Supporting activities were then undertaken in classes.
- Rev. Charlotte has visited school regularly to lead worship.
- Mr McMichael spoke to Year 2 and Year 6 about the Jewish faith.
- Imam Sohayb spoke to Year 1 and Year 3 about the Muslim faith.

Sporting Achievements

During this term the following teams have competed in inter-school competitions:

- Sports Hall Athletics – Year 5 and 6
- Football – Year 5 Boys
- Football – Year 5 Girls
- Netball – Year 5 and 6
- Cross Country – Year 4 and Year 6 (planned for Tuesday 20th March)

Well done to all the children who represented our school so well at these events.

Individual achievement

Gianna Filippi has been selected for the Shropshire Under 12 cricket team. This is an incredible achievement and we are very proud of her. Gianna is currently in Year 5 which means she has been selected for this Under 12 team at a very young age! Gianna will now be representing Shropshire against other counties.

Hall Extension Project

Building work will start on this project during the Easter holiday. I will provide further information in my first letter of next term.

Summary

I would like to say a big 'thank you' to all those who have helped to support and encourage the school in so many different ways throughout the term. I will write to you early next term with information about the events that are planned for the summer term which starts on Monday 8th April.

I trust that you will have a good Easter break.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Rogers". The script is cursive and fluid.

Mark Rogers

