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Head's Message

This week has provided some fabulous opportunities for children to immerse themselves in the arts. On Wednesday the children in Dickens and Austen Class enjoyed a visit to the Lyceum Theatre to watch the magnificent stage performance of 'The Lion King'. After performing their own version of 'The Lion King' last term, the children were mesmerised by the talent and skill not only by the actors but also the orchestra, choreographers and designers of sets, props, costumes and lighting. Behaviour was impeccable, Mrs Mabile reported that the children were particularly respectful towards others when travelling during the busy rush hour on the journey back to school.

Equally impressive, the poetry recitals have brightened this week. By providing dedicated time within the curriculum for children to rehearse presentation and performance skills, children have shown that they can not only write high quality poems but also perform them with a level of expression and enthusiasm that captivates the audience. Teachers are already busy planning how best to provide opportunities for the children to present and perform with excellence through the Challenge Curriculum exhibitions next half-term.

Have a lovely weekend! We look forward to seeing you at parent-teacher conferences next week.

Composer of the Week

Next week our composer will be:

Ray Charles



Stars of the Week

For showing respect, our stars of the week are:

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| Ava | Harley | Harris |
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| Nathan | Mickey | Kailah |

Attendance

This week the attendance figures are:

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| 1 st | Lewis Class | 100.00% |
| 2 nd | Austen Class | 97.92% |
| 3 rd | Dahl Class | 97.08% |
| 4 th | Potter Class | 97.04% |
| 5 th | Carroll Class | 95.19% |
| 6 th | Dickens Class | 92.50% |

Celebration Assemblies

Friday 21st October – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents

Inspire Excellence

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility



Parent Teacher Conferences

Reminder - Parents Meetings will take place on the following dates:

Monday 17th October – Year 2 and Year 3
Tuesday 18th October – Year 4 and Year 5
Wednesday 19th October – Reception and Year 1

Dates for Your Diary

October 2016 – Black History Month

Monday 17th October 8.30am – Year 2 Assessment Meeting

Friday 21st October – Carroll Class Halloween cake sale

Friday 21st October – Close for half term
Tuesday 1st November – School re-opens after half term

Wednesday 2nd & Thursday 3rd November – Parent and Carer Lunchtime Experience

Friday 4th November – Year 4 and Year 5 Literacy Spotlight Assembly

Friday 4th November – Parent Association meeting (after Assembly) – all welcome

Wednesday 9th November – Individual School Photos - Tempest Photographer

w/c Monday 14th November – Global Entrepreneurship Week

Friday 18th November – Children in Need

Friday 25th November – Dahl Class Assembly

Saturday 3rd December – Christmas Fair

Wednesday 7th December – Carroll Class Nativity

Friday 9th December – INSET Day (School CLOSED for pupils)

Friday 16th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 20th December – Christmas Carols Evening

Wednesday 21st December – School closes for Christmas at 1:30pm

Home Learning

Reception: See EYFS News.

Year 1: Find out about Usain Bolt

Year 2: Research either a cobra, a lion or a bear.

Year 3: Why is Rosa Parks famous?

Year 4/ Year 5: Find your favourite Michael Rosen poem.

Notices

Thank you!

The Year 4 and 5 children had a wonderful trip to see the 'Lion King'. The children were impeccably behaved (as a member of the public also pointed out – see Twitter to find out more!) and they thoroughly enjoyed singing along to their favourite songs that they had learnt in last year's performance. Thank you again to the Parent's Forum for funding part of the cost of the tickets!



EYFS News

Well, what a week we've had! Reception wrote their first set of instructions and then followed them to make their own bowl of porridge. Later, the three bears came to visit! We enjoyed telling them all about our learning. In maths we have used our key text to explore capacity, length, measure and size. Next week we will be continuing to study Goldilocks, and we will be inventing our own characters. We will also be exploring celebrations such as Diwali in R.E and we will be thinking about the Harvest Festival. Ideas for home learning: You could tell me about a family custom and routine from home, you could invent a new family and draw them, you could research Diwali and make a lantern at home. Have great weekend!

Mrs Hyslop & the EYFS team.