



Friday 28th April 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Shining Brightly:

Well we have had a great first two weeks back after Easter and they have flown by!

Shine Bright Song

I don't know how many schools can say they have written and produced their own pop song written around their school vision and values? We can! As part of our work on embedding diversity through music and celebrating our recent brilliant Ofsted inspection report, we have written and produced Shine Bright AK's very first pop song! It is brilliant!

We were so lucky to work with our very talented parent Josh Record who is an incredible musician and song writer and producer who works with many famous musicians. He gave so much of his time to help us write and produce our own song. Coupled with this he brought in a rapper (Ad-apt) to rap with the children, exposing them to a diverse style of music and inspire our pupils. Both worked for the day in school with all pupils in a brilliant assembly where they joined in with rapping (and loved it) and both Josh and Ad-apt shared their musical background, journeys and work to inspire our pupils and staff. All children learned the main part of the pop song. Then years 5 and 6 worked to write their own raps around our vision 'Shine Bright, reach for the stars' and values: trust, perseverance, friendship and creativity. I was so impressed and moved by the depth of their understanding of our vision and values and loved how much they enjoyed learning to rap. Both classes produced their own raps on the pop song and visited a recording studio (set up in school) to record their track. They are both impressive! I will share the raps in Heroes and Heroines and then make them readily available for the school to listen too after this. We will also share the song at our shine fest on Friday 14th July 4pm-9pm.



Our next diversity in music event is working with an African musician in coming weeks which will be incredible and thanks in advance to Josh Record who has made this possible for us.

Thank you We will be appearing in the newspaper about our recent Ofsted and I would like to thank our parent Abi Williamson for coming in and volunteering her professional photography skills at short notice to provide some brilliant photos of the rapping day and for the newspaper. Once the newspaper report is released I will share and put the photos on our website.





Congratulations Mock Trial Success for Year 6

In Year 6 as part of our work on British value 'Rule of Law' Year 6 had their annual visit and work with local Magistrates. We then prepared for a Mock trial against 13 local schools. Before Easter we took part in the trial and had to defend a case against another school acting as defence solicitors. We were thrilled to win our trial in court and then went on to be awarded second place overall for the whole Mock trial competition as well as winning best court reporter (Livvy Hunt) and best performer overall (Tad Bray)! We were presented with our awards in school by the Magistrates. Well done year 6- this is just wonderful. Thank you to Miss Thomas who worked incredibly hard with the children to get them ready for their trial.



Coronation Celebration

We have set aside the afternoon of Friday 12th May to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles. Whilst the coronation is on the weekend before, our Year 6 pupils have their KS2 SATS tests from Tuesday 9th May until lunchtime on Friday 12th May and we felt it would be perfect timing to celebrate at the end of this time for them.

The plan:

Children can wear their own clothes this day. There is no need for any dressing up, just home clothes which are practical and appropriate. We will have lunch as usual and then an afternoon with all classes outdoors doing activities and enjoying a treat. School have bought each child a special coronation pencil (we did book marks for the jubilee). We will provide all children with a special treat of a cup cake for the afternoon (gluten free options will be provided and of course nut free as we are a nut free school).

Food bank donation rather than charity money or cakes please for the dress down day

The list needed by foodbank is:

Tinned meat, tinned fish, tinned fruit, tinned veg, cooking sauces, coffee, UHT or powdered mil, cereal, long-life fruit juice, tinned pudding, jam, instant mashed potato

As our Christian value this term is Service and we want to support the national aim to volunteer/ help others, we wanted to ask for donations for the local foodbank on this day rather than asking for donations of cakes for the pupils as we did for the Jubilee. This way, each family gives an item from the list if they can afford to and this benefits our much-needed community foodbank supporting those in need.

If we all work together on Friday 12th May, we can bring in a brilliant number of items which we can donate to the foodbank to help those locally who are in need and give our service this way as part of the





Coronation celebration. Thank you in advance for your support with this. Items can be handed in via pupils in class or the office on the day. It is really appreciated.

FOAKS after school Coronation event

The coronation will continue after school outdoors where our new FOAKS team are providing refreshments to purchase between 3.30pm and 5pm. A chance to get together (hopefully in the sunshine) and connect. This will take place outdoors on the school grounds, there is an outdoor toilet on the side of Class R for your use at the event to prevent the need to enter the school when it is being cleaned for the weekend. The New FOAKS team are desperate for helpers at upcoming events; please see their recent parent mail or pass on your interest via the school office. Thank you! Any help, no matter how little, helps us provide exciting events for the school community and raise much needed funds for the school to enable events such as music and sports/ arts workshops, special visitors and resources to continue.

MDSA vacancy

We are recruiting for new MDSAs (lunchtime supervisors) to join our team from September (or before if possible). We have a brilliant team of MDSAs but we need more to support. Lunchtimes are super important and having more staff helps our children. If you are interested in being paid to work with us for an hour between 12.15 and 1.15 we would be delighted to hear from you. Contact the office for more information. I would be delighted if anyone could help us with this. All roles within the school are subject to safeguarding and DBS checks upon appointment. Our children are amazing and they need you!

Parent/ carers skills and talents and sharing experiences

We love working with our parents and carers and are thankful for all we receive e.g. music, engineering, donations, parent/carer volunteers, resource donations, photography, reading volunteers, STEM workshops, finance workshops, sports, visiting lambs... this list goes on. If you have a skill/ talent/ occupation/ hobby/ life event that you would be happy to share with our pupils please can you get in touch via the office as we would love to have more of these in school to inspire our children. It is so valuable for our pupils to see and experience real life beyond school and have future career aspirations or just different life experiences. We would LOVE to hear from you! Please get in touch!

Enjoy the bank holiday weekend.

Your very proud Headteacher,
Mrs. Saville



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