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School Council Visit to City Hall

On the 24th January our School Councillors had an amazing opportunity to visit City Hall.

The pupils learned about the work of the Greater London Authority and the London Assembly. They had a talk about the history of London and got a glimpse of some of the Assembly's future plans for the city.

Here are some quotes from the children:

Councillor Habib reported, "What I saw blew me away! Before the visit I thought that politicians were boring and had no fun things about them, but now I know they have an extremely important job and it is now a job I would seriously consider having in the future! This visit was a privilege itself, but learning this much is indescribable!"

Councillor Adeeva agreed, saying that "The trip inspired me to aim high and do anything I want in the future!"

"I know now that Sadiq Khan is a good man," added Councillor Bushra, "he doesn't only think about himself, he thinks about our environment; also he wants to build affordable houses so that more people can have a home."

Councillor Tiffany reported "I was amazed when we were allowed to sit in the debate room. The chairs were extremely comfy and I know that very important people have meetings there."

Our thanks to everyone at City Hall who showed the group around and I would also like to thank Mr Miah, Mrs King and Mrs Kuzan for organising the trip and taking the pupils on a very inspiring and memorable school visit.



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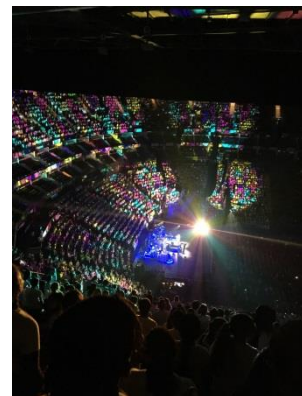


Young Voices at the O2

On Monday 29th January, the children who attend the Year 4, 5 and 6 choir went to the O2 Arena to join the Young Voices Choir for a performance alongside 7617 other children. They had so many songs to practice and had been learning the melodies and lyrics since before Christmas. Our children's performance seats were at the very top of the Arena but fortunately the organisers cleverly provided a special App called 'Find my child' so parents knew where to watch their child during the performance. The choir sounded fantastic and remembered all the actions and choruses very well. They heard an acoustic guitarist, watched The Urban Strides dancers and heard a group called The Magnets. They accompanied a female vocalist called Natalie Williams and sang the Young Voices choir songs. Everyone was exhausted by the end, but had a night they will remember forever. Our thanks go to Mrs SurrIDGE and Miss Sam who have been working so hard with the pupils in our choir.

Quote from Sujana 4C

"The choir had an amazing visit to the O2. There was a bustling crowd and we had to be courageous to sit at the very top. We sang heartily and Mrs SurrIDGE gave us a huge 'Well done!' Over the last few months we have worked hard and concentrated on our singing. Mrs SurrIDGE worked hard to train us. We owe her a huge WOW!"



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Curriculum Workshops for Pupils

This term we have held a number of exciting workshops to complement our topic work.

Year 2 enjoyed a workshop run by the Rainbow Theatre Company. They participated in a very interactive activity which explored the events during the Great Fire of London.



Year 3 went back in time and enjoyed a workshop with the Hilary Wood Historical Characters company. The children were introduced to what life was like as a Stone Age man by a visitor called Bahl.



Year 5 have been exploring what life was like in London in the past. They enjoyed looking at various artefacts from WW2.

'The gas mask must have been very uncomfortable to wear and would have squashed your face. But it would keep you safe from bombs' Mia and Shezib 5S are quoted as saying.



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Health and Safety Reminders

We are experiencing an increasing number of pupils who are not being supervised appropriately before the start of the school day. Cars are being parked on double yellow lines and markings which clearly state that cars cannot park there. Children are then being asked to get out quickly and run into the school premises. This poses a serious health and safety risk as there have been occasions where children have left the premises to go to a shop or to meet up with a friend on the street. May I remind parents that it is **their** responsibility to ensure their child goes into the classroom/school building. If you drive to school, you must park the car where it is safe to do so and walk your child to their classroom, hall (breakfast club) or to the designated entry point for their classroom. At Vicarage, children can go to class from 8:45am. Bells are rung at 8:50am in the playground and all children must be in class for 8:55am at the latest.

Please help the school to make sure your child does not miss valuable learning time by bringing them on time every day.

May I remind parents that spitting on the ground in the playground is a serious health and safety risk as it causes spread of infections. Please refrain from doing this for the safety of our pupils and staff.

Dates for your Diary



Friday 9th February - Last day of Term 3
Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February - Half Term
Monday 19th February - Back to School - Term 4
Parents Coffee Morning - Friday 23rd February
PTA meeting - Friday 2nd March
Parents Evening - Monday 19th March from 3:30pm-7:00pm
Parents Evening - Wednesday 21st March from 3:30pm-5:00pm
Thursday 29th March - Last day of Term 4
Friday 30th March - Friday 13th April - Easter Break
Monday 16th April - Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 17th April - Back to School - Term 5



Mrs S Khan
Head Teacher