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Newsletter 3 – Autumn Term

24th January 2020

A message from the head.....

Yesterday Year 5 and 6 took part in the Young Voices concert at the O2 Arena in London along with over 8,000 other children from schools across London and the South East.

The children all had an incredible time and, as always, were impeccably behaved and were a credit to our school! We would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who helped support and organise the trip and to all the parents who came along and watched.

Today we say goodbye to Mr Etheridge and I am sure you will join me in wishing him all the best for the future. I am pleased to confirm that we have successfully appointed a new sports coach who is due to start after half term.

Hope you have a lovely weekend.
Denise Burgess

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Keeping Safe – Top tips for parents!

Recently, we have had a number of issues with adverts on YouTube, some of which are unsuitable for our pupils to see. Unfortunately, there is currently no way of blocking these adverts or controlling them. Whilst YouTube is set to restricted mode in school and our internet filters will pick up and block most inappropriate matter, adverts are incredibly difficult to manage. As a result, we have had to block the use of YouTube for the children's iPads whilst they are in school. We are looking into a way of managing this in the longer term, but until this is resolved we need to ensure the children are safe.



We have also put measures into place to ensure that if YouTube is used in lessons ads are not seen by pupils and are hoping for a long term solution to this as well. We will continue to educate the children on the safe use of YouTube and other applications so that they have the tools to keep themselves safe and know what to do if something worries them.

We also want you to be aware of the problem with pop up ads in YouTube at home and the following link provides information on how you can ensure you have the best parental controls set up on any devices your children may use at home.

<https://www.fatherly.com/gear/how-to-set-up-the-parental-controls-on-youtube/>

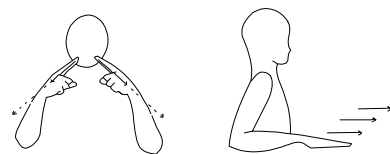
This week's letters home
– look for them in your
child's bag or via
ParentMail

Y5/6 - Hockey Team

Y3-6 - iPad FAQ's

Debt Recovery Policy

LEARN
MAKATON
This week



Teacher Children

REMINDERS

Reporting Absence

Absence Line

01234 266245

Option 1 (or option3 before
8am)

If your child is absent from
school please leave a message
on the absence line with your
child's name, class and reason
for absence.

Please do not email as these
are not always picked up first
thing in the morning.

PRE-SCHOOL

In Pre-School this week we have been on the hunt for 'Tiddler'. Where could he be? Who is Tiddler? Finally on Tuesday we found the answer - he was found sitting on the chair alongside his book with all his adventures in.

After finding 'Tiddler' the children were encouraged to bake some fish biscuits independently, promoting Maths through measuring, hand and eye co-ordination and gross motor skills.

'Tiddler' also escaped from a fishing boat, which prompted children to build their own boats using the junk modelling provided. The children are very proud of their achievements.

On Friday Pre-School will be learning about Chinese New Year and have the opportunity to explore the culture of China through the senses of taste, smell and touch.



新年快樂

Happy New Year!
xīn nián kuài lè!

On Wednesday 29th January, Pre-School will be inviting the children in for non-school uniform day with a voluntary contribution of £1.00. This is in aid of the Australian fires and all proceeds will go to Pre-School adopting a koala to support the wildlife that have been affected due to the devastation. Any contributions would be most appreciated.

Sports Update

Launch of lunchtime clubs run by our Sports leaders This week we launched our new lunchtime activities and competitions. The interest and participation has been impressive from all year groups. The leaders have led by example, coached small groups and are looking forward to a full week of activities next week. Our sports leaders are working hard towards achieving their bronze, silver and gold leadership awards.

A special THANK YOU to all of them for their infectious enthusiasm and commitment to sport at Great Denham.

Next week's fixtures

Tue 28th Jan - Y2 Outdoor and Adventure (OAA) Intra school competition
- Run by our Y6 sports leaders and School Sports Partnership

Wed 29th Jan - Y6 Cross Country competition 1pm at Sharnbrook Upper School

Thu 30th Jan - Y5/6 Boys Basketball match 4pm AWAY at Castle Newnham

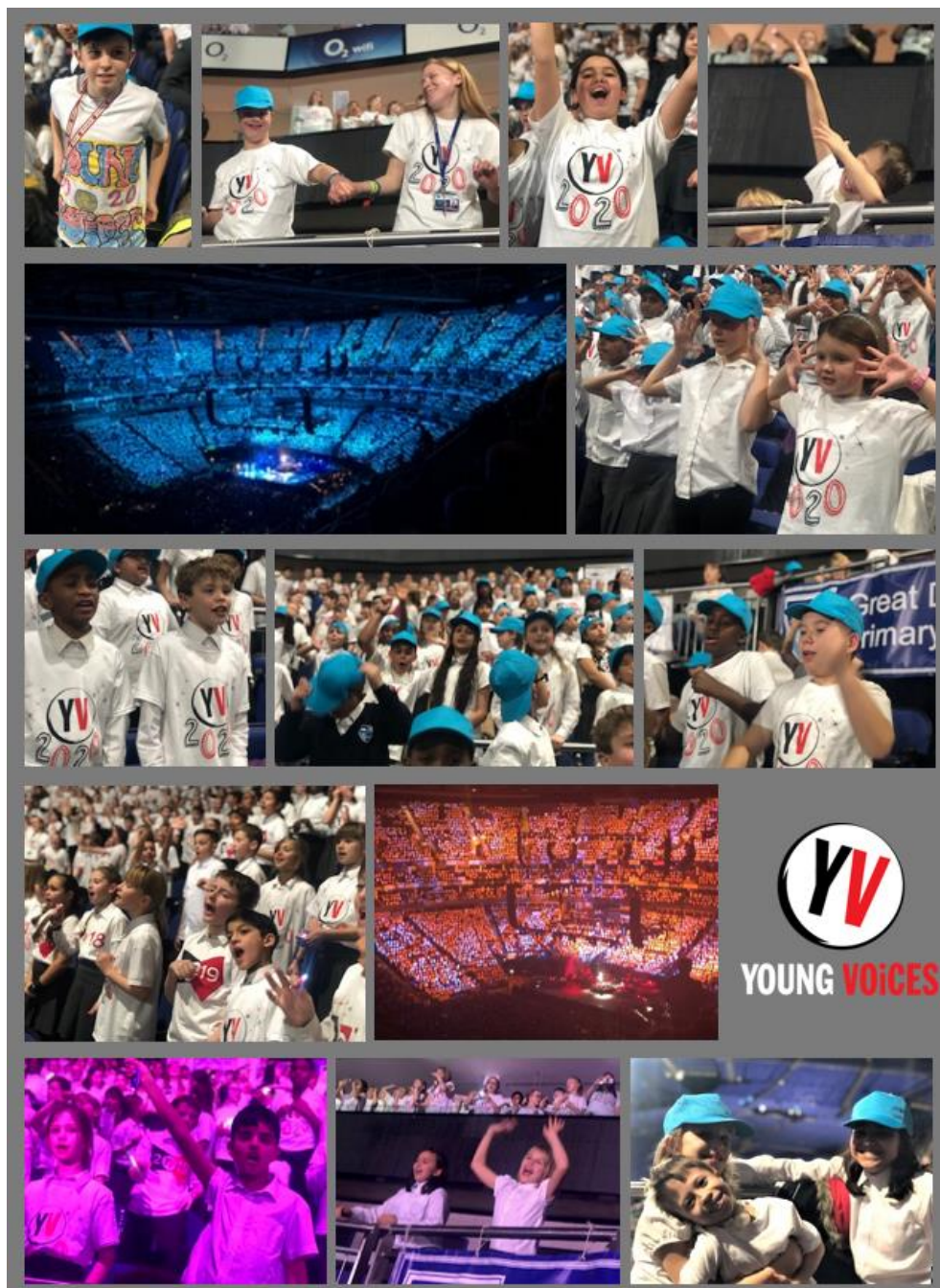
DIARY DATES

- **Mon 27th Jan** – Reception – Vision Screening (morning)
- **Tue 28th Jan** – 1:00-3:00pm – Intra Sports Hall Competition (selected children only)
- **Wed 29th Jan** – Pre-School – Non School Uniform day (adopt a Koala in Australia)
- **Thu 30th Jan** - 5.30pm Y6 SAT's info meeting
- **Wed 5th Feb** – 2:30pm – Reception – Parents Invited for Cakes and Stories
- **Tue 11th Feb** – Safer Internet Day
- **Tue 11th Feb** – Year 5 – Marvellous Middle - National Space Centre Trip
- **Tue 11th Feb** – 3:30-5:30pm - Aquila Parents Evening
- **Wed 12th Feb** – 4:00-7:00pm – Pre-School-Year 6 - Parents Evening
- **Thu 13th Feb** – 3:30-5:30pm – Pre-School-Year 6 - Parents Evening (not Aquila)

Year 5 & 6 Pupils to accompany their parents/carers to parents' evening meeting

- **Fri 14th Feb** – Midday – Closing date for Nursery class applications for September 2020

Our attendance winner this week is Orion with 99.6%.



Stars of the week



Little Stars:

Ignacy & Madeleine

Stars of the Week:

Cassiopeia – Lincoln, Orion – Eliza, Tucana – Myles, Aquila – Essie, Cygnus – Matilda, Pavo – Ewan, Volans – Zara, Delphinus – Setayesh, Pegasus – Max, Andromeda – Liam, Auriga – Niamh, Perseus – Musa, Eridanus – Teigan, Vela – Thomas, Lyra – Rusne, Lacerta – Lilly, Circinus – Hibba.

Values:

Cassiopeia – Layla, Orion – Isla, Tucana – Freya, Aquila – Danielle, Cygnus – Lucas, Pavo – Emily, Volans – Jude, Delphinus – Oisin, Pegasus – Alice, Andromeda – Aisha, Auriga – Summayah, Perseus – Afrin, Eridanus – Caleb, Vela – Weronika, Lyra – George, Lacerta – Tahlia, Circinus – Aleena.

Sports Stars of the Week:

Year 1 - Alexandra (Pavo)
Year 2 - Lulu (Delphinus)
Year 3 - Zachary (Pegasus)
Year 4 - Benjamin (Auriga)
Year 5 - Katherine (Vela)
Year 6 - Abigail (Lacerta)



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