

# Wells-next-the-Sea Primary and Nursery School Newsletter

## 4<sup>th</sup> February 2016

### Wells Primary and Nursery School Young Voices at the O2

On 25th January 42 children from years 5 and 6 went to the Young Voices concert in the O2, for some of our children it was the first time they had visited London. Young voices concerts are the largest school concerts in the world for children aged 6-13 years with over 100,000 children taking part in the UK each year.

The children have been very busy learning a range of songs and dance moves since September last year. This year the Young Voices concerts are celebrating 20 years, with 7446 children from schools all over the country attending the concert. The children thoroughly enjoyed their day, visiting London, being in the O2 and singing their hearts out.

We were joined by the classical singer Laura White to sing a couple of Rugby songs such as Swing Low Sweet Chariot. There were joint performances by The Beat Box Collective and Urban Striders, which the children loved taking part in, giving them a real taste of something different. There was a special young voices tribute to David Bowie led by singer Tom Billington who performed Life on Mars.

**Some of our parents also travelled to see the concert and we have had some very positive feedback from them. "It was a fantastic experience and the children thoroughly enjoyed taking part. They made us all really proud with their enthusiasm and energy".**

**Don't forget the Rugby 6 Nations starts this weekend. England are playing Scotland on Saturday.**

**Swing low..... (you know the words!)**



### Attendance

I have to report this week that we are 2 percentage points down on attendance from the previous week, I am sure this is just a blip and we will be back up to speed next week. Reception class had the pleasure of attendance Monkey's company this week for their excellent attendance record.

### Year 4

This week Year 4 will be looking at famous Romans and producing a non-fiction text about these individuals and the development of the Roman Empire. We will also be taking 12 lucky people to Holkham Hall on Monday to take part in the Big Farmland Bird Count. Please can these pupils make sure they have correct footwear and waterproofs.



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#### Year 5

We are thoroughly enjoying finding out about life in Ancient Egypt. Last week we began designing pyramids in Design and Technology. If you have any empty cereal boxes etc. that you could donate we would be really grateful.

#### Year 6

Y6 have been working hard on their writing this week. We had a healthy debate about whether the Maya were an advanced civilisation or not and then the children wrote a report based on their ideas and evidence. Next week we will be trying some sample SATs papers so that we know what to expect in May.

#### Year 1

Year 1 are going to be designing and making their own moving toys. We are in need of junk materials please, especially small cardboard boxes.



#### – Reception Class

We are planning a Fashion Show on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm at Alderman Peel High School. This is to raise money for an outdoor canopy. The Reception children can then access the outdoor area in all weather, it will also help to protect the outdoor equipment. Our target is to raise £10,000. Some members of the school, children and staff will be modelling the clothes from Kidz Stop and M&Co. If you feel you would like to bake some cakes or provide a raffle prize that would be fantastic. Tickets will be available next half-term and are priced at £5.00 per person. Everybody is welcome. Thank you for your ongoing support.



#### EDP Token Collection – 500 required

We are collecting the tokens for the Norfolk Community Chest. The tokens appear on the back of the EDP daily. Please could you cut them out and hand to the office, this will enable us to make an application. If we are successful this money will also go towards the outside canopy in the Reception Area.

#### Parent's evening.

Parent's evenings are Monday 8<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February. Lists are in the canteen for you to sign up for an appointment to see your child's teacher. Please sign up as soon as possible. If your child gets a bus to school or travels with someone else please contact the school office for an appointment.

#### Our School Nursery

Our Nursery School is open every morning during the school term. We are the only Nursery in the area with qualified teachers and have been recognised as providing an excellent environment where children are happy and thrive. As part of their Nursery School experience children mix with older children and visit our Reception class which helps them make a smooth transition to school. If you are interested in securing a place please see Mrs Cox to check spaces are available, but be quick.

#### Multi Academy Trust Consultation

Thank you to the parents / members of the community who responded to our recent consultation. There were a very low number of responses but despite this the meetings were very useful. The governors will be discussing the responses from staff and parents and making a decision. We will obviously let you know as soon as we can.

#### Mobile Phone

Please may I enlist your help in not allowing your child to bring their mobile phones into school. If a telephone call needs to be made this will be done through the office. Your support is greatly appreciated.