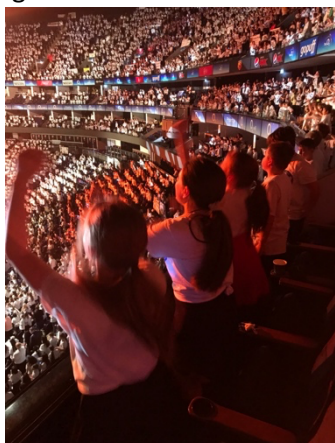


## Term 3 newsletter- February 2024

Here we are, halfway through the school year!

This term we welcomed three new members of staff- Mrs Smith in the school office, Mrs Bennett who is teaching Cherry Class and Miss Johnstone who is a teaching assistant in Oak Class.

In January, Oak and Pine Class enjoyed an Urban Strides dance workshop. The children created a street dance routine supported by a professional dancer. It was amazing and the children had a great time!



The day after the dance workshop, the Young Voices choir performed at the O2. After a three hour rehearsal, the children performed the songs they had learned in the evening. It was an incredible experience for all the children and I am personally so proud of all the children who performed. Their resilience in rehearsing week after week in the early mornings, to a long rehearsal and very late night should be commended! I would also like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Hart and Miss Lamb who helped on the trip. Without extra adult help, it would not have been possible!

Towards the end of January we had water safety talks which has helped the children to know how to stay safe when visiting the beach in summer!

Year 6 also completed their Bikeability course which teaches children road safety while riding their bikes!

On Tuesday this week, we marked Internet Safety Day. The children focussed the day's learning on how to stay safe online, including minimum ages for apps to fake news and how to ensure comments posted are not harmful to others.



This week we have also enjoyed welcoming you all in to celebrate your child's learning with them. It is always so lovely to see the children proudly showing you their achievements!

This term we launched our new school website! Do take a look if you can! We are updating pages as we go and you will soon see photo album's added to your child's class page! Mr Pope has already been adding some to the

Beech Class page, just look under "Beech Class Adventures".

This half term, we are having new flooring laid in the little blue first aid room. New toilets will then be installed for the children over Easter. We will also see the Cherry Class garden extended which will be just in time for spring! The children will really benefit from the extra space available.

### Attendance

Our current attendance is: **93.8%**

The class with the highest attendance so far this year is: **Beech Class!**

**PTO for diary dates: →**

**Dates for your diary:**

- 20<sup>th</sup> February- Pancake races (afternoon over at the pavilion).
- 7<sup>th</sup> March- World Book Day (come dressed as a character from a book) (not 8<sup>th</sup> as previously advertised)
- 11<sup>th</sup> March- science week
- 13<sup>th</sup> March- Pine Class play
- 19<sup>th</sup> March- Parents' evening
- 20<sup>th</sup> March- Parents' evening
- 27<sup>th</sup> March- Egg Rolling (leave school at 9.10 ish!)
- 28<sup>th</sup> March- Easter Service- 9.30 at the church

Thank you so much for all your ongoing support!

Mrs Bradley-Wyatt and the Hollingbourne team.