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Early Years Penguin Day Fun

EYFS had so much fun on Penguin day! We had a fun filled day full of penguin dances, a special story teller visitor, penguin walk and lots of penguin activities in the classroom. What a "flip-tastic" day!



Early Years Penguin Day fun



Young Voices at the O2



Yesterday, a large group of children from our school had an unforgettable day as they joined around 8,000 other pupils at London's O2 Arena to take part in the annual **Young Voices choir concert**. The atmosphere was electric as thousands of young voices came together to sing as one, showing confidence, teamwork and pure joy.

An extra treat this year was being part of the **Young Voices Worldwide Singalong**, linking our children with hundreds of thousands of pupils from

around the globe — made even more special by a surprise performance from a West End star. It was a truly inspiring experience and a moment our pupils will remember for a long time.

I wanted to pass on a huge thank you to all the staff that made Young Voices possible. My daughter absolutely loved the sessions preparing for the performance, as well as the event itself. It must have taken a huge amount of effort and coordination from the staff, and I wanted to let you know we really appreciate you going the extra mile to give the kids this fantastic opportunity.
(Parent)



Young Voices at the O2

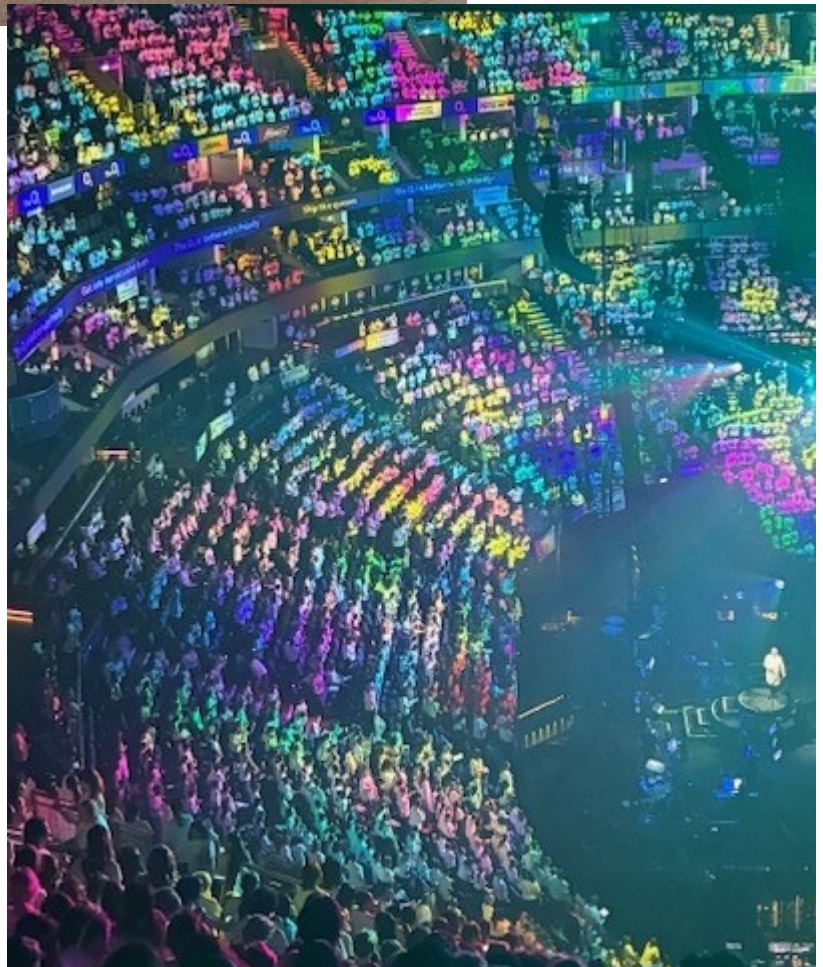


I just wanted to say thank you so much for a brilliant Young Voices trip. My child had the best time and I'm sure it will be one of their lasting Harlands memories.

(Parent)



Thank you to all the staff and parents/carers who made this trip possible.



Basketball



On Thursday 9 children from Year 3 were invited to attend a Basketball Festival at Haywards Heath College.

The event was ran by College students in partnership with Storm Basketball & Mid Sussex Active. The children learnt skills such as shooting, passing, defending and



changing direction with the ball. They all had a great time and couldn't stop talking about how much fun they had on their walk back to school. They all represented the school excellently and we are very proud of them! Well done.



Y6 Playleaders

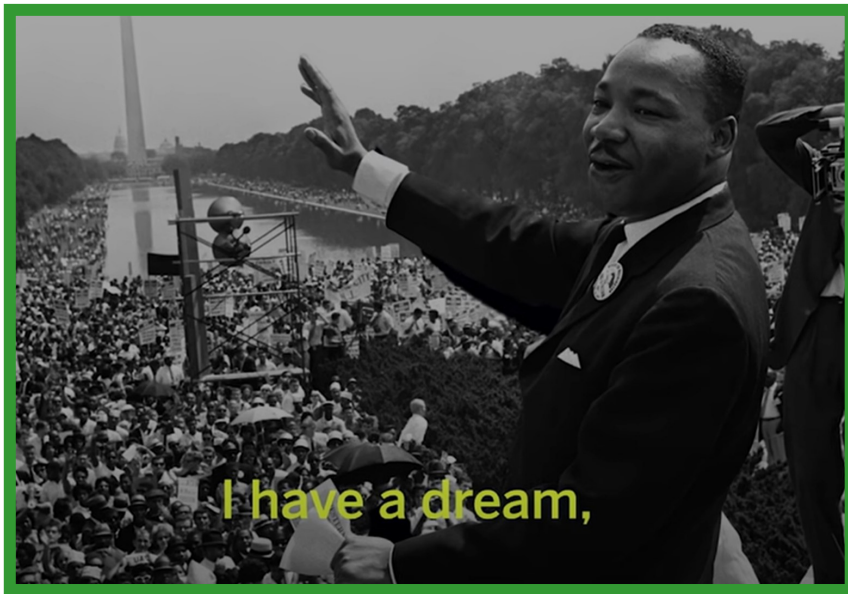


Year 1 had an extra special PE lesson this week led by the fantastic Year 6 play leaders. The children were given a carousel of activities to develop their balance skills and they loved every minute. A big thank you to the Year 6 play leaders who took responsibility for setting up equipment, introducing the activities and supporting the younger children as they joined in with the different activities - we can't wait to do it again next week!



Hopes and Dreams

In assembly this week, we learned about **Martin Luther King Jr.**, the influential American civil rights activist, and his famous “**I Have a Dream**” speech, which he delivered in 1963 in Washington, D.C.



We discovered how Martin Luther King Jr. believed in peaceful protest and encouraged people to think carefully, notice when something is unfair, and work together to make things better.

He spoke with great confidence, shared his ideas openly, and believed that his voice — and the voices of others — could help change the world for the better.



Grace Darling—Victorian Heroine

In Key Stage 2 assembly today, we learned about Grace Darling, who lived by the sea nearly 200 years ago. One stormy morning, she saw a ship in trouble. Without waiting for instructions, Grace and her father rowed through rough waves to rescue those on board, and in doing became a national heroine.



Grace didn't plan to be famous. She didn't act to be noticed. She simply saw a need and chose to be brave. Her story reminds us that courage often comes from quiet, thoughtful action — doing the right thing even when no one is watching.

The children reflected on:

What brave choice might you make this year — even if no one's watching?

Who are the everyday heroes in our own lives?

How can we show courage and kindness this week?

Thank you to our very own Graces (in Year 6) who read out so well during the assembly.





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Family Concert
The Carnival of the Animals by Saint-Saëns

Family Concert
Bring the whole family to experience our afternoon musical menagerie!

Enjoy Saint-Saëns' *The Carnival of the Animals*, a playful musical suite where lions roar, tortoises plod, fossils rattle and a graceful swan glides by, plus other musical surprises.

Help us decorate the Church with animal pictures!
 Email your drawings to info@ensemblereza.com and see them come to life with our animal music.

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All Saints Church, Lindfield
Saturday 7th February, 3.30pm

Diary Dates

Wednesday, 4 February
 Wednesday, 11 February

Friday, 13 February
 Monday, 16-Friday, 20 February
 Monday, 23 February
 Friday, 27 March

ELM class to Pizza Express
 HAZEL class to Pizza Express
 Y2 Great Fire of London Workshop
 INSET Day
 Half-term break
 INSET Day
 Last day of Easter term

Payment/paperwork reminders:

Y6 ongoing instalments for residential trip
 Y3 Pizza Express visit—due by Friday, 23 January
 Y2 Great Fire of London workshop—due by Monday, 26 January
 Y5 Bikeability paperwork—due in by Wednesday, 28 January



Welcome back to the Spring term!

For more information about PTA activities and events for the rest of the school year, as well as important dates for your diaries, please keep an eye out for our **Spring Update**, which will be circulated by school very soon.

Cake Sale

Thank you to everyone from Year 4 who volunteered and donated for the first cake sale this year! We'll share the total raised next week.

Thursday 12 Feb - Pancake Races

During the school day on Thursday 12 February, children will be invited to wear their favourite colours and will have pancake races organised throughout the morning, which are always great fun! Children will also be invited to bring a £1 donation to the PTA.

If you would like to help out with the races, please sign up here:

<https://volunteersignup.org/DMJMB>

Don't Forget to Sign up to **Harlands Lottery**

If you'd like to be for a chance of winning! This month's Super Draw is a £1,000 Aldi gift card!

Follow this link to play: [**Support Harlands PTA with My School Lottery!**](#)