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FISHBOURNE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



Only one you

Dear Parents,

We couldn't let the spring term come to a close without sharing with you some of the highlights of the last few weeks both in and out of school! We have greatly enjoyed the rays of sunshine between the rainstorms and seeing little glimmers of spring! We hope that the Easter holidays will bring with them kind weather for our families to enjoy being outside and making the most of the time!



You will now have received your children's mid-year report and we very much hope you have found time to share it with your child, celebrating their achievements and starting to work together on their next steps. This point of the year is always an opportunity to stop and reflect and then look ahead, working in partnership with us to do the very best we can for the

children. Please do get in touch if you would like to discuss any of the content and please do take a moment to fill in the feedback form.

We were delighted to open our new Play Garden for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. This project has been ongoing for three years and so to see it over the finishing line has brought us a great deal of joy! The children have loved exploring the space, learning how to play in it and splashing around in the swale! We can't wait for the weather to warm up and for the paddling to begin! It was wonderful to welcome parents to come and play in the garden with their children and we look forward to enjoying seeing the children's play evolving in this space over time.



Huge congratulations to our Year 5/6 girls football team, coached by Curtis for their recent win at a tournament at St Josephs. The girls played brilliantly and were super ambassadors for our school. A special shout-out to Beth for her skills in goal that undoubtedly led to

our overall win. We are so proud of each and every member of the team, expertly led by captain, Molly. Well done all!



Last week we celebrated World Down Syndrome Day with a brilliant assembly led by Mrs Gregory and Mrs Trow. Little did we know at the time that Daisy and Lucas both had very exciting events to look forward to in the coming days. Daisy went off on a visit to 10 Downing Street having

been invited by Akshata Murty and Lucas performed as part of FestivALL 2024 at the Minerva Theatre. We are so proud of both of them and enjoyed celebrating them again in our Golden Learner assembly on Monday afternoon.



How FANTASTIC were our cast of Fantastic Mr Fox?! Extremely fantastic! What an amazing performance and such an incredibly confident, courageous cast. Expertly put together by Mr Servant, Miss Grant and Mrs Huxtable - the children were each championed to be the best they could possibly be. It was very special to see the way in which the children have blossomed this academic year and gelled as a class. Their enjoyment of this very special time has been lovely to see. A huge well done to them all!



Yesterday we enjoyed a fabulous Easter Egg Hunt organised for us by Friends of Fishbourne School. The children had a wonderful time, dodging rain showers and hunting for clues to solve the puzzle. Our huge thanks goes to FOFS for coordinating this lovely opportunity for our children to work across year groups to enjoy such a lovely hunt.



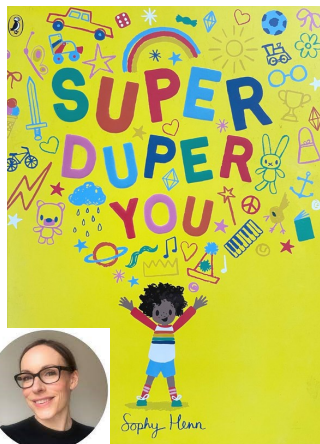
In the afternoon, we also enjoyed our Easter service which, this year, was a little different! We had planned a series of reflective opportunities for the children to mark Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday in the church grounds but the rain meant we relocated to our lovely, warm and dry school! Our Year 6 children led each of these activities

really expertly and older children supported younger children as they made their way around each of the experiences. We then met together to hold a short service led by Jess and Worship Team. A lovely way of drawing together our Easter celebrations.



This half term has been jam packed full of opportunities for our children to work together across year groups. This is something we are really passionate about at Fishbourne because we see benefits for all the children – in leadership, collaboration and service to one another. It is always really humbling to see how quickly our children offer their support and care for one another and we foster as many opportunities as possible for the children to be able to do this! This week alone, our older children have supported our younger children during the Easter Egg Hunt and the reflective activities prior to the Easter service. The Year 6 children spent time playing in the KS1 play garden with their reading buddies and enjoyed the water play just as much as Shark class!

Did you know that **SUPER DUPER YOU** was the book that clinched Sophy Henn as our Patron of Reading!? The links between the themes in this story and our school vision were so strong that we knew Sophy was the author and illustrator for us!



Her words, at the end of the story:

'But please try to remember, with everything you do...

**Be bold,
be proud,
be brilliant...**

A SUPER DUPER YOU!'

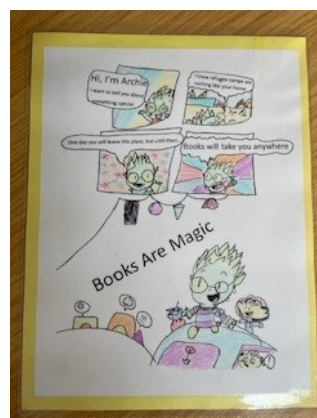
are such a great reminder for us all about how much we have to celebrate in our uniqueness!

We loved seeing the children coming in celebrating 'SUPER DUPER YOU' in Key Stage 1 and 'The Boy at the back of the Class' in Key Stage 2.



This year we decided we would do something a bit different and rather than spending time and money on creating costumes for WBD, we would consider pledging a donation to Onjali Rauf's mobile book van. This project is dear to

our hearts at Fishbourne and we look forward to announcing the total raised after Easter. Thank you to those of you who have pledged a donation.



One of our little fish arrived in school this morning clutching a handful of Book Bus posters which she had made in preparation for today. The words on the posters touched our hearts:

Hi! I'm Archie. I want to tell you about something special. I know refugee camps are nothing like your home. One day you will leave this place, but until then... Books will take you anywhere. Books are magic. The fact that she had also translated her posters into Dari, Arabic and Kurdish made our hearts explode! What an amazing young person... proof that in Onjali's words

'Children are our most powerful hope for change.'

This seems a fitting way to end a newsletter that is full of amazing achievements throughout our school family... a reminder to us all about what we can achieve!

"It's truly amazing seeing what can happen from a single idea or a single action. Never underestimate the power of one... plus one."



Dates coming up in the summer term!

13th -16th May: SATS week for Y6

27th—31st May: HALF TERM

Mon 3rd June: INSET

Sat 22nd June: Fete

Mon 24th June: INSET

Wed 26th June and Thu 27th June: Learning Review Meetings

Thu 4th July: Sports Day afternoon

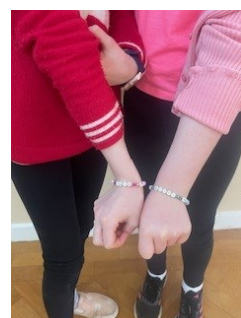
Tue 16th and Wed 17th July: Y6 Summer Production TBC

INSET DAYS

Monday 3rd June

Monday 24th June

Celebrating the Boy at the Back of the Class



At Fishbourne CE Primary, we nurture our children to be...

