



Be who God
created
you to be and
you
will set the
world
on fire.



Friday 13th January 2023



Happy New Year! I hope you had a happy and healthy festive period. The children have all settled back into school extremely well. It has been lovely to see how focused they are and hear how much they have been enjoying their learning.

I would like to thank you for supporting us in our Christmas Craft Fair. It was so wonderful to celebrate and all be together. The children did an excellent job and were certainly very persuasive in their selling. In total, we raised an amazing £3,351. £1,700 of this will go to our chosen charities – New Hope Trust, One Vision Project and Watford Food Bank – along with all the food donations that were kindly brought in. Thank you to the PTA who also raised a phenomenal £1,591! With the other half, we are considering investing in a class set of Kindles and a new online library system for the children where they will be able to scan books in and out of the library, reviewing the ones they have read and build their own online library, accessible to them (and parents) at all times. Please take a look at the website Orbit Junior Interface For Oliver v5 Library Software – Softlink (softlinkint.com)
Any feedback is welcomed. Well done to all and a huge thank you!

Year 4, St John Paul had a fantastic trip to St Albans Cathedral this week, where they immersed themselves in the stories and history of the building. How lucky we are to have such a beautiful piece of history on our doorstep! They all thoroughly enjoyed the role play and making their own Mosaic tile! Once again, the children's behaviour was praised by all staff and the parent helpers. Well done to St John Paul II class.

All week pupils have been absorbed in their History focused learning. History fires up our curiosity about the past in Britain and the wider world. The children have been exploring and revisiting different moments in time and discovering how the past has influenced the present. What a treat it was to have Link from Blue Box Entertainment to deliver interactive history workshops bringing History to life. See some of the action shots from the workshop over on the next page.

Year 5 braved the elements this Thursday walking all the way to Abbots Langley Library in the rain – although after talking with them, I hear it was well worth it. They had a great time and were super impressed with the amount and variety of books they had to offer. Libraries are such a vital hub of our community, providing countless learning resources for our children's learning. I encourage you to give your local library a visit.
Year 3 and Year 5 have both started swimming lessons this Spring Term. A particular 'shout out' to Team Year 3 for the World Record Breaking first swim class. Never have we known a first-time Year 3 class to make it to Woodside and back so quickly and actually wearing the clothes they went with! Congratulations to them all and to Mrs Murthy, Mrs Flanagan and the parent helpers for their military precision!

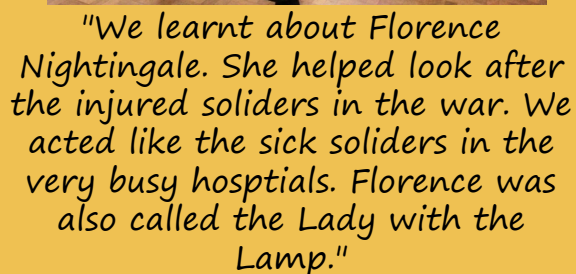
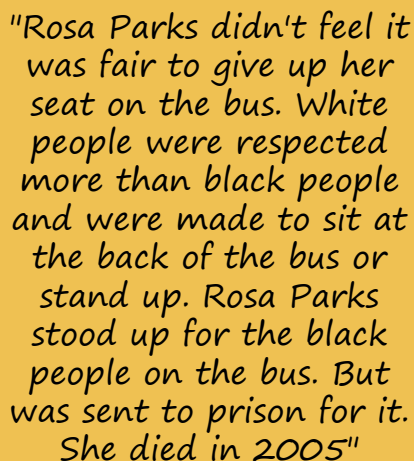
Thank you for taking time to read my email this week regarding our Home Learning practice, especially to those who have already completed the survey. Your views and input are fundamental to helping us making the right changes – for the better of the pupils and as a school. Please complete the survey by Monday, using the link below, if you want your view to be taken into account

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfxACBd_4FSFYexxJgod7H8S-EB3ohKWfl7mLJCBJytqWOOWA/viewform?usp=pp_url

Wishing you a wonderful weekend,
Ms Kane

Key Dates

Wednesday 18th January – Young Voices Choir (O2 Centre)



"We looked at the timeline all the way from the beginning of the Roman times, to today. The Romans invaded Britain to show them they were the best and stole their silver to make coins. We recreated a Roman freeze frame. Some of us were horses on the chariot and some were the Roman soliders. They had short swords for speed."



"We worked as a team to recreate the scene when Boudica rode on her chariot the fight the Romans"

