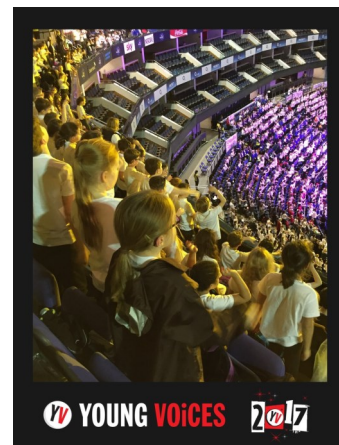


We finished the half-year this morning with an upbeat, celebration assembly. It has been a busy, successful and fun-filled week in the run up to half-term. On Monday our cross-country running team did us proud (see report elsewhere) and on Tuesday 34 pupils and 6 staff sang their hearts out at the O2 as part of the 'Young Voices' concert, an amazing experience for them all.

02 YOUNG VOICES



And of course all the usual learning and extra-curricular events happened as well! Our children have so many wonderful opportunities and experiences from Pre-Prep parties to Bananagram leagues in Year 6. I am conscious that so many of these extra things only happen because of the efforts of our marvellous staff team.



As they go off for a well-earned half-term break, I hope you will join me in thanking them all.

Keep Miss Slim Sane!

Since Miss Slim joined us in September she has found herself doing a whole raft of jobs she never imagined would come her way. Most of them she does with efficiency, humour and good grace. However, it is not the best use of her time, or any other member of staff's time, to go raking through the lost property baskets. She is getting more and more requests to find missing items of clothing for your children from the youngest right through to Year 6!

We do all try and help unite lost items with the relevant pupils but do find it extremely difficult when so much is still unnamed, even clothing that has a label in it and a space for a name to be written. Please, please, please encourage, as we do, your children to take care of their own belongings and please, please, please help them by naming everything!

#missslimhateslostproperty

WORLD BOOK DAY

THURSDAY 2ND MARCH 2017

Annabel Claridge is the children's author who will be joining us for World Book Day this year.

She has written three books for children. They tell the adventures of a time travelling poodle who becomes the pet of real-life historical characters. The books came about when Annabel's own poodle, Bo, barked at a stuffed Cavalier King Charles spaniel, which made Annabel wonder what might happen if the spaniel could come alive. In *Storm Dogs*, the poodle belongs to King Charles I and is set in the English Civil War; *Mortal Gods* finds the dog with Cleopatra and *Iron Horses* finds Bo the poodle living with native American Indians. The books are written as adventure stories packed with well-researched history, food and costume.

Annabel's books are set in historical times, and we would like the children to come to school dressed up as a character from a book OR a character from History (no football or sports kit please)

ISA Nationals here we come!



Congratulations to Megan (5), Joe (6), Alex (5), Sam (6) and Gabby (6) who will be representing London-South (and St David's) at the ISA National Cross-Country Championships in March.

We are extremely proud of you!

But that's not all ... Alex and Megan both won silver medals in their races and Alex, Sam and Joe were the winning school team coming first in the U11 boys race.

PRE-PREP

Reception love to get messy!

Friday afternoons have come to be called Messy Friday by the children in Reception. This week they have been playing with Oobleck! For the uninitiated this is a mixture of cornflour and water that demonstrates the properties of a liquid and a solid. So this activity is educational as well as fun! (Not to mention extremely messy! Sorry Reception parents but it does wash out!)



REPORTS

Hopefully you have received the Interim Report sent home today with your child, if not please search their bags!

It has been a few years since we last did these but hope you appreciate the progress update prior to the Parents Interview Meetings scheduled for the week beginning Monday 27th February. Sign-up sheets will be in the Justin Hall entrance after 3.00pm on Tuesday 21st February.

HALF TERM SUPERSTAR AND EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Reception: Olivia K

Year 1: Henry J

Year 2: Emily R

Year 3P: Charan E

Year 3G: Nina B

Year 4: Lucy T

Year 5: Rosemary J

Year 6: Jessica M-C

Congratulations to all of you

SPRING TERM 2017

February:

Monday 20th

Tuesday 21st

Thursday 23rd

INSET DAY

7.30pm PTA Meeting

9.30am Year 4 West Wickham library

9.30am Year 6 TfL visit

3.45pm Years 5 & 6 Football (H)

V Virgo Fidelis

Friday 24th

Netball ISA London South U11

Lingfield Notre Dame (A)

Monday 27th

7.45am Football Club begins

Parents Interview Week begins

Tuesday 28th

Perform Drama Group Recp, Year 1 & 2

Yrs 3 & 4 Cross Country Relay at

St Dunstan's College

MARCH

Thursday 2nd

World Book Day (Dressing-up day)

Saturday 4th

ISA National Cross Country

PTA Quiz Night

Monday 6th

Year 4 National Gallery trip

Tuesday 7th

2.00p Year 4 Football (A)

Virgo Fidelis

Wednesday 8th

Girls Football ISA London South

Virgo Fidelis (A)

Thursday 9th

Life Bus

Friday 10th

9.00am Parent Council

Life Bus

Saturday 11th

Bromley Schools Cross Country at

Crystal Palace Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

Monday 13th

Reception to West Wickham library

Tuesday 14th

Quiz Club Competition

Bishop Challoner

Thursday 16th

3.30—5.30pm Dance Show Rehearsal

All years

Saturday 18th

9.30am—12.00pm Open Morning

Monday 20th

Year 6 Bikeability

Tuesday 21st

Year 6 Bikeability

Thursday 23rd

3.30—5.30pm Dance Show Rehearsal

All years

Friday 24th

Inter-House Cross Country

Tuesday 28th

PTA Easter Egg Hunt

Thursday 30th

9.30am Dress Rehearsal Dance Show

4.30pm Dance Show

Friday 31st

11.30am Term Ends

Tuesday 18th, 19th

8.00am—6.00pm Holiday Club

20th, 21st

Term re-starts

Monday 24th