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## Weekly Newsletter – Edition 15

Welcome to the first newsletter of the spring term. I hope that you all managed to have a fantastic break, and I have to say that the children have returned to school full of energy and focus. This is so good to see and helps us all to look forward to the winter months ahead. My weather app has helpfully informed me that there might be snow on the way next week, and I'll be revisiting this possibility later in this edition of the newsletter. For now, let us celebrate being back, and I wonder what amazing things we will all be able to achieve this term!!

### Leicester Comedy Festival

Children in Year 6 have been working very hard on their comedy routines for the annual Leicester Comedy Festival. The semi-finals are taking place on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024**, at the Y Theatre. There are many things that I love about the festival, not least of which is the confidence it helps our children to develop. As an 11-year old, I would never have got up on the stage to perform, let alone in front of an audience. Our children, on the other hand, are so eager, and this shows the inner-belief they have developed. Added to this is the fact that everything they perform, they have written themselves. What a talented group they are!! No pressure, but in the last 6-years, we have won the big-prize 5-times. Year 6 are deeply aware of this, and we all know they more than have the ability to bring that trophy back to Mayflower once again. Good luck to you all....

### Snow Procedure

While I am not really expecting significant snow anytime soon, I thought it might be a good idea to share our procedure. Mr. Wilkinson and I are always the first people to arrive at school. If there has been a heavy fall overnight, we will make a decision on school closure before **7.00 am**. Once this decision has been made, we will send a message to you all via WeDuc to say that the school is closed. The change this year is that there might be a possibility of one site closing, and another staying open. There is a sense of inevitability about this because we are still using buses for years 3, 4, 5, and 6, making the TMS building more susceptible to closure than the main site on Evington Drive. Let us hope that we do not have to utilise the procedure, and I hope it helps you to be aware of what our response will be.

### Young Voices 2024

I know that the school choir are really looking forward to the Young Voices Concert that will be taking place in Birmingham on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024**. For the avid Twitter aficionados out there, we will be Tweeting throughout, and these are always wonderful, moving films and pictures. It is also the first time that we have attended on a Monday, so I think we will have some very tired children coming back into school on Tuesday. My thanks, as always, to the staff who have worked so hard to support the children, and also to Mrs. Burns, our singing teacher. I literally cannot wait to see them all there!!

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## Forced Migration from Uganda – Year 6

Today, the children in Year 6 had a wonderful opportunity to meet with Mr. and Mrs. Chandarana, who were part of the forced migration from Uganda in 1972. Consequent to the ultimatum delivered by Idi Amin, they were given just 90 days to leave their country as Ugandan Asians, and were unable to take anything of monetary value with them. Mr. and Mrs. Chandarana then settled in Leicester, and the rest of the story, I think most of you will know already. Our Year 6 children have been learning about forced migration, and some of the push/pull factors that drive population change. It is very rare to be able to gain such rich, first-hand accounts, and I was deeply impressed with the way the children engaged. Of course, by learning about some of the really bad things that have happened in the past, we can make sure that in the future, we do not make the same mistakes again. Last year, they had a similar opportunity to speak with someone who had lived through the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War, and today's session really built on this. Isn't it great to see the Geography and History curricula coming to life in this way? My thanks to Mrs. Chandarana's in-laws for coming into school and sharing their journey with us and Year 6.

### First Site Visits

Next week, visits are being arranged for staff to the new building on Ethel Road Playing Fields. I mentioned in previous editions of the weekly newsletter that the site is very deceptive, looking small from the road, but so much bigger from the inside. I like to call this the TARDIS Effect. The visits are all part of the preparation for the move, which I am hoping will still take place during the February half-term. As yet, we have not received official confirmation, but if you see me walking around with my fingers crossed, you'll know the reason why. As always, my thanks to the DfE and Reds10 for the amazing work they have done to get our new building ready in record time.

### Staffing

Just a quick reminder that Miss Harminder Kaur will be starting with us next week, teaching in Year 3. She will be taking over the teaching duties from Miss Hussain, who is currently enjoying her new job in the special schools' sector. We know that the children will make her feel very welcome indeed, and I am sure that you will all have an opportunity to meet her soon. It is always so much fun when new teachers begin with us, and if you are really lucky, she might share her recent journey to Vietnam. Exciting times, indeed, at Mayflower Primary School.

### Attendance

Attendance has not been brilliant this week, largely through illness. I know that we will work closely together to bring these numbers back up. My thanks, in advance, for your help.

Week Beginning Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024			
Early Years	Key Stage 1	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2
Willow: 89.8%	2AJ 94.8%	3KW: 93.3%	6RK: 95.2%

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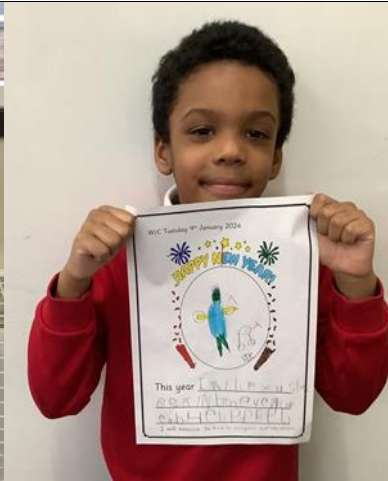


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## Wow Moments in School



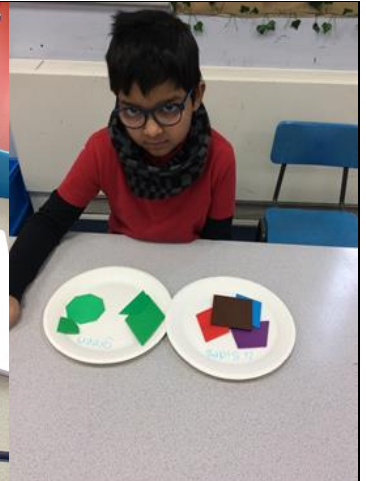
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Resolutions – Y1



Reading – Y1



Shapes – Y2



Science – Y2



Poetry – Y2



Sewing – Y3



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Presentations – Y4



Migration – Y6



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