

18th January 2019



Dear Parents and Carers,

You MUST call in when you can to see THIS...



Scrap Metal Artist, Jason Heppenstall, worked with children in Years 3, 4 and 5 earlier in the year. He took their spoons away and has transformed parts of bicycles and trampolines into our wonderful, stunning sculpture. It is in the school hall pending a more suitable home. It features pomegranates, a fruit from the Chesterfield Coat of Arms, and represents all parts of our school community. It will be on display during the PFA Coffee Afternoon later this term.

Young Voices 2019

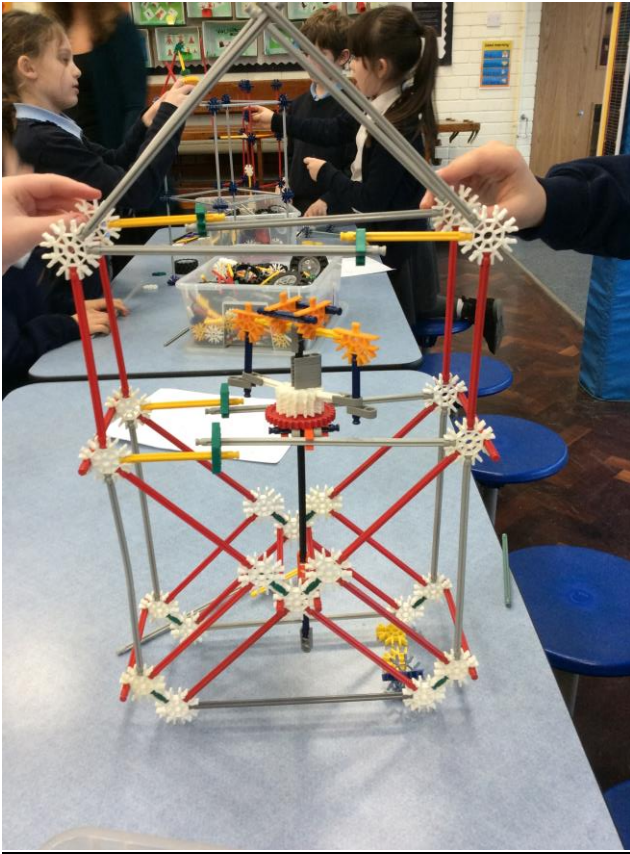
Eighty-five children took part in this year's Young Voices performance at Sheffield Arena. Their behaviour was absolutely FANTASTIC. Children, you were brilliant and a real pleasure to take out for the day and evening – thank you. Huge thanks to all the staff and volunteers who helped on the day and especially Mrs Summerbridge and Mr Jones for enabling the children to be so well prepared. They sang, danced and experienced professional specialists who were inspirational.



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We've also had workshops with KNEX this week in all year groups...



Children planned and designed a model with moving parts. They were expected to use the interlocking plastic rods, connectors (including hedgehogs), blocks, gears, wheels, and other components, to form their model. They also worked with a partner who may have been less familiar. The creations were impressive. Thank you to the PFA for funding this.

Looking ahead to next week...we've got the NSPCC Workshops, Dodgeball Festival in Year 5, special assemblies by Google and Greenpeace, Basketball Tournament at Outwood Newbold, and further information for anyone who would like to apply to be one of our ambassadors for well-being – 'Well-being WONDERS'. We are also shortlisted for multiple awards at this year's Chesterfield School Sports Award Night. What a bright start to the new year.

Just a reminder that 25th February 2019 is a training day and school is closed for children.

Whitehall residential letters have been sent home with all Year 5 children. Please ask if you haven't received one.

INFORMATION IN THE EVENT OF ADVERSE WEATHER

In the event of adverse weather, we will do our best to issue a text message as promptly as possible. You can also log onto Derbyshire County Council website for the latest information regarding any school closures. www.derbyshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures

We will keep Peak FM up to date too.

In the event of snow, please wear suitable footwear and bring a change of footwear and clothes so children can benefit from potential playtime in the snow. Sometimes we do this near the end of the day so they can go directly home afterwards. This is also because often the field is safer than the playgrounds.

The decision to keep school open during adverse weather is informed by conditions and knowing if sufficient staff can safely get to school. However, parents should decide if it is safe to get their children to and from school. We will keep you updated during any day or period of adverse weather via text message.

Best wishes, Catherine Holmes

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