

A Note From The Head

You may notice the newsletter is looking a bit different this week. We now have our Slough and East Berkshire Multi Academy Trust (SEBMAT) logo proudly displayed in the top corner of the newsletter. The logo represents the family of schools that we belong to. I also intend to a write a short personal note at the start of each newsletter, where I will offer some thoughts and perspective about the school week. We hope you find this edition interesting and useful!

Well Done, Shyla

Congratulations to Shyla, in Year 6, for representing the school at The Lions Talent Show last weekend. Shyla's performance of Matilda was enjoyed and well received by the audience. Well done. Shyla!



Photo: Shyla's performance

Anti-Bullying Message

Our assembly on Monday focused on the theme of respect. The assembly aim was to raise awareness of bullying and encourage each and everyone of us to be respectful of each other. The children contributed to a school pledge which focused on being inclusive, considering what you do and say to others and being sensitive to the needs and



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beliefs of others. The six pledges are displayed in all our classroom spaces.

PJ Day

On Wednesday, children were allowed to swap their school uniform for their PJs. Instead of making a cash contribution to charity or school funds, as we normally do on mufti days to the school, we encouraged children to contribute to our Christmas Fair raffle and tombola prizes. Thank you to all those who donated. We are still needing helpers for the Fair (Friday 29th November) next week. If you able to help, please sign up using this link - <u>https://</u> volunteersignup.org/FD4WY

DJ Fleck

As part of the topic *Leisure* and Entertainment in the 20th Century, DJ Fleck arrived to spend the morning with the children. He undertook an extended lesson in the school hall, talking about how technological changes, as well as social and political changes had impacted upon the development of music from 1900-1999. The children loved meeting DJ Fleck and were engaged with the topic throughout. As well as deepening their understanding of this part of the 20th century, there was great dancing and some amazing air guitar.



Photo: Wolves Class with DJ Fleck





Photo: Reindeer Run assembly

Reindeer Run

On Friday 13th December, we have our Reindeer Run taking place. The event is supporting Thames Valley Hospice, who visited today and spoke to children about the work of the Hospice in today's assembly. Details and sponsors forms will be handed out to children next week.

Phonics Workshop for Parents/Carers

We held a phonics workshop on Thursday for parents/carers of children in Owls class. The workshop was an opportunity for parents to understand how best to support children with their word sounds and reading at home. Unfortunately, we only had three families attend the workshop with Ms Hayward. Please do let us know how we can make our workshops more accessible. On this occasion, we offered free-childcare, which we know is sometimes a reason why parents/carers have not been able to attend in the past.

Our Heating is Now Working

Thank you for your support with the heating issues we had this week. Our engineers have been working hard to fix this issue and we're pleased to report the school is now warm again.