

### A Note from the Headteacher

Well done to all the children who participated in the auditions for Woody P Has Talent. We had over twenty acts audition and we have selected ten acts to go through to the finals on Friday 7th February. Whilst this is a fun event, these opportunities provide the children with the platform to perform and it does wonders for their confidence. Well done to all those that took part and we wish our finalists the best of luck! House points will be allocated to all those children who participated.

*Mr Miles, Headteacher*

### Sports Hall Athletics

On Thursday, we had a team of eighteen Year 5s and 6s take part in the Maidenhead and Ascot School Sport Partnership Indoor Athletics Competition. The team comprised of nine boys and nine girls who competed with eleven other schools from across the borough. Events included relays, javelin, speed bounce and ball throw. The children gave lots of effort and were very tired at the end of the event. We did not make it into the top three schools but they should be very proud of the achievements and confidence.

### Phonics Workshops

Thank you to the parents/carers that attended the phonics workshops this week that were led by Miss Hayward and Mrs Butcher. It's important to understand how children develop the skill of sounding out letters and words. The session explained how children learn in school and what

you can be doing at home to support reading.

### *Photo: Indoor Athletics Competition*



### Survey About Wrap-around Care

We have recently sent out a survey about wrap-around care and we wish to understand what the need is across the school. Since the Sue Brett club folded, we have not been able to provide any alternative after school provision and we have only been able to signpost families to out of school providers. Please respond to the survey if interested and let us know your requirements.



### *Photo: Gardening Club*

### New Library Space

Our new library is now open and being used by children during the school day. The remodelling of

this space felt like a bit of a bonus, as our original plans for the changes in our Key Stage 2 area focused just on the classrooms, but we managed to make the building budget stretch that much further to include a new reading space that's inside the main building. Thank you for all the book donations and to the PTA for providing some of the new furniture. We are still wanting to increase our non-fiction section and we would welcome any donations of good quality books.



### *Photo: New Library*

### Holocaust Memorial Day

Next Monday is Holocaust Memorial Day and some of our children in Key Stage 2 will be learning about the importance of this day and remembering the millions of Jews who were persecuted. This year is the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary marking the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau. There will be programmes on TV across the weekend to mark the anniversary.