



Young Voices Concert

On Wednesday 17th January, I had the pleasure and privilege to accompany our Y4 children on the exciting experience of performing at the O2 Arena. They had an amazing and fantastic time taking part in a massed choir of over 8,700 children. They had been rehearsing the songs and dances throughout the Autumn and beginning of the Spring Terms and were ready to take part. It was a long day with rehearsals all afternoon and then the concert in the evening. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and will remember this experience for many years. Thank you to all the parents and staff who supported and allowed this opportunity to take place for the children.

Paul Suther



Football News

On Monday, 22nd January, the Girls' Football Team played an away match at Fleetville Junior School. The team played really well but unfortunately lost 2-; Fleetville are a very strong team. It was the best Garden Fields had played this year and as a team they have improved with every game. We are looking forward to our next match on Friday 26th January, which is an away game against Alban City.

Miss Elson & Miss Kirton



House Points

The house points for this week are:



2288



2418



2209



2490

Football News

On Thursday, 18th January, Garden Fields Y5 boys played a league game away at St Columba's College. The boys responded really well to playing on a lovely astro surface and from the start of the game displayed some great pass and move football. We went into the break with a 3-0 lead following two great goals from Nick which included a strike with the outside of his boot into the top left corner. Thomas scored the other goal in the half after a great move down the right resulting in Thomas arriving perfectly at the back post to slot the ball home.

In the second half, Garden Fields really stepped up the intensity and it was great to see them string together some really nice moves. Max added another two goals to his tally. Fionn also contributed with a good team goal; however, St Columba's stayed resilient and were determined to finish the game with a goal, but Jack made some fine saves to keep a clean sheet.

A fantastic performance and result. Well done, boys! *Mr Weatherhead*



27/01/24	Yr 6 Boy's Football 7 a side County Finals @ Parmiter's School
29/01/24	Boy's Netball Match V Cunningham Hill AWAY
03/02/24	HSAA Cross Country Championships @ St Margarets School, Bushey
05/02/24	Girls' Football v Wheatfields AWAY
05/02/24	Governors Meeting
07/02/24	Boys' B Team Football v Wheatfields AWAY
12/02/24	Boys' B Team Football v Fleetville AWAY Girls' Football v Killigrew AWAY
15/02/24	INSET Day: School Closed
16/02/24	INSET Day: School Closed



Football News

On Thursday, 25th January, the Y6 Boys B Team played its first game of the calendar year, away at St Columba's College.

St Columba's College are the strongest team in the league and won deservedly by a score of 5-2. Nevertheless, our team played some excellent football and the St Columba's keeper had several saves to make. Garden Fields opened the scoring, with Sam C following up after William struck the post, but our opponents quickly equalised and then took the lead. It was 1-2 at half time.

With ten minutes to go, St Columba's put the game out of our reach with two quick goals. William got one back before St Columba's completed the scoring.

The boys learnt a lot from this game and acquitted themselves very well throughout.

Our goal keeper, Sam H, made several excellent saves and the opposition voted him their player of the match.

Well done, all!

Mr Berman

Reminder

This is a reminder that all food brought into school should be NUT FREE.

Recently, wrappers from food containing nuts were found in school. We have a number of students and staff who are highly allergic with touch sensitive reactions.

Please be vigilant when packing food for your child and ensure it does not contain nuts. Items with the "May Contain Nuts" warning is OK; however, anything that explicitly states peanuts, cashews, almonds, hazelnuts, etc on the label is unsafe for school.

Many thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

Mr Sutton



Club trial session

Do you have a child in school year 2,3 or 4 who loves to swim and is keen to progress?

Did you know children can compete from the age of 9? At CoStA we offer fun filled sessions where we build upon the learn to swim programme and prepare our young swimmers for the exciting world of competitive swimming, in a supportive and nurturing environment.

St Albans School Pool

Saturday 10th Feb 2024

4pm – 5pm

In recent years CoStA has been one of the most successful clubs in Hertfordshire competing in local, regional and national competition. We train at various pools in central St Albans and have swimmers from the age of 6-20+

For more information and to book your child a free trial session, please email preclub@costaasc.org

We currently have spaces in groups at the younger end of our club for swimmers who are currently at the equivalent standard of Swim England stage 5 or above. Sessions are 1-2 times per week

Comē and join us and live life in the fast lane!

Attendance (year to date)

Reception	94.5%	Overall Total	95.3%
Year 1	93.8%	Female	95.6%
Year 2	95.8%	Male	95.1%
Year 3	97.1%	EAL	95.2%
Year 4	94.8%	SEND	92.6%
Year 5	94.9%	Pupil Premium	92.6%
Year 6	95.5%	Persistent Absentees	11%

Excellent	98%	up to 4 days off each year
Good	96%	7 school days off each year
Needs to improve	94%	11 school days off each year
Serious Concerns	90%	1 month off each year

There are 175 non-school days a year. That is plenty of time to go on holidays, visits, appointments and shopping.

Parking

Please be mindful of where you park on the roads around the school and avoid blocking pavements and our neighbours' driveways.

Thanks

Mr Sutton

