



Thursday 30th November 2023

Dear Families,

The Magical Yet

On Monday we discussed the power of the word 'YET'. The Magical Yet, by Angela DiTerlizzi, (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5pgLvFABXil>) speaks about not being able to do things the first time but with time, effort and concentration – we are able to complete things we never believed we could. Have a chat at home about the things that took time to learn – walking, talking, riding a bike, learning to read... We thought about what we needed to focus on and I'm looking forward to seeing children in assembly next week who have really shown the power of working hard and making themselves the best learners possible.

Attendance – for week ending 24th November

RPeterPan	RRosen	1Anning	1Donaldson	2Attenborough	2Johnson	3Rashford
92%	89.2%	96.5%	93.8%	95%	97%	92.5%

3Wicks	4Queen	4Thunberg	5Boseman	5Southgate	6Malala	6Obama
94.2%	94.3%	90.7%	98.3%	91.9%	100%	88.4%

Well done to 6Malala with 100% attendance last week! Children in 6M may come to school on Monday wearing non-uniform. Due to a technical glitch, we missed 3Rashford's week of 6th November when they also had 100% attendance, so 3R may come to school on Tuesday in non-uniform to celebrate that week's attendance. 😊

REMINDER: Read school emails and notifications



We have had some complaints from parents on Wednesday that we would not let parents buy tickets for the Disco. We have a deadline where the PTA can then come in and organise tickets and ensure we have enough food and drink for the occasion. Please check your emails, newsletters and the school app as we do communicate this information clearly and repeatedly. Please remember that we are doing our best to make sure the children have these fun additional activities and we must stick to deadlines to make sure everyone attending has a good time.

REMINDER: Christmas Fair

We are having a Christmas Fair at Summerswood on Saturday 9th December 2023. To help us be ready we're asking for your help! Please can you send in any of the following items on the following dates:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Item</u>
Monday 4 th December	Chocolates and Sweets
Friday 8 th December	Bottles – alcohol, soft drinks, toiletry bottles

We will make sure the children have an extra playtime for helping us have a brilliant Christmas Fair.

Sports out of school!

Don't forget we love to hear about your sporting achievements outside of school. We have three Y2 Karate Heroes who achieved their orange belts. Well done to them! We are really pleased to see the progress they have made in this out-of-school club. Congratulations boys!



World Mental Health Day



For World Mental Health Day, we asked children, parents and staff to tell us what sparks joy for you, and this is the note for this week – “Being with my family”.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "S Kneller". The signature is written in a cursive style.

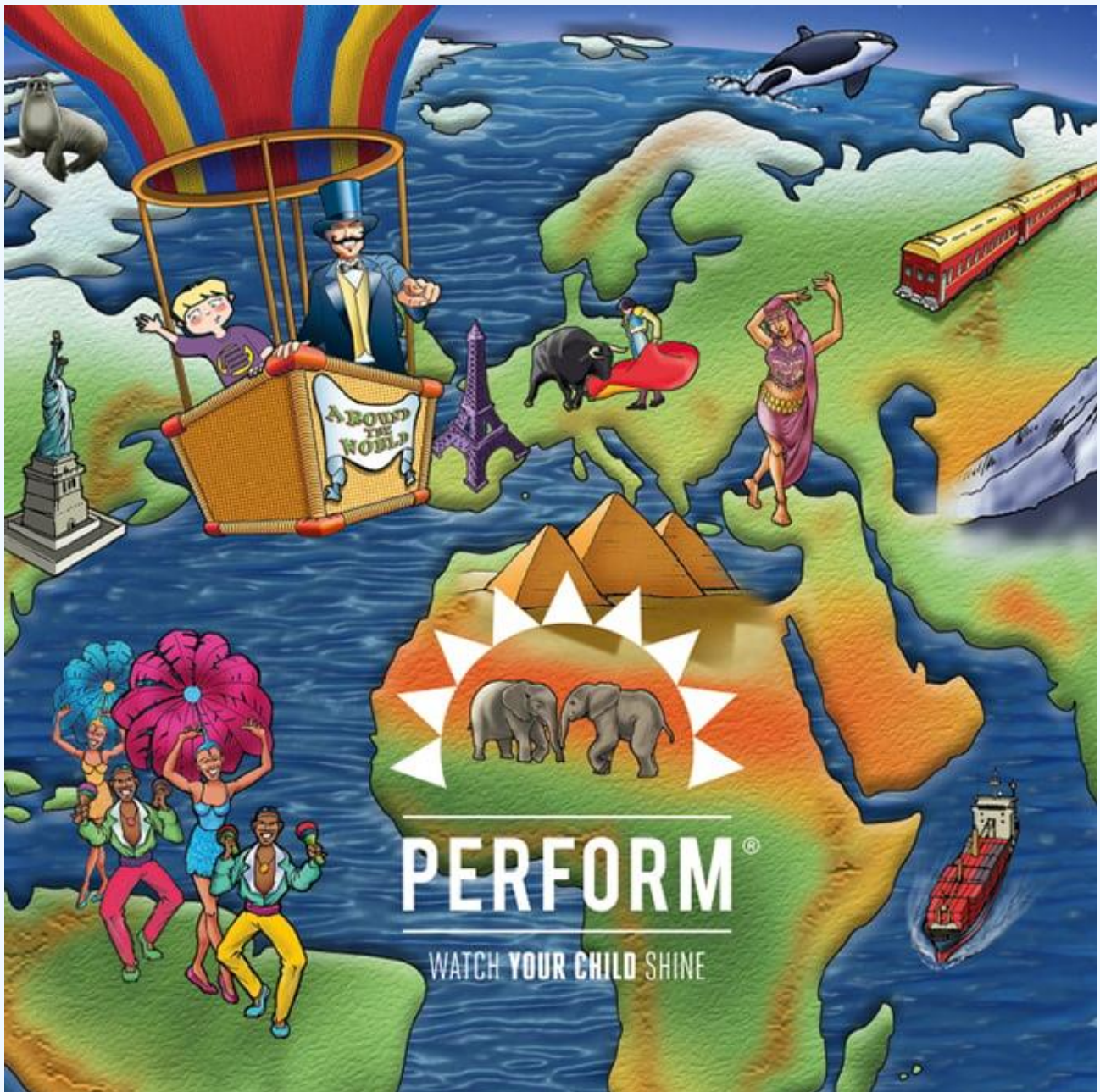
Sarah Kneller
Headteacher

Interesting fact: 5 December 1963 -
the UK's first stretch of motorway
opened to traffic in Preston.

Dates to Remember

Thursday 30th November	SnowBall Disco – 4-5pm: Rec & Yrs 1-3; 5.15-6.30pm: Yrs 4-6
Friday 1st December	OCCASIONAL DAY – no children in school
Tuesday 5th December	9.30am-12pm: Yr6 going to cinema
Tuesday 5th December	2-4.30pm: 4T's parents' evening consultations
Wednesday 6th December	9-10am: Parent Coffee Morning in school – all parents/carers welcome
Wednesday 6th December	3.30-5.30pm: 4T's parents' evening consultations
Thursday 7th December	Times Tables Rock Star Day – children may dress like a Rock Star!
Saturday 9th December	CHRISTMAS FAIR
Monday 11th December	9.15-9.45am: KS1 Christmas production - more info to follow
Tuesday 12th December	9.10-9.30am: Nursery's Christmas Sing-along – more info to follow
Tuesday 12th December	2.30-3pm: KS1 Christmas production – more info to follow
Wednesday 13th December	9am: Reception's Christmas Sing-along – more info to follow
Wednesday 13th December	Rec & KS1: Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 13th December	5-6pm: Yrs 4, 5 & 6 going to All Saints Choir Concert
Thursday 14th December	KS2: Christmas Lunch
Monday 18th December	Last day of term - for Nursery Children only
Tuesday 19th December	Last day of term – school finishes at 1.30pm
Wednesday 20th December	INSET Day – no children in school
Thursday 4th January 2024	Start of Spring Term 1
Friday 16th February	School finishes at normal times for Half Term
Monday 19th February – Friday 23rd February	HALF TERM
Monday 26th February	Start of Spring Term 2
Tuesday 26th March	Last day of term - for Nursery Children only
Wednesday 27th March	Last day of Term - school finishes at 1.30pm
Thursday 28th March	INSET DAY – no children in school
Monday 15th April	Start of Summer Term 1
Monday 6th May	BANK HOLIDAY
Thursday 23rd May	School finishes at normal times for Half Term
Friday 24th May	INSET Day – no children in school
Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May	HALF TERM
Monday 3rd June	Start of Summer Term 2
Friday 5th July	#WOODFEST 2024
Monday 22nd July	Last day of term - for Nursery Children only

A visit from Perform



We were very pleased to receive a visit from [Perform](#) a few weeks ago. The children had a wonderfully energetic time exploring the theme of [Around The World](#) and using drama, dance and singing to help develop their confidence, concentration and social skills.

Perform run regular weekly classes in the local area and they are offering a special introductory discount to all parents of Summerswood Primary School if they come along for a free trial session before Monday 4th December.

To claim your discount, just call Perform on 020 7255 9120 quoting **SUMM041223** or visit perform.org.uk to find out more.

Here are some of the nearest Perform classes to the school:

[Perform Mill Hill](#)
(2.7 miles)
Thursdays at 4pm

Deansbrook Infants School
Hale Drive,
NW7 3ED

[Perform NW7](#)
(2.7 miles)
Saturdays at 9.30am

Hartley Hall
Flower Lane,
NW7 2JA

[Perform EN5](#)
(2.8 miles)
Saturdays at 2.15pm

Barnet United Reformed Church
Wood Street,
EN5 4BW

[Perform Radlett](#)
(2.8 miles)
Wednesdays at 4pm

Christ Church Vision Hall
Watling Street,
WD7 7JJ

[Perform HA7](#)
(2.9 miles)
Tuesdays at 4pm

Bernays Memorial Hall
25 The Broadway,
HA7 4DA

There are others too. Click to find all the nearest [here](#) or view a list of [all areas](#).

Raring2go!

Raring2go! Watford have sent is this link for the Winter Magazine – click on this link to see information about Christmas including pantos, visiting Santa, grottos, light trails as well as lots of activities, clubs, camps and classes to keep the kids entertained throughout the festive period.

<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/watford/winter2023/>