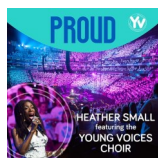
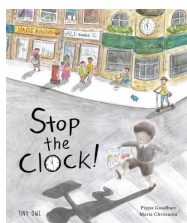


10TH MARCH 2023



You will remember that I previously mentioned that the choir had taken part in the Young Voices concert in January, recording a charity single, 'Proud', with Heather Small. We were thrilled to hear this week that the single has finally been released and can be downloaded by clicking on the link below. All UK proceeds go to children's mental health charity Place2Be.

<https://www.youngvoices.co.uk/proud-charity-single>



Year 3 have been taking part in Derby Book Festival's Children's Picture Book Award this week. Over the next three weeks, the children will participate in reading, language and art activities based on the three shortlisted texts. On March 28th the children (along with children from 51 other Derby schools) will vote for their favourite book. This week they have been enjoying 'Stop the Clock!' by Pippa Goodhart, which encourages us all to stop rushing around quite so much and take time to notice the world around us—a good lesson for lots of us I think!

Red Nose Day is Friday 17th March: We are inviting the children to wear a **splash of red** (e.g. red nose, t-shirt, hairband, socks or Comic Relief merchandise) along with their school uniform on the day for a donation (no jeans or football shirts please). **We will continue to sell red noses in the hall each morning until we are out of stock. Noses are £2.50 each.**



Class Attendances—Week beginning 6th March 2023—Average attendance 95%
Attendance has seen a slight drop again this week. We continue to aim for an overall attendance of 96% for the academic year. **Please remember that I am still *unable* to authorise any term-time leave of absence requests and, in the majority of cases, these will incur fines. These requests should be made in advance and not retrospectively please.**

Class 1	94.5%
Class 2	97.3%
Class 3	98.0%
Class 4	95.2%
Class 5	95.0%
Class 6	94.3%

Class 7	93.3%
Class 8	92.7%
Class 9	90.3%
Class 10	98.3%
Class 11	95.5%
Class 12	95.7%



Best Wishes
Mrs J Hill

School Dinners

Next week, we will be on Week 1's dinner menu. Dinners are £2.20 per day and children can switch between dinners and sandwiches from home daily if they wish.



<https://gaytonj.derby.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/Week-1-Menu-Spring-Summer-2023.pdf>

Inclusion Coffee Mornings

Our next Inclusion Coffee Morning, focusing on Sensory Processing Needs is on Wednesday 29th March. All parents from both Ridgeway and Gayton schools are welcome to join us if you think the topic might help you at home. Please join us at 9am for each session for a tea or coffee—all sessions will begin at 9:30am and will finish by 11am at the latest.

Wednesday 29th March—Sensory Processing & Needs—run by Fleur Roseblade, First Look SEN

Wednesday 17th May—Transition & Summer Support—run by Julie Fearn & Vicki Clarke, Learning Mentor, Gayton Junior School

Wednesday 28th June—Internet Safety & Mental Health—run by Vicki Clarke



Big Walk and Wheel

Remember we're taking part in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel 2023 the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge. The challenge runs from 20th-31st March. It's free and we would love everyone to be involved!



What do you need to do?

Encourage your child/children to walk, use a wheelchair, scoot or cycle to school on as many days as possible during the event. **We have introduced the challenge to the children this week in assembly and they are keen to get going on 20th March. We talked about the possibility of parents parking further from school and walking the last part of the journey if walking the whole way to school is not possible or practical—we will count this as a walk to school.**

Including everyone

We want to make sure that everyone can get involved in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel.

We know it may be more difficult for some pupils to take part than others. If you want to discuss more about your child's specific needs, please contact Mrs Costema and we will make sure to look into how your child can take part.

Why we are taking part

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel is a great way to build physical activity in children's daily routine which is important for their physical health and mental wellbeing.

Active school runs also help to reduce congestion and air pollution outside the school gate. [A 2021 YouGov study](#) showed nearly half of UK children worry about air pollution near their school and that children thought active travel was the best away to bring down these pollution levels.

For more information about the event go to www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk . Enjoy the challenge!

Children who are cycling or scooting to school should leave their scooters and bikes in the cycle shelter in the car park, preferably with a lock on them. The shelter is locked during school hours. Please make sure your child is wearing a helmet if they are using these methods of travel.

FEBRUARY HALF TERM

Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th March	All Day	Strike Days - SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 13th March	Afternoon	Year 6 Local Visit—Geography Field Trip—See Teams
Friday 17th March	All Day	Red Nose Day—Wear a splash of red—donation
Monday 20th March	All Day	Year 5 Faith Trail—See Letter
Monday 20th—Friday 31st March	Mornings and Evenings for the fortnight	Big Walk and Wheel
Monday 20th & Tuesday 21st March	All Day	Year 3 Roman Workshops
Wednesday 22nd March	All Day	Year 4 Space Centre Trip—See Letter
Thursday 23rd March	During the school day	Year 3 visits to Newmount Church—Easter Experience
Wednesday 29th March	All Day	Year 6 School Nursing Team Visit—See Letter
Wednesday 29th March	9:30-11:00am	Inclusion Coffee Morning—Sensory Processing & Needs
Tuesday 28th March —date change	All Day	Reward Day—Non Uniform for all pupils
Thursday 30th March	PM	Break up for Easter Holiday
Friday 31st March	All Day	INSET 5
EASTER HOLIDAYS		
Monday 17th April	AM	Back to School—Summer Term 1
Monday 1st May	All Day	May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 8th May	All Day	Additional Bank Holiday—School Closed to Children
Tuesday 9th—Tuesday 16th May	Mornings	Year 6 SATs Week
Friday 12th—Sunday 14th May	All Weekend	Year 6 PGL Trip
Wednesday 17th May	9:30-11:00am	Inclusion Coffee Morning—Transition & Summer Support
Friday 26th May	PM	Break up for Half Term
MAY HALF TERM		
Monday 5th June	AM	Back to School—Summer Term 2
Wednesday 28th June	9:30-11:00am	Inclusion Coffee Morning—Internet Safety & Mental Health
Friday 21st July	PM	Break up for Summer Holiday
2023-24 INSET DAYS		
Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th September 2023	All Day	INSETs 1 & 2
Monday 6th November 2023	All Day	INSET 3
Monday 8th January 2024	All Day	INSET 4
Monday 3rd June 2024	All Day	INSET 5



Breakfast

Numbers have risen this week and we were pleased to be able to provide breakfast to **97** children over the course of the week of breakfast provision **for those who need it.**

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