



Newsletter 17

Tuesday, 9th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this newsletter finds you and your families well. As this is the first Newsletter of 2024 I would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year.

Spotlight on the Curriculum: Music – Y5 & Y6 School Choir – Woodlands are the winners of a Song for Christmas!

This week's Newsletter is coming out earlier than normal to celebrate the fact that Woodlands were crowned as Song for Christmas 2023 winners this morning (9th January). Andy Munns from Salisbury Radio and head judge and former head teacher Anne Munns visited the school to present £250 Book Vouchers and the Song for Christmas trophy.

The whole school were there to celebrate the school's choir, which is made up of pupils from Years 5 and 6, who won the competition for their performance of 'Walking in the Air'. The choir performed their winning song for the whole school before receiving the trophy and book vouchers. After this we were treated to a wonderful solo performance of the song from Euwan in Year 6.

Anne Munns told the school, "When I heard which song it was, I knew it was a hard song to sing and didn't know what to expect. When I heard you singing, I was amazed at how great you sounded, and when you performed it for us today, it was even better! Congratulations."

They were one of twenty schools who participated in the competition last year, of which the standard was very high. The judges listened to the songs from each school, without knowing which school had sung each song.

Four pupils talked to Andy after the trophy and vouchers had been presented; you can hear them on Salisbury Radio at around 4.20pm this afternoon.

Andy Munns, a presenter at Salisbury Radio, said, "This year, the standard has been so high, every school upped their game. It was a special moment when we recorded the song at Woodlands; the children sang with smiles on their faces and gave it their all – it was so heartwarming. We look forward to seeing what the schools sing in 2024 and hopefully more schools taking part; we will find a way to squeeze in as many as we can!"

I would like to thank Andy Munns and Salisbury Radio for running this fantastic competition. Please remember to listen at 4.20pm today.





Dates for the Diary

Y3 & Y4 Zumba starts	Tuesday 9 th January	3.00pm-3.45pm
Y5 & Y6 Girls' Football Club re-starts	Thursday 11 th January	3.00pm-4.00pm
Y5 & Y6 Boys' Football Club re-starts	Monday 15 th January	3.00pm-4.00pm
Y5 Mini Police Session	Wednesday 17 th January	1.20pm-3.00pm
History Club re-starts	Thursday 25 th January	3.00pm-4.00pm
Non-School Uniform Day - £1 donation	Friday 26 th January	all day
Year 6 Visit to the Army Flying Museum as part of their WW2 History Unit.	Friday 2 nd February 2024	all day
Final Day of Term 2	Friday 9th February	Normal Time Finish
Half-Term	Monday 12th Feb – Friday 16th Feb	School Closed
Start of Term 4	Monday 19th February	Gates Open 8.45am
Non-School Uniform Day - £1 donation	Friday 23 rd February	all day
Y5 Mini Police Session	Wednesday 6 th March	1.20pm-3.00pm
Year 6 Residential – Osmington Bay	Wednesday 20 th – Friday 22 nd March 2024	all day
Y5 Mini Police Session	Wednesday 17 th April	1.20pm-3.00pm
Y5 Mini Police Session	Wednesday 5 th June	1.20pm-3.00pm

Kind regards,

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