

THIS WEEK'S NEWS

This week, four of our Y6 pupils had the privilege of going to the town hall to present their views to the City Council. This is part of the Council's UNICEF UK's Child Friendly Cities programme, which works with councils to put children's rights into practice. The programme seeks to make sure children have the chance to have a meaningful say in, and benefit from, the decisions, services and spaces that shape their lives. Our children were there to speak about the importance of looking after the environment we live in so they will have a future. They were treated to wonderful hospitality and got to see democracy in action, with all the Councillors in the chamber sitting at their stations with their voting buttons. Our very own Gavin White, father, Chair of Governors and local Councillor was there to welcome us too. All children who presented did a fantastic job! See the photo of some of the children with the Lord Mayor!



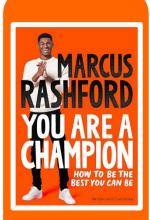
Word of the week DEMOCRACY

The word democracy describes a form of government. The word comes from two Greek words that mean "rule by the people." In a democracy the people have a say in how the government is run. They do this by voting. We vote for our Councillors in local elections and they are in charge of how Manchester works.

Our Council is a democratically elected body that governs the City of Manchester.

4AC School attendance average

92.3%



BOOK OF THE WEEK DATES FOR YOUR DIARY STAY AND PLAY

Wednesday 9:15am-10:45am

ENGLISH LESSONS FOR PARENTS/CARERS Tuesday 9.15am - 10.15am

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEAR CLOTHES THAT YOU FEEL COMFORTABLE IN Friday 09/02/2024

PARENT MEET

Friday 09/02/2024 at 9:00am All welcome

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL Half term Friday 16/02/2024

HEALTHY EATING SESSION

Friday 01/03/2024 Come along and get some tips on healthy snacks and sample some delights from Hermine our lovely Chef

WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 07/03/2024 (dress in pyjamas or as a book character – letter to follow)

We have promoted this book before, but after meeting with the co-author, Carl Anka, at our Careers Fair we want to remind everyone that this is a brilliant book that helps us understand how to be best they can. There are loads of copies in the Y5 classrooms and some in the library too. **Enjoy!**

GREEN HEROES



A PROUD ACHIEVEMENT AT JIGSAW CLUB



We've been busy getting our wildlife area a safe and

tidy home for our Spring visitors.

ONLINE SAFETY

Thank you to everyone who attended the parent workshop on online safety. In this session I highlighted a useful website that allows you to receive a step-by-step tutorial on how to add parental setting on any app or home broadband. I have added a QR code that you can scan to





WEAR CLOTHES YOU FEEL COMFORTABLE IN ON

take to this website.

FRIDAY 9th OF FEBRUARY!

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week. We will start the week with an assembly. **On Friday 9th February**, we are inviting all children to wear clothes that make them feel comfortable and relaxed.

Representatives from the Year 6 Debate Mate team took part in their first debate of the year with other pupils from schools in Manchester. Not only did they impress the judges



with their confidence, clear speeches and well-structured arguments, they also won one of their debates! We are really proud of them and can't wait to see where their debating skills take them in the future.

P.E AT OLD MOAT

Congratulations to our year 5 P.E stars of the week! Year 5's topic this term is Handball - Year 5 this week were able to show us that they can anticipate the play. Year 5 showed how to shoot with power and accuracy, they now know when to attack and when to defend.

Mr. Pye: Year 5 relished the opportunity to participate in Handball during P.E. I'm very impressed with how focused they have been and their willingness to progress and learn this sport. Year 5 made it a very tough decision to decide P.E star of the week.

YEAR 6 CAREERS FAIR



Year 6 had a very successful careers fair on Wednesday. The children were able to talk to people representing different professions: Carl Anka, a famous journalist and co-author of some books by Marcus Rashford; an engineer, who made a bridge that the children tested; a bank manager; someone from HR; a social worker; a lawyer and a football coach. The children thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to talk about different jobs and the qualifications needed.



