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Paddox Primary Newsletter 20 January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Many of you will be aware that the National Education Union has voted for strike action this week. We have received national guidance and are now awaiting further information from the Local Authority. We are already working on our plan and when we have all the necessary information we will share this with parents as quickly as possible. We fully understand that you need to know what is happening in a timely manner so that you can make any arrangements necessary. Thank you for your patience on the matter and I will be in touch soon.

Best wishes, Kate Guymer

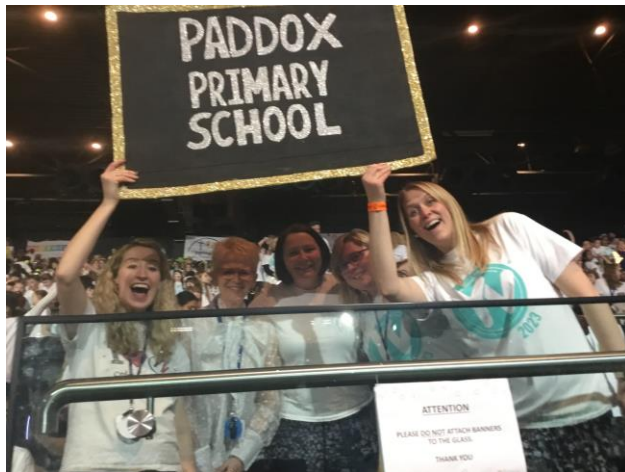
What's been happening in school this week?



1 - Young Voices 2023

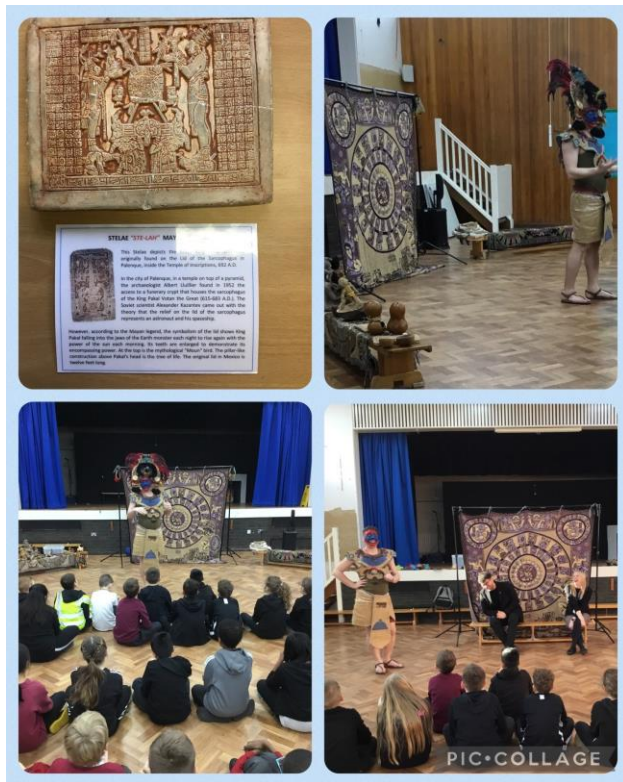
On Friday 13 January, KS2 choir participated in the Young Voices concert at Resorts World Arena in Birmingham. This was a huge success, and the children sang their hearts out alongside 6240 other performers. Thank you to all of the adults who gave up their Friday evening to come and support the children: Mrs Pearson, Mrs Bourne, Mrs Tilley, Miss Harris, Mrs Farmer and Mrs Unwin. Thank you also to the amazing Paddox office staff who worked tirelessly to support Mrs Pearson in making this trip a success. Well done to all of the children and thank you to their parents for their ongoing support. It will certainly be an experience that the children will remember in years to come.







2 - **Year 6** had the opportunity to take part in a workshop about **WW2**, one of their topics for this year. They experienced what life would be like during the blitz, as well as understanding the perspective of a German family in the war.



3 - On Monday, **Year 5** had a very special **Mayan history day** from our visitors, Past Productions. They brought Mayan history to life and the children thoroughly enjoyed the day. It was great to revisit our learning from our Autumn Mayan topic and we learnt lots of new facts too. The children were able to explore Mayan artefacts, played a competition about the Mayan number system and completed a group drama activity. The teachers even had to get involved in the drama too and performed the Mayan creation story.

Look up



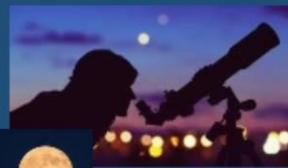
Dressing up warm, going into your garden in the dark, observing the magnificence of the night sky! Whether we are looking at the Moon with our eyes, using an app to identify the stars or even learning to use a telescope or binoculars, we can all get excited about a Star Gazing.

To enter our competition, simply send us a photo before, during or after your BIG NIGHT OUT 📱 with your child's name and class to:

Mrs Barnes: barnes.l3@welearn365.com

Or send it to your class teacher and they can forward it to Mrs Barnes.

Closing date 3/2/2023 You will receive a leaf for every entry and ASTRONAUT ICECREAM for the winning photos (1 per year group!)



Useful tips and ideas can be found here:

https://www.skyatnightmagazine.com/advice/skills/stargazing_for-kids/

https://www.nationalgeographic.co.uk/space/2020/04/need_new-idea-keep-kids-entertained-try-stargazing

https://www.amnh.org/explore/ology/astronomy/a_kid-s-guide-to-stargazing

P.E Update from Mrs Knight



4 - Grace took part in the Year 3 tag rugby festival in September. She loved the experience so much that she has now joined a rugby club and is winning special awards for her achievements! Mrs Knight is super proud of Grace and has loved seeing her journey start from school sport.



5 - Cross country club has commenced this week! The team have begun their training for the Rugby school's cross country races coming up next month. Mrs Knight can't wait to see them racing! Thank you to Mrs York for her help with cross country club this week.

A reminder about P.E uniform.

Children should not be wearing Converse or expensive fashion trainers for P.E. Our uniform policy also applies to afterschool clubs. Children should not be wearing football team kits and should be wearing normal P.E school uniform of back shorts/joggers, black hoodie/sweatshirt and a white t-shirt.

Information for Paddox families

Join our Parent Coffee Mornings...

The Pastoral Team will be hosting a relaxed opportunity for parents to meet, chat, ask questions, eat biscuits and drink plenty of tea/coffee!

Dates

Wednesday 25th January

Wednesday 8th February

Wednesday 1st March

Wednesday 15th March

Wednesday 29th March

From 9am onwards in

The Orchard building

Everyone is welcome!



6 - The number for the **Family Information Service (FIS)** has now changed to **0800 408 1558** - this is so that it is now a free number for everyone so that cost is not a barrier to people making contact.

FIS provide information, advice and one-to-one support for families with children and young people aged 0 to 25 across Warwickshire on issues including:

- family relationships

- *finance*
- *housing*
- *parenting support*
- *special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)*
- *childcare*
- *health and wellbeing*

Separated Families Workshop For Children

We are delighted to be able to host another weekly workshop for children who are living in a separated family. The family might be going through separation now, or it may have happened some time ago.

The workshop will run for 6-8 sessions to offer the children the opportunity to discuss their feelings about the separation and the difference it has made to their lives. The workshop is open to children from year 2 to year 6 initially. The sessions are due to start on 9 February and will take place during the afternoon at school. Places will be offered on a first come, first served basis. Please contact **Kim Clarke** on **01788 572340** or email: **clarke.k1@welearn365.com**¹

Important Reminders



Arriving to school on time: School gates and doors open at 845am and all children are expected to be in class by 855am each morning. If you arrive after 855am, you must enter into school through the front door so we can ensure we have recorded your child's attendance and also their school dinner order.

¹<https://clarke.k1@welearn365.com>

Where possible please call the school office to advise you'll be late - 01788 572340 - and/or email admin2625@welearn365.com²

Vehicles within school: Please remember the only vehicles permitted into school are people picking up children from The Orchard. We kindly remind drivers the speed limit is 4mph. Vehicles are not allowed onsite to collect children from **any** afterschool clubs. Please ensure you park safely and walk onto the school site. The driveway is closed to **all** vehicles between 840am-9am every morning and 310pm - 330pm every afternoon. Thank you for your support with this.

Lost property: Please can you make sure that ALL items of uniform are clearly labelled with your child's name and class. LARRY is very full of unnamed lost property which we can't return to rightful owners! LARRY is wheeled out to the playground by the year 6 doors every Friday morning and afterschool (weather permitting). Please check to see if any items belong to your children.

Dates for your diary



Wednesday 25 January: Parent Coffee Morning in the Paddox Centre / The Orchard Building from 9am

²<https://admin2625@welearn365.com>

Saturday 28 January: FOPS The Hogwarts Experience - letters have already been sent out to successful Hogwarts students

Monday 30 January - Friday 3 February: Protective Behaviours Week

Tuesday 31 January and Thursday 2 February: Year 1 Group Assembly (emails have been sent informing parents of which day)

Wednesday 8 February: Parent Coffee Morning in the Paddock Centre / The Orchard Building from 9am

Monday 13 February: Year 6 Height and Weight Monitoring

Friday 17 February: Non school uniform day

Half term: Monday 20 February to Friday 24 February 2023 inclusive