



*"With Christ as our guide we let our light shine."*

### *A Message from Mrs. Blincow...*

Dear Parent/Carers,

What another great week we have had.

Both Mrs. Yuen and myself have been busy visiting the classes and seeing all the great learning that has been going on. Reception class have been intrepid dinosaur fossil hunters, while in Year 1 the children took their learning outside to look for evergreen and deciduous trees and see what happened to them in Winter.

Year 2 were also outside, looking at shape in the environment and have just been introduced to an exciting new Design Project on needlework inspired by Cath Kidson. Year 3, who are still talking about their visit from Portals to the Past, have been looking at how archaeologists find out about prehistoric life by studying the artefacts and settlements left behind by prehistoric people.

Year 4 have been working on their coding skills, writing computer programmes using 2Code Genie, while Year 5 have been investigating climate zones and soil types, and how this can affect land use. Year 6 have also been looking at climates, this time in Antarctica and have been creating fact files around a book they have been reading about the life of the Irish explorer Ernest Shackleton.

An amazing variety of work going on. Well done everyone.

*Have a wonderful week*

*Mrs Blincow*

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## Children Shine At Young Voices

Last Friday, after weeks of rehearsing, some of our Year 5 and 6 children, joined other young people at the Birmingham Arena, to form a mass choir of over 6,000 voices. The atmosphere was electric, as the audience were captivated by the enthusiastic, tuneful performance of popular and folk songs, which filled the huge arena. With special guest, Heather Small, the children recorded a charity single, 'Proud', one of the pop star's biggest chart hits, which can be downloaded from all popular streaming sites.

The children had a fantastic time and were an absolute credit to their parents and the school.



## Term Dates

**Lent Term**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January

**Ash Wednesday**

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

**Year 4 St. David's Day Assembly**

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March

**Half Term**

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February - 3.15pm

**School Returns**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February

**Term Ends**

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March – 3.15PM

**School Returns**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April

**Bank Holiday**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April (Coronation)

**Term Ends**

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April

## Outdoor Learning



The 'cold snap' that has gripped the country this week wasn't enough to stop the children of Year 1 this week, as they wrapped up warm and headed out to the school garden to do a bit of outdoor learning. With the natural world inspiring artists for generations, the children were inspired by the beauty of nature to create a piece of art in the school's outdoor space. As well as being great fun they came up with some amazing pieces of art too.



## We're Going On A Dinosaur Hunt



Reception class have been on a fossil hunt this week. As part of their new Spring Term project they have been looking at fossils and even tried their hand at making their own, out of dough. The children had lots of fun burying them in the sandpit and then carefully digging them up again, just like a real palaeontologist.



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