



RIDGEWAY
Primary School

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Young Voices 2022



Wednesday saw the long-awaited return of Young Voices at Sheffield Arena. We took a choir of 34 pupils, made up of girls and boys from Y5 & Y6. A huge thanks goes to Mr Moffat, one of our parent governors who very kindly gave up his day to accompany us. It was a busy afternoon of rehearsals followed by an amazing evening show. We sang with some great professional singers, were joined by an incredible BeatBox group and danced with the brilliant Urban Strides street dancers.

"I really loved when the Urban Striders were dancing because we got to dance with them too!" Maisie

"I liked the Beat Box Collective because it was really interactive and everyone got a chance to join in" Jack

"I loved the lighting effects, how they became multicoloured at the same time during O Fortuna and the Muppets Medley" Esme

"It surprised me that there were over 5000 children there from 131 schools!" Evie

"The Beat Boxers were World Champions and World Record holders and it was fun because we got to learn how to Beat Box too." Isla

"I liked how Urban Strides helped us with the actions and I loved watching them freestyle as we could freestyle ourselves." Luke

"I was shocked how good the start was when it was all black and then we all shone our torches, then it went straight into the first song." Isaac

Keep an eye out on the newsletter in the next few weeks for details of YV 2023. It is scheduled for next January so we will be looking for new recruits very soon!

The children, as always, were a credit to the school. Mrs Barnes and Mrs Evans



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Mini Medics



On Thursday Year 4 began their 'Mini Medics' training.

We all started to learn about First Aid and why it's so important. We explored lots of emergency situations and what First Aid involves. After that, we looked at what you need in a First Aid kit and why.

Finally, we all role played different emergency scenarios and practised following the right procedures.

We talked to the casualties and asked them the vital questions to assess the situation, including whether or not to phone for an ambulance.

At the end, we all agreed that we had really enjoyed the session and learnt lots in the process.

Staffing

We are sad to announce that Mrs Wilkinson will be retiring after this half term. The staff at Ridgeway will miss her experience and knowledge around the school and I'm sure the whole school community would like to wish her a long and happy retirement and thank her for her years of service to the school and pupils.

Miss Crowley will be returning from maternity leave and will be taking Mrs Wilkinson's place in Y1 and Y2.

Mrs Naylor will be returning to teach in Y1 after a short transition period to ensure Mr Wilson has settled back in and is up to speed on all events.

Mr Wilson would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome on his return. He would especially like to thank Mrs Naylor and all the staff at Ridgeway for their hard work and continued support of the school and pupils while he has been off.



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Y6 Isle of Wight Residential

The Year 6 Isle of Wight residential is fast approaching—3 weeks and counting! We're aware that you'll have lots of questions and we hope to answer them all via a parents meeting on Thursday 12th May at 3.30pm in the Y6 classroom.

Could we ask that all payments for the trip and for hoodies are made in the next week or so—if you have any questions about this side of things please call the office or catch Mr Evans in the playground before or after school.

And Finally...

Don't forget that next Monday 2nd May is a bank holiday so, much as we know you love coming to school, have yourselves a nice relaxing day off instead.

School will reopen as normal on Tuesday 3rd May.



Attendance

This week's top attendance...

	<u>The Bright Sparks</u> Year 5	99.4%	
	<u>Team Tudor</u> Year 4	99.0%	
	<u>The Romans</u> Year 2	97.2%	

School **96.3%** = 0.2% above our target (96.1%)

Diary Dates

Thurs 28th Apr	Y4 Mini Medics course starts
Mon 2nd May	Bank Holiday—School closed
Mon 23rd May	Y6 Isle of Wight trip.
Wed 18th May	Cross Country at SHU Sports Park
Mon 23rd May	Mini Tennis Event
Fri 27th May	End of Summer term 1
Wed 8th Jun	Start of Summer term 2
Thurs 9th Jun	Class and leaver photos



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