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# Spring Term

# Snapshot

# 2023-24



# UL Primary Student Leadership Programme



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Some of our Y6s spent several hours at [@mscfoodbank](#) today to launch an exciting new partnership supporting our community. The group spent time touring the Foodbank warehouse and playing a game that taught them how household budgets can change and why foodbanks are so important!



# Y11 Alcohol Awareness Session

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Thank you to [@SmashedProject](#) for this morning's Y11 session on alcohol awareness.





# Y10 Football

The Year 10 Boys Football Team have been busy with fixtures and cup matches this term...



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# Y8 Self-Esteem Assembly

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Y8 loved this morning's assembly by [@MessageTrust](#) on self-esteem.





# Y12 US Civil Rights Workshop

On Friday 12 January, our Y12 History and Politics students attended a workshop on US Civil Rights and Political Ideas in the 1960s at the University of Manchester. This consisted of a seminar in the morning, delivered by Dr Andrew Fearnley, entitled 'A Complex King: Martin Luther King Jr, 1963-68.

The students then travelled up to the Ahmed Iqbal Ullah Race Relations Archive at Manchester Central Library and looked at primary source material from various civil rights campaigns and events, from as far back as the early 1900s.

To finish the day, Dr Fearnley led another seminar, dealing with the US political system and its role in the movement for civil rights. We also stopped for lunch at the Whitworth Art Gallery Cafe, again hosted by the University.

All students involved really enjoyed the chance to experience a taste of university life, and to hear from one of the country's leading academics on American History, Politics and Culture. This work directly links to the curriculum for both courses, with students of History and Politics studying the US in detail over the course of their two-year A-Level.

This event is another great example of the work that the University of Manchester does to inspire and engage students from across the city, hopefully encouraging them to pursue Higher Education.



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# Y10 Safeguarding Assembly



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This morning we had a visit from members of the Manchester complex safeguarding team to talk to our Year 10 pupils about a range of safeguarding issues. We were delighted that they could visit us and give our pupils practical advice on how to stay safe [@ManCityCouncil](#)



# Y11 Cold War Study Day

A group of our Year 11 History students attended a 'Cold War Study Day', hosted by the University of Manchester at Jodrell Bank Centre in Cheshire.

The day consisted of a film about the history of Jodrell Bank and the world-famous Lovell Telescope, two lectures from University of Manchester professors and a primary sources workshop. All of these activities were focussed on how significant the Lovell Telescope and Jodrell Bank site were during the Cold War, which played out across the twentieth century with the USA and the then USSR competing to build advanced space technology.

The Jodrell Bank site was vital to monitoring and covering the activities of both superpowers, and the information the student learned on Monday will be extremely useful in their 'Superpower Relations and Cold War' GCSE exams in a few months.



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# Primary Learn with Me

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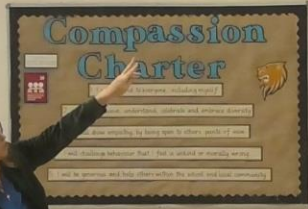
We had a fantastic 'Learn with Me' session this morning with a maths specialist from United Learning! 📊 Parents found it extremely helpful and praised how clearly things were explained. 💡 #parentsupport #mathseducation ✍️

Year	1	2	3	4	5	6
Finger sums	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Number bonds	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Addition	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

**Coordinating Mathematical Success: the mathematics subject report (12 July 2023)**

Pupils in key stage 1 were often expected to develop fluency and deep understanding when thinking about number. However, there appeared to be less emphasis on learning addition and subtraction tables (number bonds) by heart. This is potentially problematic, as pupils need to be able to recall this type of knowledge quickly in order to access more complex mathematics in key stage 2.

**LOCK OF AUTOMATIC FLUENCY**





# KS4 Indoor Cricket



Our KS4 Indoor Cricket Team played Trinity on Monday 22 January at home. In what is a hectic slant on the traditional cricket format, where you lose three runs every time you lose a wicket, we batted first and led with some tremendous hitting from Ismael and Edris.

Our team amassed 83 runs in our 10 overs, with numerous fours and sixes. In reply, Trinity were restricted to 18 from their overs. Some great bowling and superb ground fielding kept Trinity in check.

Highlights of the match were a first wicket for Oliver and a fantastic run out by our wicketkeeper, Momin.

Well played to all the lads who took part.

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# Primary Boccia Final Winners



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Congratulations to our Boccia County Final Winners: [@WilliamHulmes!](#) 🏆

🌐 Today we hosted our inclusive Boccia [@Panathlon](#) County Finals at [@BoltonArena](#), with previous winners from Salford, Bury, Rochdale, Wigan, Tameside, Oldham & Stockport as well as Bolton

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# KS3 Table Tennis Championships



On Wednesday 24 January, we entered two boys and one girls' team into the Desmond Douglas Manchester Schools KS3 Table Tennis Championship, held at Our Lady's High School. It was a really enjoyable and long evening!

Teams played in fours, and played a combination of singles and doubles matches.

Congratulations to one of our boys' teams who finished third overall, and to the girls' team who also finished third.

Well done to all twelve students who took part and were a credit to the school.

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# Y11 Loud Speaker Assembly



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Thank you to Matthew from [@LoudSpeakerLive](#) for speaking with our Year 11 students about their amazing free enrichment residential offer for young people aged 15 - 17, during the Easter holidays.



# Manchester Youth Indoor Rowing Competition

A group of our pupils attended the Manchester Youth Indoor Rowing Competition on Wednesday 24 January. Pupils were all selected due to their involvement in a rowing project with Agecroft Rowing Club in Salford Quays.

The Competition format for the day was intense and each student took part in several races across the day. The various races included:

- Year 8 Individual - 3 minute race (girls and boys)
- Year 9 Individual - 4 minute race (girls and boys)
- Year 8 Open/Girls Relay - an 8 minute race for teams of up to 4 athletes (Open = male or female, Girls = female only)
- Year 9 Open/Girls Relay - an 8 minute race for teams of up to 4 athletes (Open = male or female, Girls = female only)

Throughout the day, all pupils showed grit and determination in their races; they were competing against several schools from across the North West. The fastest 24 athletes (12 girls and 12 boys) on the day were invited to compete at the National Indoor Rowing Championships in London on 1 March 2024. We had one pupil selected, congratulations to Maryam from Year 8.



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# Y12/Y13 Renew Hub and Krispy Kreme Trip

Our Year 12 and 13 Product Design students visited the Renew Hub recently, to see first-hand how Greater Manchester is reducing the amount of waste going to landfill, as well as understanding more about what is done in the name of sustainability.

Students saw how a range of household products; from white goods, to bikes and furniture, are repaired and up-cycled and sold, in order to reduce waste and raise money for charities.

Students also got the opportunity to see how Krispy Kreme donuts were manufactured in batches, ready for distribution around Manchester. They even got to try them.



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# Primary Social Action Group – Hunger No More



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Proud of our students who have formed their own social action group - Hunger No More - in support of local foodbanks. They are raising awareness at the end of school each day this week to encourage families to donate what they can to this amazing cause!



# World Hijab Day



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All have been invited to wear Hijab's of any colour/pattern to school today, in celebration of World Hijab Day - Declared by Nazma Khan, a Muslim woman from NYC. By encouraging all women to try wearing the hijab for a day, she hoped to promote religious understanding & tolerance



# Sufiyaan Wins Runner Up at StorySLAM

On Tuesday 6 February, one of our Year 5 pupils, Sufiyaan, took home the Runner Up prize in this year's northern StorySLAM final, hosted by Cravenwood Primary School.

StorySLAM is an annual competition run by United Learning for pupils in Years 5 and 6, which challenges them to write their own 200-300 word stories to then perform in front of their peers. Inspired by a similar event which began in New York, the aim of the competition is to develop children's creativity, confidence and literacy skills in a supportive and fun environment.

This year, 36 primary schools across the country took part in the competition. The first stage began in each of the participating schools as the children wrote and later performed their stories in front of their classmates and teachers before a school champion was crowned.

Following this, the winners took up their places in one of three regional finals in the South, Midlands and North, where they performed their stories to an expert panel of judges, including children's storyteller Kevin Graal. In the face of fierce competition, Sufiyaan took home the Runner Up prize, impressing judges with his story about 'Lazer Boy'. To celebrate his efforts, Sufiyaan received a certificate and a selection of books.

At the final event, pupils also participated in a storytelling workshop, led by Kevin, who equipped the children with the tools and confidence they needed to take to the stage and enthusiastically perform their stories.

The finalists' stories will now be collated and published in the United Learning StorySLAM 2024 Anthology. A copy of this will be sent to each participating school.

Kate Heaton, Principal at William Hulme's Grammar School said:

*"This is a fantastic achievement by Sufiyaan and I would like to congratulate him and all our other children who took part in this excellent competition. I am both immensely proud and delighted that our youngest writers at William Hulme's are already achieving such great outcomes in the Primary Phase and look forward to this continuing as they make the transition into our Secondary Phase where there will be further opportunities for them to develop their creativity, confidence, literacy and oracy skills".*



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# KS2 Young Voices Concert



Tuesday 6 February saw our annual performance with the phenomenon that is Young Voices!

Our KS2 Choir has been rehearsing after school on Tuesdays every week (which is open to any pupils from KS2 who love to sing). We were so very proud of the Choir on Tuesday; they have worked very hard to learn a staggering array of different songs, some with dance routines, sign language parts and different layers!

This year we performed as part of a choir of 8994 young people, alongside an amazing line up of professional singers, dancers and musicians. The highlights of this year's Concert included the amazing vocal talents of Natalie Williams, the street dance troupe Urban Strides and the rapper MC Grammar.

It was a fun packed evening of singing and dancing, including medleys of songs from Matilda, Moana and medleys of gospel and pop music too. We were also entertained by the drumming talents of Nandi Bushell, the 13 year old drumming prodigy who wowed us with her performance as part of the pop medley.

It was a very long, intense and exciting day, and the Choir have certainly earned a rest over half term!

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# Y11 UA92 Prep Talk

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Thank you to [@UA92MCR](#) for delivering a Prep Talk session to Y11 this morning. The session involved a variety of interactive public speaking / confidence activities and the students were provided with tools that they need to let their voices be heard.





# Y10 Misogyny Assembly



## MISOGYNY

Misogyny is the dislike for or prejudice against women and

Misogyny is only one form of discrimination

↳ i.e. Misandry

It highlights how we view feminine characteristics in a more negative light

We can use it to notice how we talk about gender – for both men and women



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Thank you to the Collective Futures Project for delivering a fantastic workshop to Y10 this morning about Misogyny. We're looking forward to welcoming the group back next term to deliver to Y11 [@ManMetUni](#)



# Y12 Turing Trip to Zambia



In February, ten of our Year 12 students travelled to Zambia to take part in a Sports Coaching Programme, as part of the government's Turing scheme, which promotes international relations between schools.

The boys worked closely alongside the local community and delivered Sports Coaching to primary school children who live in some of the most deprived areas of the country.

Every student from WHGS conducted themselves brilliantly and made a profound impact on the lives of the Zambian children they worked with, whilst making some long-lasting friendships along the way.

Also, the boys attended night-time workshops, which looked closely at Climate Change initiatives and how they can work towards creating a sustainable future for all.

Every member of the group came back with a different perspective of the world in which we live and with a more positive outlook on people, communities and friendship.

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# WOMArathoN Challenge

On Friday 9 February, we hosted our "WOMArathoN" Challenge. We were celebrating the 40th anniversary of the formation of Women in Sport and 40 years since women were first allowed to run the marathon in the Olympics. Women in Sport was founded in 1984 and has a track record of success in securing change, based on its deep understanding of the needs and aspirations of women and girls at each life stage. Its goal is to break down gender inequalities and ensure that all sport is transformed for the benefit of every woman and girl in the UK.

Sixty Year 7 and 8 girls signed up to complete the race. As a team, they all worked co-operatively to finish the marathon distance. All students managed to run/wheel/skip 1km individually, taking us over our 40km total. Taking part in this event formed a personal challenge for all of our students but, during the event, it was fantastic to see the resilience and character shown. Each student earned House points for their teams, for their attitude and effort while taking part.

After the distance was completed, we spoke about the importance of physical activity and sport. All students spoke about the effects that sport and physical activity had on their lives within the school day.

Students commented:

- *I feel better socially as I get to be with my friends*
- *It makes me feel better and improves my health as I do a lot of it*
- *Enhanced mood and it's just fun*
- *I get enjoyment from being outside and not being stuck in a classroom*

Congratulations to all the girls that took part in the Challenge for their achievements.



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# U15s Table Tennis Championships



On Wednesday 7 February, we entered two boys teams into the Desmond Douglas Manchester Schools U15s Table Tennis Championship at Our Lady's High School.

It was a really enjoyable and long evening! Teams played in fours and played a combination of singles and doubles. The standards were extremely high.

Congratulations to one of our U15 boys teams who finished third.

Well done to all ten pupils who took part and were a credit to the school.

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# Primary Foodbank Donations



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Today, we took all of our food donations to [@MSCFoodbank](#). We had to sort, weigh and date all of the items. Thanks to our community, we have donated enough food for 372 meals! Amazing generosity and compassion.



# Henshaws Visit

On Tuesday 27 February, we welcomed our friends from Henshaws, who joined us for conversation and music.

Performances included selected scenes from 'Annie', this year's school show, including 'Tomorrow' (sung by Sophia), 'It's A Hard Knock Life' (sung by the ensemble) and 'I Don't Need Anything But You' (sung by Judith and Sophia), as well as showcase moments from Year 8 musicians.

Always a brilliant community event and we are looking forward to welcoming Henshaws back in April.



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# Smart School Council – Make Your Mark Ballot



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Members of our Smart School Council spent their lunch time gathering votes from our students for the [@MycTheHive](#)  
Make your Mark Ballot [@ManCityCouncil](#) [@ SkillsForLife](#)



# Primary Pupil Leaders' Celebration Event at University of Oxford

This week, a team of our Year 6 pupils enjoyed a special Celebration Day at St Anne's College, University of Oxford to celebrate their completion of the Student Leadership Programme.

Run by United Learning, in partnership with the Dirt is Good Project, the programme challenges pupils across the Group's academies and independent schools to develop and deliver their own social action project, for the benefit of their school, local or wider communities.

Since the programme's launch in November, our pupils have been hard at work carrying out a project to raise awareness of food poverty in Manchester. They have led assemblies, campaigned and visited Manchester South Central Foodbank. Our community provided a huge food donation to the foodbank – providing enough food for 372 meals! Thank you for your contributions.

At this week's exciting Celebration Day, our young leaders saw their excellent efforts celebrated when they presented their project to an audience of around 100 peers and teachers from across other participating schools. The team took to the stage with impressive confidence and enthusiasm and were excellent representatives of our school community.

During their trip, our pupils also got the opportunity to learn more about university life and what it means to be a student at the University of Oxford. The pupils enjoyed a special tour of the College, as well as a taster lecture.

Well done to all our pupils who engaged so wholeheartedly in the programme and, through their project, have made such a real and positive difference to our local community.

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# Year 9 Gateways

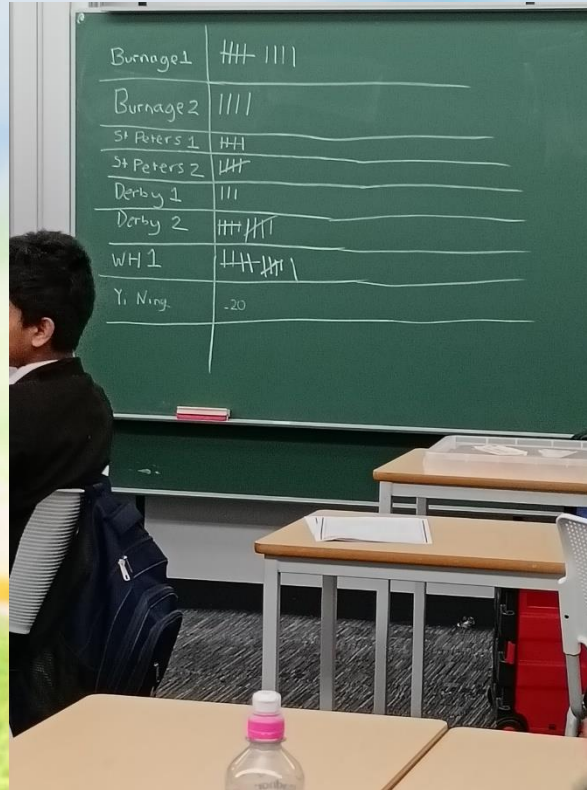
On Wednesday 28 February, a group of Year 9 students participated in the Gateways visit to the University of Manchester.

Our students were shown new sections of the University campus, including some newly built areas. Workshop sessions gave students an opportunity to explore their own potential and improve their personal motivations to succeed at both, during and after their career. Students took part in activities in groups, exploring budgeting at university, the role of a career and investigating the required transferrable skills. This helped students to realise the importance of playing to their key strengths.

The workshops were led by postgraduate students, who helped learners explore different career areas and the skills needed to succeed in each of these areas. All schools participating were entered into a competition, which consisted of a question and answer session and a creative session, where students were required to create their own society.

Our Year 9 students gave an excellent performance, outperforming all the other schools (there were 6 other teams) and convincingly attaining first place. Our students were all awarded a medal, in addition to their certificates.

All students enjoyed the day and found the activities engaging and informative. One of our students commented, "I really enjoyed the competition, especially the creative session".



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# Year 4 Forest School

Both Year 4 classes have enjoyed their Forest School trips to Delamere Forest this half term. The children loved this experience and were excited to visit a new forest this year!

When they were there, they took part in a range of different activities, such as bug collecting, den making, forest crafts and (a resounding favourite...) toasting marshmallows and brioche on the fire!

The Forest Leaders were extremely knowledgeable and taught us lots about how to identify wildlife by spotting different signs of life in the forest. Thank you to the Delamere Forest Rangers for their fabulous leadership during our time in the forest - the children had an amazing time!



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# Literacy Festival and World Book Day

Last week we celebrated Literacy Week with a host of events, activities and competitions across the Primary and Secondary Phase, focusing on inspiring a love of reading.

Our Primary children had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day, with the Reading Ambassadors introducing the day in an assembly, sharing the theme: Reading Your Way!

KS2 children then took part in an online interactive quiz and enjoyed hearing from football stars and authors. The children then practised their story-telling skills, thinking of different ways to engage their audience.

In the afternoon, KS1 and Year 3 got creative, making their favourite book characters out of potatoes, whilst Year 4, 5 and 6 created story sacks and spoons to gift to the EYFS children to help them retell their favoured picture books.

It was clear to see the love of reading shining throughout all of the Primary Phase!

Year 9 students were visited by author, Diana Anyakwo, on Tuesday. Diana gave a fantastic talk about her book, 'My Life As A Chameleon', on becoming an author, her family and growing up in Moss Side and Lagos.

Year 7 students were also treated to an author visit on Friday. They were visited by the author of 'Quiet Storm,' Kimberly Whittam. Kimberly gave a fantastic, interactive talk to our Year 7's, not only about becoming an author but also about achieving your dreams and gaining confidence.

On Thursday, the Secondary Phase also celebrated World Book Day and students got to join in with the 'Guess The Character Competition', as teachers came to school dressed as their favourite book characters. There were quizzes and competitions in the Library at break and lunch, with many students winning tokens for our book vending machines, as well as sweet treats.



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# National Careers Week in Secondary Phase



For National Careers Week (4-9 March), we celebrated with a range of exciting activities to showcase the exciting world of work. Subject teachers also highlighted the career opportunities within their subject areas, so that students could get an insight into the different career paths available to them.

WHGS promoted NCW around school with the following activities.

- Promotional videos were displayed on the screens around school, with NCW posters placed around school.
- NCW worksheets/resources for KS3/KS4 were handed out to all students.
- A competition for KS3 and KS4 students to design the best 'Tech Sports Kit'. We had three winners in Year 7 and Year 8 and some runners up that did a great job in designing their own very Tech Kit.
- Virtual careers session/careers fair with local businesses, delivered by the NCW team to discuss the different career pathways to our students.
- Staff career pathway door signs displayed around school, listing all previous jobs for students to see what route staff took to get to their current job role.



At WHGS we ensure that our students are supported with their career pathways. NCW was a great week to showcase the world of careers to ensure our students make it to their post 16 destination and future profession with ease.

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# OddBalls Foundation – Testicular Cancer Assemblies



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Thank you to [@OddBallsFDN](#) for delivering this weeks assemblies to each year group on raising awareness of Testicular Cancer.



# WOW Culture Day / Lord Mayor Visit



It was great to celebrate the diversity at WHGS during our WOW Culture Day on Thursday 21 March. Students and staff wore cultural dress or clothing items that represented them, and it was lovely to hear about the different backgrounds and heritages from everyone across the site. Donations were collected on our school gates and a donut sale took place, with proceeds going to our school funds.

Throughout the day there were many amazing things taking place across the whole school, such as a special Spanish break and lunch menu, cultural flags decorating the buildings, cultural music and graphics from around the world played on our TV screens.

We also had a special visit by the Lord Mayor of Manchester and Consort; Yasmine Dar and Majid Dar.

Our Y13 Sixth Form Student Leadership Team delivered a presentation about our school and a Q&A with both the Sixth Form and Primary Pupil Leadership Team was held. Afterwards, our Performing Arts students delivered a short performance of Annie and our students who study music performed a range of songs.

All pupils involved represented our school to the highest standard and were inspirational!



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# School Show Production of 'Annie Jnr'



On Tuesday 19, Wednesday 20 and Thursday 21 March, Performing Arts students took to the Great Hall stage to showcase their version of 'Annie Jnr'.

Featuring songs such as 'It's A Hard Knock Life' and 'Tomorrow', alongside some excellent acting scenes from all students, the level of performance was exemplarily.

The production combined a real team effort from performers (on stage and in the live band) and those working behind the scenes. The Drama and Music Department could not be prouder and thank all students, staff, parents and guardians involved.

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# Chicks in Reception



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Our Primary children have watched in awe and wonder, as the chicks have hatched from their eggs again this year! [#EducationwithCharacter!](#)



# Year 1 Visit to Hindu Temple



This term, Year 1 visited the Gita Bhavan Hindu Temple to understand why this place is sacred to Hindus.

Whilst at the temple, the children reflected on their own special places and why those places were special to them.

The trip was part of the children's religious education studies on 'How and why do people celebrate sacred times'.

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# Year 6 Visit to MOSI

On Tuesday 26 March, Year 6 were lucky enough to visit the Museum of Science and Industry in Manchester.

We spent most of our time in the "Experiment Gallery", exploring the effects of forces, marvelling at optical illusions and working together to crack puzzles. After this, we visited the exhibitions on the ground floor, which included a marble run. Children had to work in teams to ensure that their marble cleared obstacles and made it to the end.

All students were really engaged by the trip and were a credit to themselves and the school.



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