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# Malvern Way News

## From Mrs Cole

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The last few weeks mark the end of another busy term here at school. A number of our classes have been out and about in the local area and further afield and all of our children have taken part in our enrichment and challenge weeks. I have particularly enjoyed the challenge week as it has provided the opportunity for our children to work across the year groups. It has been lovely to observe our Year 2 children take on a leadership role supporting children in younger year groups. All the staff agreed that this is something we should seek to find opportunities to do more often.

As always, I send my thanks to the staff at the school for their continued dedication and enthusiasm supporting the pupils here at Malvern Way. I wish you all a safe and happy holiday and look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April.



### Easter

On 16<sup>th</sup> March our Year 2 children attended the Easter Labyrinth at Croxley Baptist Church. This trip provided our children with an interactive experience to help them understand and consider the Easter story.



We were also visited by Tricia Bastible of the Watford Schools Trust who delivered an Easter assembly to our children.

### Master Builders

Last week our Year 2 children visited Legoland. This was the first time the school had considered using theme parks to support our topic learning and I am pleased to say it was a great success. Although the day was long (we were all tired by the end) it was certainly enjoyable and worthwhile. Alongside visiting the park and using some of the rides and watching the pirate show, we also took part in a gears, levers and pulleys workshop. After a short amount of instruction the children were soon experts inventing rollercoasters and many other moving objects.

Many parents offered really positive feedback on how enjoyable the trip had been. I was also provided with some feedback regarding how to improve communication during school trips, especially regarding return time – thank you for this, I will be considering how to put this in place for future trips.



### Enrichment Week ~ 21st to 24th March

A group of teaching students from the University of Hertfordshire, visited school to deliver an enrichment week to our children. The focus was on learning outside the classroom and included the construction of our new green house. This was a hugely enjoyable week with a large number of activities for our children to take part in.



It also included daily cooking, it is great to see our new cooking facilities being used regularly.

## Challenge week 29<sup>th</sup> -1<sup>st</sup> April

Our focus for this week has been challenge. The children have taken part in a huge number of activities both with their own classes and also working collaboratively across year groups. The school scavenger hunt was a particular highlight of mine with 270 children working in groups searching in the school building and our outside environment. This was a great experience and although I am still not sure how many doors our school has, I am confident this will be one of the highlights of the week. Our Nursery and Reception children also enjoyed collaborating during their shared den building session and the whole school competed in the Malvern Way Quiz. Mrs Butcher was particularly amused to note that a number of our children thought the Prime Minister was Mr Norcott!



Well done to all the children who created a "Spring Thing" for our parade today. There were some truly creative ideas on display.

Well done to the 4 winners of the Matchbox Challenge: Sarah Elson, Jake Numan, William Smithard and Olivia Hutchinson. Our overall winner was Sarah who managed to squeeze 106 items in her box. I am told this included a cat claw!

### Dates For Your Diary:

APRIL

Monday 18th ~ Summer Term Begins

~ Junior & Reception Allocation Day

~ New Lunch Menu

Tuesday 26th ~ Nursery Allocation Day

MAY

Monday 2nd ~ May Bank Holiday School Closed

Friday 13th ~ Wednesday 18th ~ Book Fair

Friday 27th ~ INSET Day School Closed

Tuesday 31st ~ HALF TERM

### Head Teacher Awards

**Shield Bug:** Toby, George, Jake

**Bumble Bee:** Laila, Reino, Ethan, Aldona, Alice, Brodie

**Ladybird:** Alex, Bonnie, Jessica, Roye, Kush, Scarlett, Olivia, Ava B, Ava S, Alisha, Tristan, Charlotte, Rae, Jayan, Molly

**Hedgehog:** Amy Josie, Alisa, Reece, Amy

**Rabbit:** Charlotte, Oliver, Harry A, Carla

**Squirrel:** Lisa, Charlie W, George, Lara

**Robin:** Lasen, Finley, Oliver C

**Owl:** Emilie, Fiona

### Badge Assembly

Congratulations to the following children who have received a badge since our last newsletter:

**Being Independent Learners** ~ Finley, Eliya, Lily, Scarlett, Lily-Grace, Olivia, Nirman, Ted, Thomas, Brodie, Scarlett, Emma, Skye, Amy, Sienna, Jake, Toby, Enya, Michael

**Good Listeners** ~ Freddie, Peter, Dylan, Wiktorina, Rae, Daniel, Loretta, Shiv, Zuhair, James

**Being a Good Friend** ~ Chloe, Taran, Jibraan, Isabella, Eli, Dominic, Isabella, Maan, Max

**Kind & Thoughtful** ~ Shyamali, Evan, Alisa

**Polite** ~ Keira, Anisa, Ty, Stanley, Evie, Anthony, Jasmine, Hadley, Eva

**Care Of The Environment** ~ Sophie, Ghaazi, Grace, Rakshith, Cyan, James, Sophie, Mia