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# Malvern Way News

## From Mrs Cole

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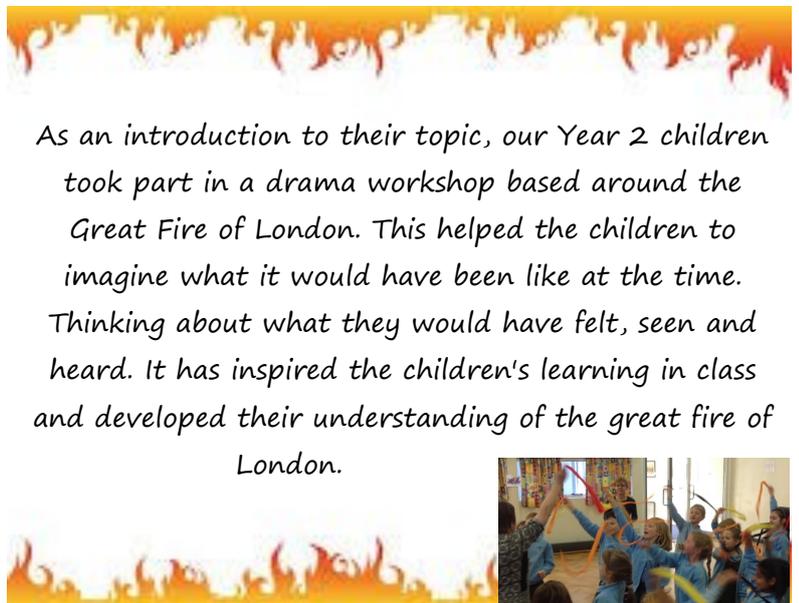
A belated Happy New Year to you all and welcome back to the Spring Term. Our learning has started in earnest and the children are enjoying the introductions to their new topics. Year 2 are going on a "Journey through London", Year 1 will be finding out about "Carnivals", Reception are "Stepping into a Story" and Nursery will be discovering lots about transport through their topic "On the Move".

The teachers have planned some interesting experiences including new trips to places such as Buckingham Palace and Bekonscot Model Village.

Our play rangers supported the writing of children in Year 2 by helping them build bonfires and use their senses to observe what they could see, hear and smell. The children used the ideas from this to write some lovely fire poetry.



As an introduction to their topic, our Year 2 children took part in a drama workshop based around the Great Fire of London. This helped the children to imagine what it would have been like at the time. Thinking about what they would have felt, seen and heard. It has inspired the children's learning in class and developed their understanding of the great fire of London.



**ROCK STEADY**

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January, the whole school enjoyed a rock music assembly by Rock Steady Music. The children were introduced to a range of electric instruments and then enjoyed listening to them being used to play some of our favourite songs.

Thank you to Mrs Gregg who organised this experience for us.

Last week had us all watching the weather forecast in anticipation of some snow. While it didn't fall in as much volume as some of us were hoping, we did manage to enjoy the few flakes that did arrive. In spite of the cold weather, we still enjoyed our play and lunchtime on the playground and came back to our classes to find jugs of hot chocolate and a biscuit to warm us up. The children really enjoyed this treat and I received a good many thank you notes just like this one from Raghav in Reception:

Well done to our Nursery children (and parents) for embracing a big change to their routine. As part of our focus on developing independence, the Dragonflies and Ducklings are now coming into the cloakroom all by themselves. This means organising their belongings e.g. book bags and water bottles and hanging up coats. So far so good for this new routine!



## Reception Tours

I have now completed the last tour for prospective Reception families in September 2017. I am always proud to show our school off and wanted to feedback to you how complimentary the visitors were about the school and the children. Well done Children!



## Standards Visit from Hertfordshire Improvement Partner (HIP)

Last term we were visited by our Hertfordshire Improvement Partner. This is one of 3 visits each year from Hertfordshire to review and evaluate the standards across our school. This is a rigorous day in which we scrutinise all of the data from the previous year and look at other evidence such as work in books. As a result of the work and results seen on this day I am delighted to announce that we continue to be an **OUTSTANDING** school.

The report received following this day notes:

Outcomes at Malvern Way are outstanding. Throughout each year group and across the curriculum, including in English and mathematics, current pupils make substantial progress and achieve well compared to other pupils nationally and in Hertfordshire.

Excellent teaching and high quality leadership ensure that needs are identified and interventions targeted to ensure progress for all.

The pursuit of excellence by leaders and managers is shown by an uncompromising highly successful drive to maintain and improve outcomes for all children.

The culture across the school is that all children will make progress and the ethos of learning and growth mindset is shared by all.

Pupils articulate their own learning effectively and demonstrate the ability to coach each other well, relishing challenge and the opportunity to broaden their understanding.

### Head Teacher Awards

**Duckling:** Max, Isaac

**Shield Bug:** Sophia

**Bumble Bee:** Claudia

**Ladybird:** Raghav, Tudor, Ellie

**Hedgehog:** Joshua

**Rabbit:** Evan, Viotle, Bonnie, Leon

**Squirrel:** Emaan, Amy L, Amy R

**Robin:** Gerry, Ellis

**Heron:** Reggie

**Owl:** Amelie, Nirman, Harry C

### Badge Assembly

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

**Being Independent Learners** ~ Edward, Hayden, Scarlett, Leon, Keira, Daniel, Ethan, Serena, Harrison, Mia

**Being a Good Friend** ~ Holly, Isabella, Francesco, Oliver, Olivia

**Good Listeners** ~ Autumn, Sienna, Matthew, Niam, Beatrice, Eva, Thomas, Jake, Lina, Hollie, Luke, Alice, Joshua, Evie, Jake, Abi

**Kind & Thoughtful** ~ George, Lena, Emma, Olivia

**Polite** ~ Lily, Ava

**Care Of The Environment** ~ Lucas, Hina, Mary, Dilan, Charlotte