

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Easter break and that your children have returned to school refreshed and ready for the summer term ahead.

We are consistently impressed by the quality of education on offer. We see strong, purposeful learning in classrooms, high expectations embedded across all settings, and environments that support pupils to succeed. Most importantly, we see children who are happy, confident, and able to express themselves thoughtfully in a wide range of situations: something we are incredibly proud of as a Trust.

As we enter the summer term, we recognise the significant effort that both staff, pupils (and parents) have invested in preparing for Key Stage 2 SATs. This preparation reflects not only a focus on academic achievement, but also our commitment to ensuring that every child is ready for the next stage of their education. Supporting a smooth and confident transition to secondary school remains at the forefront of our work, and we are proud of how well our pupils are being equipped for this important step.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. We look forward to the summer term, with all the opportunities it brings for further learning, enrichment, and celebration.

Warm regards,

Ms Sesli & Mrs Sheehan.

Co-CEOs



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## World Book Day



World Book Day at Elmstead Wood was a real highlight, bringing a shared sense of purpose and creativity across the school. This year, every class explored *The Day the Crayons Quit*, which provided a rich and engaging stimulus for writing. Pupils responded with imagination and flair, producing a wide range of thoughtful, humorous and expressive pieces. It was encouraging to see how a whole-school focus on a single text could generate such consistency in enthusiasm while still allowing for individuality in outcomes.

## Easter Bonnet Parade



We also marked the end of term with our Easter bonnet parade, which once again showcased the creativity of our school community. The effort that had clearly gone into many of the designs was evident, with a range of imaginative and carefully constructed bonnets on display. Events like this continue to provide valuable opportunities for pupils to take pride in their work and for families to engage in school life in a meaningful way.

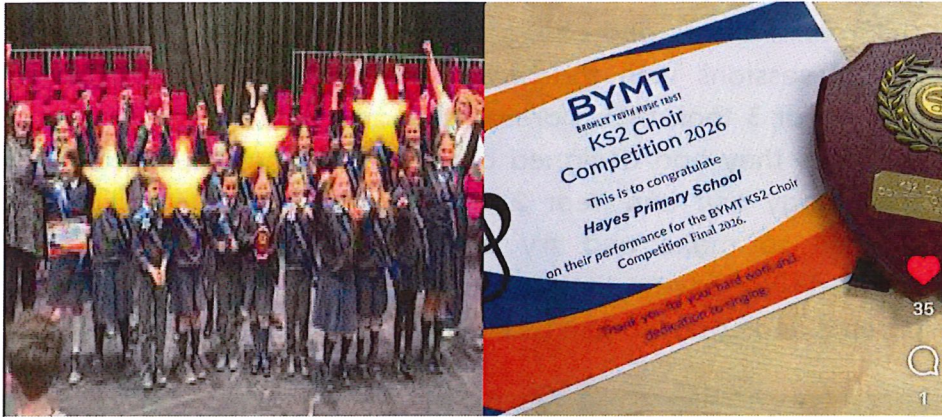
## Cross Country Event



Finally, a number of our pupils took part in the Bromley Schools Cross Country event. This is a demanding competition, requiring both physical resilience and determination, and our runners approached it with commitment throughout. Taking part in such a challenging event is an achievement in itself, and it was positive to see pupils representing the school with such focus and perseverance. Congratulations to all who took part.

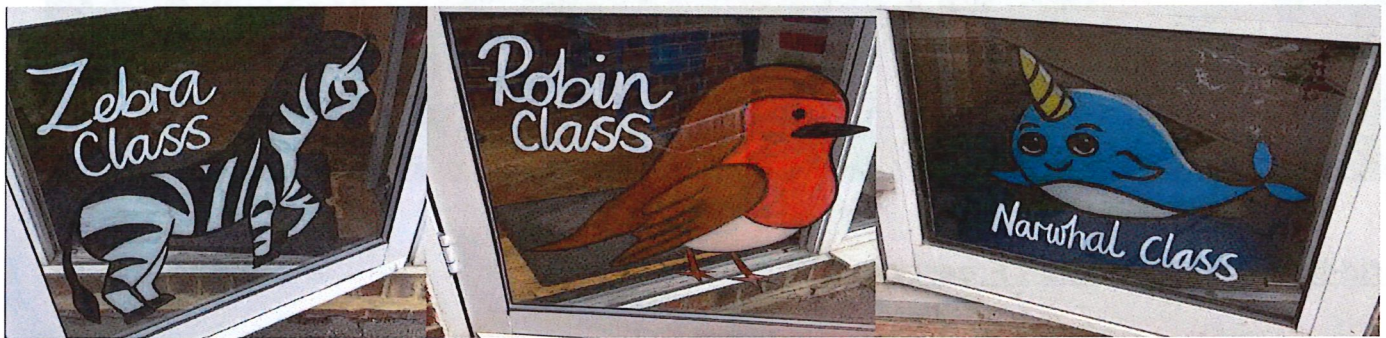
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### Choir Competition



On 21st March, the Hayes Primary School Choir took part in the annual Key Stage 2 Choir Competition and were awarded first place. We are incredibly proud of their commitment and enthusiasm during rehearsals, which led to this fantastic achievement.

### Paint up the Town



Over the Easter holidays, Hayes Primary School welcomed Paint Up The Town, who transformed our classroom doors with beautiful, bespoke artwork. These designs not only brighten our environment but also help pupils and visitors navigate the school more easily, while strengthening our sense of belonging. We are very grateful to our PTA for generously funding this project.

### Cultural Day



In March, we held our first Cultural Day as part of EDI week. Children and staff were invited to celebrate the many cultures within our community by wearing traditional clothing from theirs or another culture and to share food and stories. Each child also designed a puzzle piece for a display to show that while we all have different interests, we fit together and make one whole school.

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## Spring 2



We saw some amazing parent engagement lessons. Every parent was invited to school to share a lesson with their children. Parents and carers joined their children for Forest School sessions with toasted marshmallows and hot cross buns, Year 3 took their parents and carers to the park to fly the kites they had designed and made in their Design and Technology unit and Year 2 parents and carers joined the children to make and try the healthy snacks they had planned. We always look forward to this and welcoming the parents and carers to join us in school life.



## World Renowned Football Freestyler

Leesons welcomed world-renowned professional football freestyler; **Jamie Knight** to our school to model his ability. Jamie is a multiple Guinness World Record holder and performed on the pitch at the Champions League final in 2017! After showcasing his talent to the whole school, he ran sessions with every class in the school where every child learned to spin a ball on their hand amongst other skills. It was a wonderful experience in inclusion where he supported every child to achieve on the day.



## Oracy Cup 2026



More than 200 entries were submitted from schools across Greenwich, Bexley and Kent for the Oracy Cup, and the judging panel was impressed by the quality of submissions. Numerous thoughtful examples of oracy practice across both primary and secondary classrooms were shared, which made judging both rewarding and challenging.

Congratulations to **Sophia** whose speech about her passion for art was placed in third place after the panel watched all of the videos. A public speaker in the making!

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## Year 5-6 Football

Our Year 5/6 girl's football team kicked off an amazing Spring Term. After winning the Bromley tournament "Premier League Primary Stars" competition, they went on to represent Bromley FC at the regional finals, held at the West Ham Foundation, where they played against all the other London clubs. On the day, they got to see the Premier league trophy, had coaching sessions with West Ham coaches & took part in an international women's day workshop. We were all very proud of their resilience and teamwork, particularly as many of the team were new to football this year.



A huge thank you to Mr Carter and Mr Margiotta, our girls football team coaches, and to all of the parents who accompanied us on the day and cheered us on.

## Midfield Travel Ambassadors

Our Midfield Travel Ambassadors were elected to raise awareness of road safety and sustainable travel. Over the Spring term they took part in a fundraiser which they had planned as part of their action plan. For this they sold reflective wrist bands and with the proceeds raised enough money to buy every child in the school a reflective keyring.

They also introduced the Scoot Sure programme in a year 2 and borrowed speed guns to test the speed of cars on Midfield Way. They noticed that when approaching the speed camera cars slowed down but once past immediately sped up to 40 mph. As a result of this they have launched a campaign to educate motorists.

Due to their hard work they were nominated by Bromley Council to attend the Transport for London travel awards where they presented their project. Well done travel ambassadors we are very proud of you.



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## Bexley festival of Music



In March Midfield Primary school took part in the Bexley festival of music at The Fairfield Halls in Croydon. This was a huge event involving primary and secondary schools from across the borough performing to a sold out audience. Our amazing choir and talented young musicians from KS2 spent weeks rehearsing for the big day.

For many children it was the first time they had sung in a massed choir and our musicians had been part of a massed orchestra performing on a stage alongside professional musicians. The singing and musical pieces sounded tremendous. All of the children were very well behaved and excellent ambassadors for our school. We were all hugely inspired by the talent displayed on the day.



## **SMCPA News**

It has been an incredibly busy productive few weeks at school, and it is wonderful to see the children engaging fully in so many different activities. Here is a look back at some of the recent highlights we have shared together.

### World Book Day

Our recent World Book Day celebrations were a resounding success. The school was a sea of colour as the children arrived in a spectacular array of costumes, fully immersing themselves in a day dedicated to our love for reading. Not to be outdone, the staff joined in the fun by dressing as beloved characters from the Julia Donaldson collection of books - we had everything from the Gruffalo to the Highway Rat! It was a joy to see the pupils so engaged in their literary workshops and sharing their favourite stories with one another.



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## PTA Spring Fun Day Event

Following on from a hugely exciting wrestling event at Leasons on the last day of the Spring Term, a huge well done is needed for all our pupils for their fantastic efforts during our PTA sponsored event. The playground was a hive of activity as the children took part in various physical challenges such as an obstacle course, egg and spoon race, and our favourite: find the golden egg! The children showed great determination and school spirit, and importantly, your generous support has raised money that will go directly towards funding upcoming school trips. This ensures that our children continue to enjoy enriching experiences outside the classroom that complements our teaching in it. Well done as always to the PTA!



## Oracy Assemblies



We have been immensely proud of our recent Oracy assemblies, which are led entirely by the children. Using the Voice 21 Oracy Framework, pupils take the lead in planning, preparing, and delivering presentations on topics of their own choosing. It is so impressive to witness them using the physical, linguistic, cognitive, and social strands of Oracy to communicate their ideas so effectively and clearly. Watching their confidence grow on stage is a true highlight for all the staff involved, and we all learn a thing or two as well. Thank you to the children and to Miss Hillier!

## Cross Country:

Back in March, 16 of our budding athletes from Years 3 and 4 represented the school at the Bromley School's Cross Country meet. After weeks of dedicated practice at Running Club during lunchtimes in some very interesting weather conditions, their hard work certainly paid off. The team finished 6th overall out of all the small schools (1-2 form entry) in the borough! It was a brilliant achievement, and Miss Rae and Miss Sharp were very proud of the stamina and commitment that they displayed on the day.

A big thank you to all the parents and carers who supported these events - whether by helping with costumes, research at home, waking up early to travel to Crystal Palace, or by supporting our PTA.



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