



EBOR GARDENS
Primary Academy

WEEKLY NEWS

A message from Mrs Wathen & Mr Spink.....

Good afternoon, Happy Friday and a Happy New Year to you all!

We were delighted to see you all back after the Christmas break and, as per usual, everyone has got 'straight down to business'. Happy, bustling classrooms filled with super smiley faces, superb behaviour and lots of exciting learning—just how we like it here at Ebor Gardens!

One of the highlights of the week has been the Young Voices choir visiting the Young Voices concert in Sheffield on Thursday. In an extra, exciting piece of news, the Young Voices choir (all nearly 5000 of them) were recorded singing the chorus from Heather Small's song, "Proud" for a charity single that will be released in aid of Children's Mental Health Week later this year. It's very exciting that Ebor Gardens have played a part in such a momentous recording. We have been joined by two new faces this week too. Miss Thackeray and Mrs Heaton have joined the Ebor Gardens team as Associate Principals. They will be here to work with lots of children across school to ensure our children have lots of exciting learning opportunities and reach their potential—please say hello and welcome them to the Ebor Gardens family when you see them on the school gates—they are very excited to be joining us. Have a good weekend.



Attendance Matters

Whole school attendance is **93.3%** this week.

Remember we are aiming for **96%** or above.

Our Biscuit Bears are going to **1FA, 3NB** and **4RM** for the **best attendance** this week.

1FA have won a Pizza Party for **100% attendance** this week.

3NB, 4RM and **1FA** have won an extra playtime for attendance **over 97%** this week.

N— 92%	Rec 1— 90%	Rec 2— 88%	1HM— 94%	1FA— 100%	2HW— 88%	2NI— 91%	3NB—97%
3JH— 88%	4LB— 93%	4RM— 97%	5HW— 92%	5GA— 96%	6NP— 96%	6CH—95%	😊



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News and Events this half term.....

Dates for your diary—Spring Term

Thursday 12th January 2023—

School Photographs

Thursday 9th February 2023—

School closes for half term

Monday 20th February 2023—

School reopens after half term

Thursday 2nd March 2023—

World Book Day



Ready for Winter?

As the Winter progresses, please be sure that your child has adequate warm clothing when they come to school. Also, coats, scarves, hats and gloves will help them to keep warm when we go into the playground at breaktimes. If you need, we have a Uniform Exchange where we can give-out good quality uniform (including some coats and outdoor PE kit) with no cost to you. Please ask your Miss Dooley or your class teacher if you would like to access the Uniform Exchange.

(More information will follow regarding this scheme...)



Group A streptococcus: tonsillitis, scarlet fever and impetigo

As is typical for this time of year, we currently have a few cases of the above illnesses in our children, across especially our younger year groups. Understandably, if you are following the news at the moment, many parents are concerned about their child's health where serious illness and even death are being attributed to Group A streptococcus (Strep A). Group A streptococcus (GAS), is a common bacteria which causes a number of infections common in children – including tonsillitis, scarlet fever and impetigo. As we all know, children typically get well from these infections within days of falling ill, but in rare cases the infection can become more serious. **We obviously want to ensure everyone is safe and well, so are asking parents to follow the guidance below:**

If your child is unwell with symptoms associated with Strep A (high temperature, a sore throat and swollen neck glands) please keep them at home until they are well

Seek medical advice from your GP, in case your child needs antibiotics to recover

Tell us if your child has been confirmed as a Group A streptococcus infection, so that we can report any rise in cases to the Local Health Protection Team.



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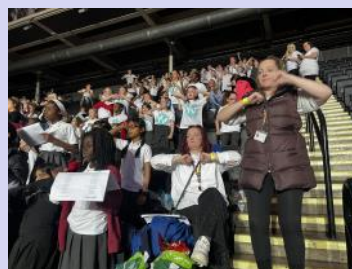
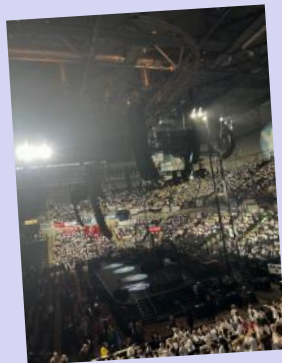
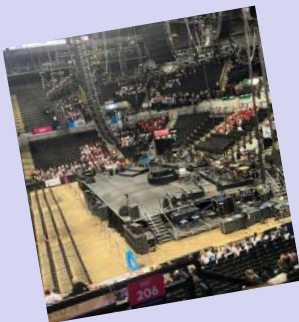
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Young Voices 2023



On Thursday this week, our Young Voices choir travelled to the Utilita Arena in Sheffield to take part in the Young Voices 2023 concert. Together, the YV choir consisted of nearly 5000 children from across the North of England. The stage was also shared by some professional performers such as the Beatbox Collective, Anna Phoebe (an international violinist) and the singing superstar, Heather Small. As is always the case, your children represented our school with respect, style and pride. They behaved impeccably, sang melodically and even managed to stay awake until we boarded the coach at gone 9:30pm! There are a few tired faces (including the staff!) in school today but everyone involved agrees that it was a truly amazing experience. Here are some of the photos we shared on our social media....



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