

The children have had an enjoyable term studying *The Merchant of Venice*. They have participated in a range of drama conventions and have produced writing from a range of genres. Our Year 5 children are currently working on their production of *The Merchant of Venice*. They have been allocated a scene which will eventually be recorded and edited into a film compilation along with other Year 5 children from schools across NPAT. So far, they have had the pleasure of working with Leigh, from Silhouette Youth Theatre, where they began to put their scene together and explored their scripts. They have then taken their scripts home to learn, and are practicing in school before they head to the studio at Silhouette to be filmed next term.

Last Friday, 15 of the Year 5 children had the amazing opportunity of working with Jon Bowman, a professional music producer, where they wrote, produced and recorded their own song to go with their drama piece. The rest of the class joined them at the end of the day to meet Jon and learn the song their classmates had produced. Jon commented on their musical talent and enthusiasm, recommending that some of the children should indeed join a singing or youth theatre club.

### **Lighthouse Charity**

We welcomed Leah Peters from the Lighthouse Charity who led our school assembly on Wednesday. She shared a story about a retiring builder who cut corners in his final job and explored how our future life is a direct result of the actions, effort and choices we make today.

### **Attendance**

Regular school attendance is important to ensure your child is able to learn and achieve to their full potential at the end of the year. Frequent absences create gaps in learning and knowledge required to be built upon. We are also noticing an increase in the number of pupils who are arriving after 8.30am, therefore missing out on the morning task. Please support your child's attendance by ensuring they are punctual and regular in attendance. Pupils should not use the main office as a way of coming into school.

### **Year 6 SATS Booster Clubs**

Year 6 SATS Booster Clubs will start from Thursday for invited children:

**Maths:** Tuesday—3.30-4.00pm

**Reading:** Thursday 12.15-12.45pm

### **RSC First Encounters Production**

Year 4 have been selected to create a piece of the set of *'Romeo and Juliet'*. Ten of the children have been selected to perform in the production. Children and staff from other NPAT schools have been invited to watch the their performance on 7th and 8th February.

### **Up and Coming Dates**

**Book Fayre:** 7th-13th February, each child will receive a £1 book token.

**Parents Evenings:** 13th and 15th February  
More details to follow shortly.

### **The Week Ahead...**

**Wednesday**—Film Club YR's 1-6, 3.15-5.00pm—£2/session

**Thursday**—Homework Club—YR's 1-6, 3.15-4.30pm  
Multi-Sports—YR's 1,2 & 3, 3.15-.30pm

**Friday**— Netball Club YR's 4,5 & 6, 3.15-4.30pm

**Year 5**—Swimming (invited children) - returning to school at approx. 3.30pm.

*Mrs Johnson Head of School*

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*Tuesday 30h January 2024*