

It is hard to believe the term has gone so very quickly and that we are in the last week of the first Spring term. It has continued to be a very busy term packed with visitors and exciting enrichment opportunities for our children.

Last week, First Encounters visited our school to perform Shakespeare's play, Romeo and Juliet. They are based in Stratford and are a group of actors at the early stage of their career. They performed across two days and pupils from across the Trust's schools, including our Year 6, were able to watch the play. The children spoke highly of the experience and enjoyed watching the live performance. Some of our children were able to work behind the scenes focussing on production skills.

This week we have Marvin from Lemonpops Workshops working in school with pupils to individually produce a piece of creative art reflecting the values of the school. Each class will work with Marvin and his overall aim will be to produce a piece of work which will be displayed in the local community.

Year 2 Bird of Prey Experience

Year 2 walked over to Rectory Farm Primary School for a Bird of Prey Experience. During this experience the children observed three magnificent birds – an owl, a hawk, and a falcon. After seeing the owl take flight onto Miss Checkley's arm, they engaged in a lesson about the distinctive features that classify these birds as predators. The children then eagerly participated in the challenge to spot the differences between them showing incredible respect and great listening skills.



Coffee & Chat

We are holding a Coffee & Chat session on 1st March from 2.30pm. Please come along via to the school office—All Welcome.



First Encounters—Year 4

Congratulations to the Year 4 children who participated in the RSC First Encounters production of 'Romeo and Juliet'. As Ambassadors of the school, they made the staff and pupils of Blackthorn very proud with their professionalism and confidence within the performance. All the pupils in Year 4 worked together to make a flower curtain which was a part of the show, and 10 children performed as part of the Prince's Council in front of nearly 250 spectators! Well done Year 4!



Reminders:

Word Book Day this year will take place on 7th March. The children can dress up as their favourite book character. We look forward to seeing lots of different costumes
School closes from Half-Term on Friday 16th February and re-opens for pupils on Tuesday 27th February.



Mrs Johnson Head of School

Mrs Williams Executive Headteacher

Thursday 15th February 2024