

# Commonwealth Theme Fortnight

Over the past two weeks, children have been learning about the Commonwealth, to celebrate the Commonwealth Games. Children have learnt about the history, countries and Commonwealth Games. On Monday 16th April, we were also delighted to welcome Tom Davies, British and Commonwealth Judo Champion. Tom won Gold at the 2006 Commonwealth Games, along with a host of European and British national titles. Tom is now an athlete mentor and seeks to inspire and motivate children. Tom brought in his Commonwealth Gold Medal, which Mrs Hill was lucky enough to wear. He also demonstrated some Judo and taught our very own Mr Bott how to throw him, with a judo throw.



Years 2—5 then took part in Judo workshops with Tom, learning some basic skills. If your child enjoyed it, local Judo clubs can be found in Southfields and Aylestone. Visit: <http://leicesterjudoclubs.co.uk/#/clubs/4559039707> for more information

## Mrs Butcher runs London Marathon

Huge congratulations to Mrs Butcher, who on Sunday ran the 26.2 miles of the London Marathon—one of the toughest in the World. We are extremely proud of Mrs Butcher for her efforts. Mrs Butcher was running for charity to raise money for the Cinnamon Trust, which supports the elderly, terminally ill and their pets.



# 'The Voice' singer visits

Children were visited on the 18th April by Kade Smith, who recently appeared on The Voice UK. Kade—a local resident from Eyres Monsell visited to talk about his Voice journey, his love of singing and even managed to sing happy birthday to Mrs Tuckwell. Kade sang for the children who thoroughly enjoyed his visit. We wish Kade all the best as he continues his musical career.



# Parking issues

We have received several complaints from local residents about the parking at the main gate. Please can parents and carers show consideration and respect for local residents and also members of staff, by not parking over driveways and by not parking near the main school gate. This presents health and safety issues for vehicles trying to turn in to and out of the school, including emergency vehicles and taxis for children at Willowbank. The school has requested local police checks to support sensible parking at the school and maintain the safety of children and families walking to and from school and those entering and leaving the school driveway.

## Summer Uniform

With the recent hot weather, can we remind parents and carers that children should still attend school in uniform and sensible shoes. Children can wear **knee length grey shorts** in Summer and the **green and white check dresses**. Shoes should remain black. If sandals are worn this should cover the foot and toe. Please do not send children in strappy tops, 'short' shorts or other inappropriate school wear. Hats can also be worn at playtimes and lunchtimes but should be plain with no logos or slogans.

# Summer Term Calendar

Date	Event / item
<b>Half term Value: honesty</b>	
12th April	Y4 swimming lessons start
Weds 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Y6 at Leicester University
7 <sup>th</sup> May	School Closed – May Day Bank Holiday
Week 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs week. Please ensure children get plenty of sleep!
Week 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 2 SATs start
Monday 21st May	9am Parent and carers Chatter Matters session
Week 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Film Club (Film TBC)
May 23rd	Foundation Stage 2 Music Production at Curve
28 <sup>th</sup> May – 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Summer half term – school closed
<b>Half term value: reflection</b>	
5th June	FS2 Museum visit to the school: Miss Tiggywinkle
6th June	Y6 Museum visit to school: rock detectives
7th June	KS2 Leicester South Athletics competition
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Y2 Sleepover at National Space Centre School Nurse drop in sessions
Week 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1 National phonics testing week
13th June	Y2 Museum visit—Beside the seaside
18 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> June	National Insect Week – Whole School Theme Week Bug handling Workshops
18th—24th June	Upper KS2 residential to Wales
25th June	Parent and Carers Chatter Matters session 2
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	End of year annual reports sent out
2nd July	Y5/6 trip to Holme Pierrepont National Water Sports Centre
3rd July	Y3/4 Trip to Think Tank, Birmingham, Year 1 trip to Beaumanor
12 <sup>th</sup> July	5pm Year 6 leavers
13 <sup>th</sup> July	3pm - School closes for Summer holidays