

# **TEYNHAM NEWSLETTER** Spring 2025

## Head Teacher's Update

I am delighted to share some of the wonderful experiences and achievements we've had recently at our school.

Firstly, our trip to the O2 for the Young Voices concert was a resounding success. Our students performed brilliantly, and it was a joy to see their hard work and dedication pay off on such a grand stage. The energy and enthusiasm they brought to the performance were truly inspiring, and I couldn't be prouder of their efforts.

Additionally, we hosted a very well-attended Careers Fair this term. It was fantastic to see so many students engaging with the various exhibitors and exploring potential career paths. The feedback from both students and exhibitors has been overwhelmingly positive, and we are already looking forward to making next year's event even bigger and better.

Our work experience program has also been highly successful, providing students with invaluable insights into various professions and helping them develop essential skills for their future careers.

I am thrilled to announce that our school has achieved the **Investing in Children Award**, recognizing our commitment to involving young people in decision-making processes and ensuring their voices are heard. Furthermore, we have also been awarded the **Attachment and Trauma Sensitive School Award**, highlighting our dedication to creating a supportive and understanding environment for all students.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community.

Best regards,

Mrs Carole Cox Head Teacher



### **Red Nose Day**

#### This year, ISP School Teynham raised an amazing £232 for Comic Relief!

Braeburn building took part in a 40 minute for 40 years Dodgeball Tournament during Red Nose Day. It was lots of fun and the kids had a great time. It was lovely to see both the pupils and staff have a great time and it certainly put a lot of smiles on all of our faces. Some of the teachers even sacrificed their beards for this good cause!



### **Young Voices**

On Monday 3 February 2025, ISP school Choir went to the O2 Arena in London to be in the Largest Children's Choir in the World... Young Voices.

Young voices is an amazing opportunity for our schools to get together and create the most amazing things in the world... Music and Peace. This was our third time experiencing the wonders of a connected community.

It was already very busy and we had to go through a long, long line to get in, but it was worth it because we were led to a V.I.P. Suite. We just about had time to put up our ISP Banner before a 2 hour rehearsal which was fun, but quite tiring. We recovered during the break so were ready for the concert to begin. We took our seats and waved at the people who had come to watch and then it was showtime.

We sang loads of songs in the 1 hour 30 minutes, but my favourites were Birdhouse in Your Soul and the Pop Medley. I also liked seeing Andy and the dancers from Urban Strides. It was sooooo much fun. I loved hearing how our voices all blended together to create such a great sound.

I may not have got home until 12.30am, but it was worth it and I can't wait until next year! Thank you to all the staff who took us.

Written by a Yr 9 and Yr 11 pupil.









#### Classes

This term **Birch** have been working on DIY skills. We are working to improve the area around Birch Class to make it more of an enjoyable place to be and a place they are proud of. We are working on this during STEM and projects



Acer Class joined Birch Class for a talk by the Police on the importance of respect in the community. As part of the "Don't Disrespect" campaign, ISP Teynham is promoting respect among our students both at school and beyond. "They stayed engaged and listened throughout in this crucial talk" PC Tyler and PCSO Livingstone.





In **Rowan** class, we really enjoyed dressing up for World Book Day. We spent our morning with Cedar class and took part in an online quiz with lots of other schools. We enjoyed our trip to the Church on RE day, and spent some time looking for the oldest grave in the churchyard.



**Fern Class** sold all of the Valentine's biscuits they made for Young Enterprise, and as their contribution to RE week ' In the community' went on a litter picking walk into Teynham - where they managed to pick up a huge sack of litter- leaving the village looking a lot tidier for everyone.



## **STEM**

#### This term students have been researching animal habitats.

Students compared different habitats such as marine, desert, mountains, rainforests and woodlands. They discussed how animals are suited to their unique habitats and why their habitats were suitable for them.

Students were then tasked with designing an animal house. They came up with some brilliant designs for bird houses, bug hotels and bat boxes! It was then time to get to work with their carpentry skills!

Students discussed the safe use of hand tools, selected their tools and materials and measured up each section of their animal houses. They worked together and supported each other with measuring and sawing wood, and drilling their pieces together to create some brilliant houses that we plan to put up around school and see what wildlife we can attract!













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