



Term 2, Issue 1

Friday, 5th November 2021

FROM MRS BIRD, DEPUTY HEADTEACHER

We are absolutely thrilled to announce that one of our Y3 pupils, Harmonie-Rose Allen, has won the prestigious **Child of Courage Award** at the **Pride of Britain Awards** for raising £100,000 for charity!

When Harmonie was just 10 months old, she was given a 10% chance of survival. She had contracted meningococcal septicaemia, which had damaged her legs, arms and the tip of her nose, leaving surgeons with no choice but to amputate.

Despite having had numerous operations, Harmonie has grown into a charming, fun loving and energetic seven-year-old with a passion for gymnastics, swimming and dancing. She has worked tirelessly to raise the awareness of charities such as Meningitis Now and Time is Precious. Over the past few years, Harmonie has crossed the finish line of The Bath Half Marathon, completed her 2.6 challenge, tackling six things doctors said she'd never do because of her disabilities, 26 times. These were running, singing, drawing, swimming, gymnastics and jumping, and she raised more than £76,000 for Meningitis Now. In recognition for this fundraising she was made their youngest-ever junior ambassador. Wow!

Harmonie was also pivotal in raising a significant amount of money towards our accessible playground. One of her challenges included scaling a wall 100 times!



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Mum Freya said: "With enormous public help and unique family support she has thrived and grown into an intelligent, loving schoolgirl who loves writing, drawing as well as many sports."

Auntie Hannah said, "We would like to thank the Combe Down and Fox Hill community for all their love and support."

I asked Harmonie what was it like to meet Ed Sheeran and she said, "It was awesome because we sang together and he has a great singing voice. He also brought me a big pink cake and I was allowed to eat it! We met in London and it was a surprise."

"I got to meet lots of celebrities, but I have four favourites:

Emily Andre because she sat next to me all night and she entertained me by talking to me and playing games.

Alisha Dixon and Simon Cowell because they gave me my award and they are judges from one of my favourite tv shows – Britain's Got Talent.

Joel Dommett because he is the host of my other favourite tv show – The Masked Singer."

Harmonie, it was an honour to watch you on the Pride of Britain Awards last night. The nation got to see you as we always do: courageous, polite, happy, energetic and a zest for life. What a very well deserved award!



PRIDE OF BRITAIN EXCLUSIVE

Superstar Ed's surprise duet with girl who beat meningitis

SHEER PRIDE

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Dominating the front of the Sunday Mirror is the Pride of Britain Awards, where Ed Sheeran performed a surprise duet with a girl who has survived meningitis. Seven-year-old Harmonie-Rose Allen won the Mirror Pride of Britain's Child of Courage award after she took on huge challenges to raise £100,000 for charity despite losing her limbs to the illness.



Cooper Test – Key Stage 2

The whole of Key Stage 2 took part in a 'Coopers Test' at the Glasshouse Academy on Tuesday. They were joined by Matt Banahan (and the sunshine) and encouraged to display determination and endurance to run or walk, for 8 minutes. We will make the journey again in June to see if the children can improve on their performances. All of the children had a fantastic time and even some of our staff tested their running shoes on the track too! Thank you to our parent helpers and to all who took part.

Mr Bibby (PE Lead)



Cross Country Competition

The scores are in and many congratulations go to the Year 6 boys and girls teams who both placed 3rd overall in a field of 10 other local schools. A great achievement – well done to the year 6 participants.

Travelling Book Fair, Weds 10th – Tues 16th November, 3.20pm Hall Foyer

The Travelling Book Fair arrives in school next week - they have a great range of books for all ages, ranging in price from just £1! The Fair will be open every day **after school** from Wednesday until the following Tuesday, so please bring your children along to have a browse and maybe choose a new book or two! **The school receives commission for any books purchased**, enabling us to buy some new books for our classrooms too. You may also order and pay online and your books will be delivered to school ready for you to collect (ensuring the availability of popular books that may sell out at the Fair). Visit www.travellingbooks.co.uk.

Forest School Dates for Term 2:

Thursday, 4th November: Year 1
Friday, 5th November: Year 6

Thursday, 11th November: Year 2
Friday, 12th November: Year 3

Thursday, 18th November: Year 4
Friday, 19th November: Year 5

Thursday, 25th November: Year 6
Friday, 26th November: Year 1

Thursday, 2nd December: Year 2
Friday, 3rd December: Year 3

Thursday, 9th December: Year 4
Friday, 10th December: Year 5

Letters home this week:

Rowing

Year 6

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