

## Principal's update

I had the privilege of attending the Park Federation's Young Musician of the Year awards on Wednesday - it was a feast of talent! 16 hopefuls, two pupils from each of the eight academies, competing to win the title of Young Musician of the Year. Both West Drayton entrants, Aailyah and Nishka, performed brilliantly, Ms. Callis and I were very proud.

Also this week, we have been celebrating Comic Relief and St. Patrick's day, on Tuesday, some children competed in a Federation netball tournament and on Wednesday, everybody too part in the House 'maths races'. West Drayton has been an exciting place to be this week. Wishing you all a great weekend (not forgetting to be good to mums on Sunday).

## TPFT Musician of the Year

On Wednesday Aailyah (4L) and Nishka (5Z) took part in The Park Federation's 2023 Musician of the Year award competition. After lots of practice and rehearsals, the girls performed very well and should be very proud of themselves. Aliyah sang beautifully and Nishka played the piano fantastically. It was a lovely evening with wonderful music and it was such a joy to be a part of this event. The judges definitely had a tough decision to make. Well done for taking part girls you represented WDA superbly.



## Dates for your diary

### 20th March

Culture Club: Nauroz Day

### 21st March

Nursery Parent Talk:  
Ramadan

### 22nd March

TeachitRight Open  
Session at 3:30pm

### 24th March

Y5 visit to Living  
Rainforest

### 29th March

Year group photography

## Attendance

The class with the best attendance this week is:




- 1st place: 3D with 96.1%
- 2nd place: 5R with 95.8%
- 3rd place: Plum with 95%

**It will be a non-uniform day for 3D on Friday 24th March. Well done!**





# West Drayton Academy Newsletter

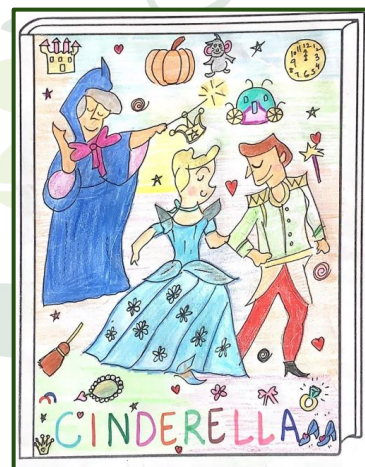
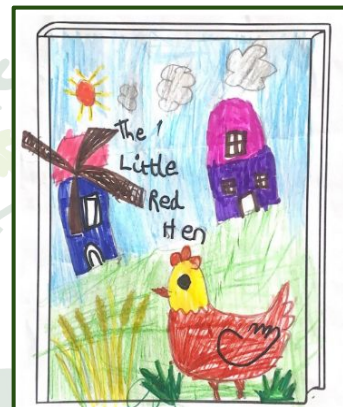
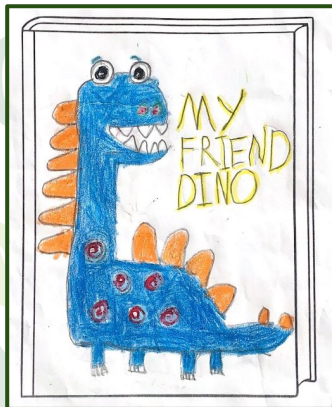
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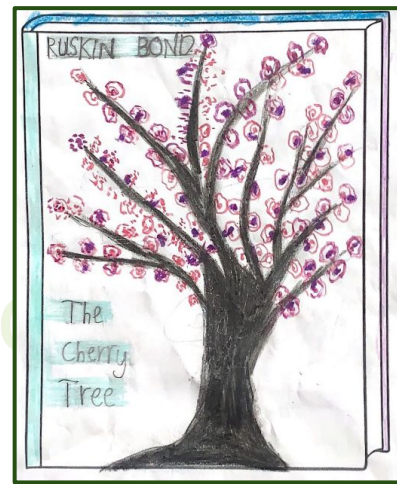
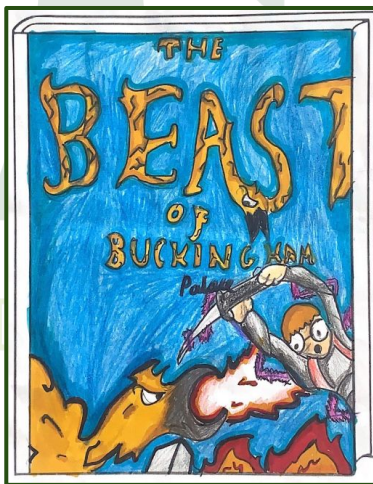
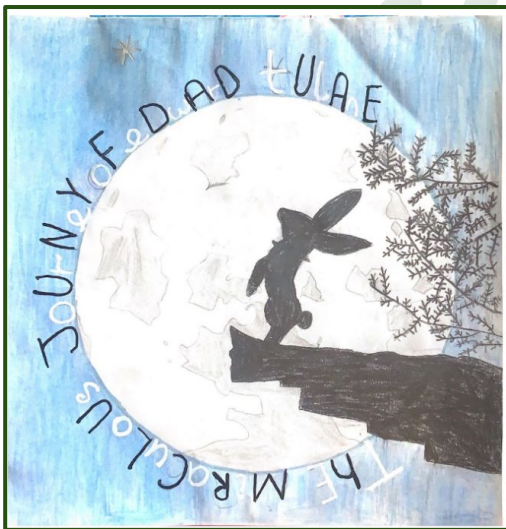
## Travelling Book Fair and Winning Book Covers

Thank you to everyone that visited the Scholastic Travelling Book Fair this week, your purchases will help us fill our Paddington Library with brand new books. Also, here are the fantastic winning entries of our World Book Day Cover Design competition! Thank you to all who entered, you truly ignited your imaginations. Winners were awarded a £5 voucher to spend at the book fair.

CONGRATULATIONS!  
Winners!



Winners: Rithanyaa Peach	
Shriyan 1S	Ananya 4L
Nirvaan 2S	Kevin 5S
Alvi 3A	Laila 6M



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 Unlocking children's potential by knowing them, believing in them and providing opportunities to succeed

## West End Star

On Sunday 12th March, our very own Annabel from Y3 performed at Shaftesbury theatre in London's West End - how incredible is that!

She performed in front of a huge audience, where she sang and danced with her drama group. They put together an amazing performance and we are very happy and proud of her.



## House Maths Races

This week we were excited to run our House Maths Races competition. Teams of ten had the chance to apply their mathematics knowledge and teamwork skills to solve problems and answer challenging questions, putting their reasoning skills to the test, in this friendly, inter-school competition.

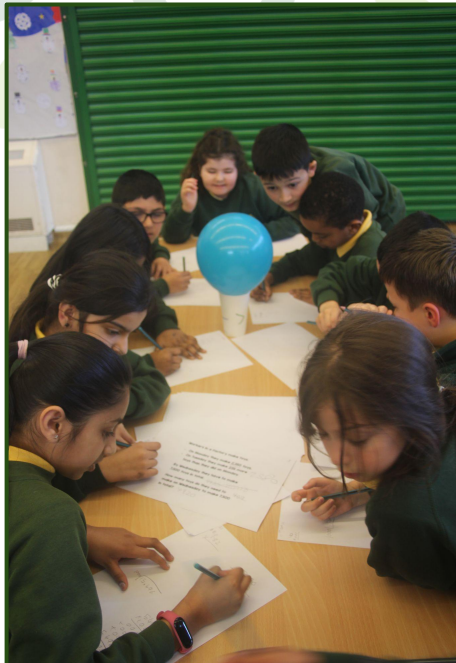
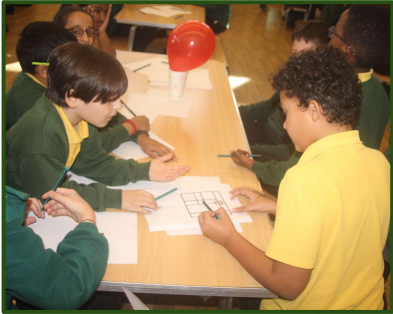
The winners were...

- Y3: Blue House
- Y4: Green House
- Y5: Red House
- Y6: Blue House

**Winner 2023**



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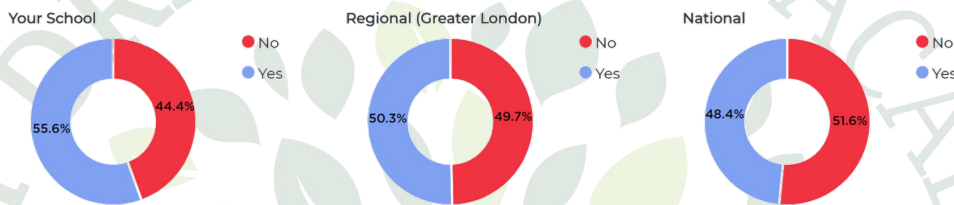


## Votes for schools

Last week, during Votes for Schools, we debated:

### Is it easy to set boundaries?

West Drayton Academy vs National results



## Coming up

**KS1 Can you spot when other people need help?**

**KS2 Should we learn more about what young carers do?**

With Young Carers Action Day coming up on 15th March, this week voters will be exploring the themes of helping others and taking on additional responsibilities.



**HACS**

Hillingdon Autistic Care & Support

Registered Charity No. 1066859

## Are you or someone you care for Autistic?

### We can help!

## HILLINGDON AUTISTIC CARE & SUPPORT (HACS)

HACS are a local charity based in the London borough of Hillingdon committed to supporting those affected by autism through provision of high quality Family Support, Training, Recreation, Employability and Autism Awareness Services, the aim of the charity is to minimise disability and maximise ability of individuals on the autism spectrum.

We strive to improve quality of life for autistic people and their families. Our team have lived experience of autism and are passionate about transforming the lives of people with autism, enabling them to lead purposeful and fulfilling lives.

We are pleased to invite HACS for a coffee morning on **Tuesday 21st March** at 9:00 am.

If you are interested please send the word **HACS** with your child's name and class on **07718492006**



**With over 20 years' experience, we are the leading Charity in Hillingdon providing autism support to autistic people, family members and professionals.**

Whether you are struggling to get a diagnosis, navigating the Education or Social Care systems, seeking employment, want to learn more about autism or just meet new people – we are here to help with a wide range of services that offer specialist help, advice and care. Give us a call today or pop along to our next Autism Surgery to meet the team and find out how we can support you.

-  **Family Support**
-  **Training**
-  **Recreation**
-  **Employability**
-  **Autism Awareness**
-  **Adult Support**

