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YOUNG VOICES: ESSA PRIMARY CHILDREN ROCK THE MANCHESTER ARENA!

In September 2016, a group of children from Years 3 and 4 auditioned to start a new choir at Essa Primary and take part in our first ever Young Voices concert at Manchester Arena in February of this year. The children who were chosen to take part in the concert spent five months rehearsing and practicing a wide range of songs to perform. The staff were just as excited as the children and together we practiced a range of dance moves to be performed on the night.

The day was filled with lots of excitement and the children were wowed by the performers. Although the rehearsal took many hours they followed the lead of the conductor and sang and danced to each song. The atmosphere was electric and the children relished the glorious sound created in the arena.



ESSA Primary Children enjoying their big night at the Manchester Arena for Young Voices 2017.

After months of anticipation, the day finally arrived. On the way, the minibus driver had to listen to lots of jubilant singing and the children were in fine voice. When we arrived at the venue we were greeted by a great number of schools. More than 8400 children took part in the concert.

The night of the performance was a spectacle of song and dance. The children enjoyed performing along to the 'Beatbox Collective' group and enjoyed dancing along to the 'Urban Strides' dance troupe. The event was a success and the children and their parents had a fantastic time. The children said the event was 'one of the best days of their lives'. The children did themselves and the school proud and are looking forward to returning next year.

Upcoming dates for the diary

7th April

Term Ends

24th April

Summer Term Starts



A Successful Start for Children at ESSA Nursery

> **The nursery is open and fully operational with places almost full for the morning and afternoon sessions.**

Exciting, fun packed sessions supporting the children's individual learning allows the children to develop at their own pace whilst being supported by professional EYFS practitioners.

The first term saw the children settle into the nursery routines allowing them to feel secure and confident in their learning environment. This was supported by exciting topics and activities such as looking at traditional stories, role play activities and creative activities that help them to use different resources and learn through fun and creative activities.

Children will thrive in the nursery environment, which will support them for when they start school in September.

For places and availability please contact Mrs Claire Thompson, the Nursery Manager on 01204 333 221. Or email claire.thompson@essanursery.org www.essanursery.org to download an application form to secure a place for your child.



Y4 Playlists

Our topic in Year 4 this term is "Playlists". This is an imaginative learning project and will cover all aspects of the curriculum. We will be looking at a variety of different music styles and asking ourselves, what do we prefer? Our journey will take us through the valley of sound and we will be finding out about instruments, the sounds they make and how they are produced. We will discover how sounds are made and which sounds travel the furthest! All of this will be building up to our amazing performance at the end of term "Class Factor", where we will be composing our own songs and performing them to each other.

Pizza Express!

The Penguins Reception class went on a trip to Pizza Express last half term. The children washed their hands before tasting lots of different pizza toppings such as peppers, cheese, mushrooms and onions for their pizza. The children then kneaded a ball of dough for their pizza base.

Reception teacher Mrs Kay said "The Penguins were amazing and I was very proud of their behaviour. A big thank you to all of the parents who helped (Mr Dennison, Mrs Saidoo, Mrs Patel and Mrs Wnek) and the Essa Primary staff (Mrs Simmons, Mrs Fitzpatrick, Mrs Adrime and Miss Qamar)".



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