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### Term 3 Week 11 (22/3/2024)



In Arts week we aim for the children to experience new opportunities and to discover hidden talents and passions. Hopefully your child has told you all about their experiences at home.

We started the week with a surprise staff video. The children enjoyed spotting their teachers and support staff in the video. It has been amazing to see that in only a few days our video has had just under 2000 views! Thank you to those of you who liked and shared online. This spreads the news of what a happy school we have which is great for the reputation of the school. It has been a pleasure to read some of your comments on the post and by sharing the video, we can tell that you are proud to be part of such a fantastic school.

All the classes have been involved in a variety of Arts activities during the week. They have had the opportunity to collaborate as a whole school to prepare a dance of their own and we will be putting it together to make their own video during the first week back. They have also taken part in a whole school Art project to create wings to help us fly up to those stars. We plan to put together their artwork to create a mural for everyone to see.

As our theme was Reach for the Stars, everyone thought about our home-grown stars and in their literacy sessions this week, the boys and girls wrote to a Northern Irish celebrity to invite them to come and visit our school. The big challenge was to find addresses to send the letters to! We hope some of the letters will reach the intended recipient and we will wait to see if anyone takes us up on the invitation.

Alongside these tasks, each class worked on a collaborative canvas painting to update the artwork in the school hall. As always, the results did not disappoint, and we will exhibit these at the Spring Arts Festival on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April. The children will also share their musical collaborations at the festival which will showcase children learning to play glockenspiels, ocarinas, boomwhackers drums and ukeleles.

Each child was also given their own canvas to create a future self portrait having thought about their aspirations and hopes for the future. It has been wonderful to see the creative ideas the children have come up with making each painting individual and original. These will be finished after Easter and will also be on display at our exhibition.

Individual tasks have also included some children practising their individual instruments and we hope that some will showcase their talents for us too. Auditions for this will be held during the first week back.

During the week we interviewed lots of the children about our REACH vision of: Respect, Enjoy, Achieve, Care and be Healthy. The children acted being interviewed by our own 'roving reporter' and some of the clips were put together into a news bulletin that was shared with everyone in assembly on Thursday. Everyone enjoyed waiting to see if their interview had made the cut. The finished news broadcast has been posted on the school website for you to enjoy at home.

### House Team Scores

Sunshine:	375
Earth:	321
Fire:	320
Water:	300

Congratulations to everyone who was awarded a house point this week.



**8<sup>th</sup> April** – School reopens for pupils

**9<sup>th</sup> April** – Orange class trip to Ark Farm

**12<sup>th</sup> April** – Spring Festival from 10am

We hope you all enjoy a safe, healthy and happy Easter holiday. (well, mostly healthy, plenty of chocolate is allowed this time!)



Mrs Weir and the VPS team.