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Rocksteady Assembly

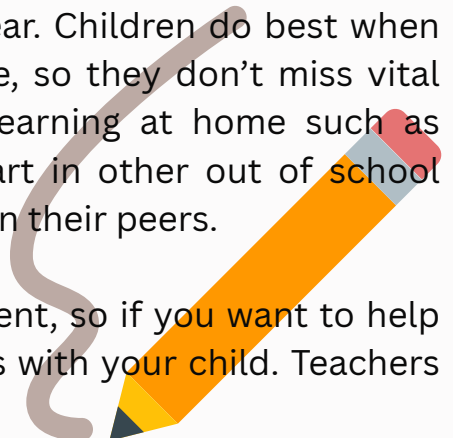
We had a very exciting whole school assembly on Monday, where we all listened to a musician playing various electric instruments and explaining more about them as he played. Some people, including the staff, then had a chance to have a go. What a great way to start a Monday morning! Thank you to Mrs Wilkinson for organising this for us.



Pupil Progress Meetings

This week, all teaching staff have been involved in conversations about the academic progress of children in their class. These are really in depth discussions about how well individual children are making progress towards their targets. The aim being that most children should be assessed at the academic level for their age group by July of this year. We heard some great success stories and looked at samples of work in some classes. Whilst there is now a lot of analysis to do following these meetings, the early trends are very clear. Children do best when they attend school on a regular basis and are on time, so they don't miss vital learning. The children we know who do additional learning at home such as reading and time tables practice as well as taking part in other out of school activities and clubs are definitely performing better than their peers.

Handwriting is a big focus for us in school at the moment, so if you want to help your child, find a few minutes each day to practise this with your child. Teachers can help with resources if you'd like them.



Y5 Visit Victorian Leeds

The children in Y5 visited Armley Mills Museum this week to take part in practical workshops as part of their history learning. Mrs Michie told me they'd had a great day with all children representing our school incredibly well. In fact, some of the children decided they liked the strict Victorian school style so much they'd like to keep it...just looking for my cane and dunce hat!



Leading Linguists!

Our Leading Linguists children treated us all to a very special assembly today about the language learning we do in school. They also spoke about their own personal stories of learning and speaking different languages. It was a real treat for everyone to hear their talents. I know they were nervous but they did us proud!



Nearly 100... home learning competition

Next Friday, the 8th of May, Sir David Attenborough will turn 100. Sir David has done so much to raise awareness of nature conservation around the globe which of course is important to Team GD. I even have a signed photo of him in my office!

To mark his birthday, there will be various nature themed activities happening next Friday, but we are also running a home learning competition. Children are invited to

- make a poster or fact file about Sir David Attenborough (on paper or in digital form)
- make a 100th birthday card for Sir David.

Entries should be handed into Miss Hill in the office or emailed to headteacher@grimesdyke.leeds.sch.uk and clearly named with the child's name and class. **There will be prizes for the best ones.**

