



# The EPI Centre of Learning

**AGM ESA meeting Wednesday 12 February, 3.30pm, in 4BC:** We would like to invite you to attend our 20 minute **Annual General Meeting (AGM)**, which is happening on **Wednesday 12 February at 3.30pm** in classroom 4BC. This is an important event where we discuss the progress of our ESA and plan for the future, and **your input is invaluable**. Your children will be able to attend and there will be colouring and table activities for them to do during this time.

We are looking to recruit new members to support with crucial roles in the ESA from any interested parents. These roles can be shared roles or taken by one person.

**Treasurer role:** This role is important in ensuring that ESA funds are used responsibly to support the school's programs and activities, and that financial practices are transparent and well-documented. No qualifications are needed for this. Useful skills would be: attention to detail and organizational skills, ability to work collaboratively with other ESA members and school staff, trustworthy, reliable, and capable of handling confidential financial information.

**Chair role:** The Chair leads the ESA meetings, ensures that the goals of the ESA align with the needs of the school and its community, and facilitates effective communication between parents, teachers, and the school administration. This role is essential in driving the ESA's mission forward and fostering a collaborative environment that benefits students, teachers, and families. We meet once a half term and ESA members volunteer to take on specific events.

## **Quiz night, Friday 7 February: Pub Quiz ticket deadline extended!**

The deadline for the pub quiz tickets has now been extended to **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February**. Use this opportunity to grab hold of the last tickets!

As well as a great quiz, a free buffet, raffles and prizes, there will be discount deals offered on bottles of wine and prosecco on the night. You don't need to book as part of a team, just come along and join in the fun. All ticket sales are going direct to the school helping us raise much needed funds for school resources, trips and activities - the recent purchase of chrome books for every child was made through ESA funds so your support is very much appreciated!

If anyone has a business which could donate a prize for the raffle, please bring this to the school on 4<sup>th</sup> February.

**Back by popular demand!** After such positive feedback from parents who attended our last Online Safety Workshop with South West Grid for Learning, we have decided to rebook Boris to share more of his wealth of knowledge and expertise. Save the date 17 March 6.15-7.45pm. Further information will be shared nearer to the event but if you have any questions, please email school or speak to Mr Herring.

## **Friday 31 January 2025**

### Next week:

**Tues 4 Feb:** Y3 Maths workshop 9-9.45am in the hall

**Thurs 6 Feb:** FLCs in school

**Fri 7 Feb:** ESA Pub Quiz 7.30pm The Stowey Arms -Tickets on Gateway

### Future dates:

**Mon 10 Feb:** FLCs online and in school

**Wed 12 Feb:** ESA AGM 3.30pm in 4BC

**Fri 14 Feb:** Y4 Maths workshop 9-9.45am in the hall

**Wed 26 Feb:** Mental health workshop 9am OR 5.30pm

**Thurs 27 Feb:** Y5 Maths workshop 9-9.45am in the hall

**Thurs 6 Mar:** World Book Day

**Wed 12 Mar:** Y6 Maths workshop 9-9.45am in the hall

**Mon 17 Mar:** Online Safety Workshop 6.15pm in the hall

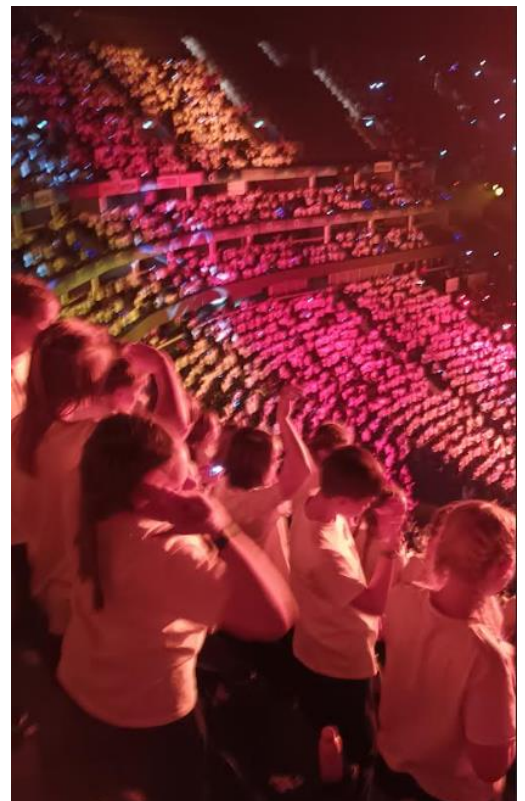
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**Young Voices:** Last week, the Exminster Primary School choir embarked on an unforgettable three-day residential trip to London to take part in the Young Voices concert. This awe-inspiring event brought together over 8,000 children from across the country to perform at the iconic O2 Arena.

The adventure began early on Wednesday morning, with excited children and staff departing school by coach. Their first stop was a matinee performance of *Matilda the Musical* in London's West End. The show was a fantastic way to kick off the trip, leaving everyone inspired and eager for what was to come. The day concluded with a warm meal and an overnight stay at Thameside Youth Hostel.

Thursday was the highlight of the trip. After an Uber Boat cruise along the Thames, which provided stunning views of the city, the group arrived at Pizza Express for lunch before heading to the O2 Arena. An afternoon of rehearsals set the stage for the main event—a breath-taking evening concert where our choir joined thousands of other children to perform in front of a packed audience. The energy, talent, and sheer scale of the performance were truly unforgettable, leaving both participants and spectators in awe.



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On Friday, the final day, the group visited the historic Houses of Parliament for a guided tour, where they learned about the inner workings of government and soaked in the grandeur of this iconic building. After an action-packed three days, the children returned home to Exminster late that evening, tired but full of incredible memories.

The children were a credit to the school, displaying exceptional behaviour, enthusiasm, and teamwork throughout the trip. Their hard work and dedication during choir rehearsals truly paid off, as their O2 performance was nothing short of spectacular.

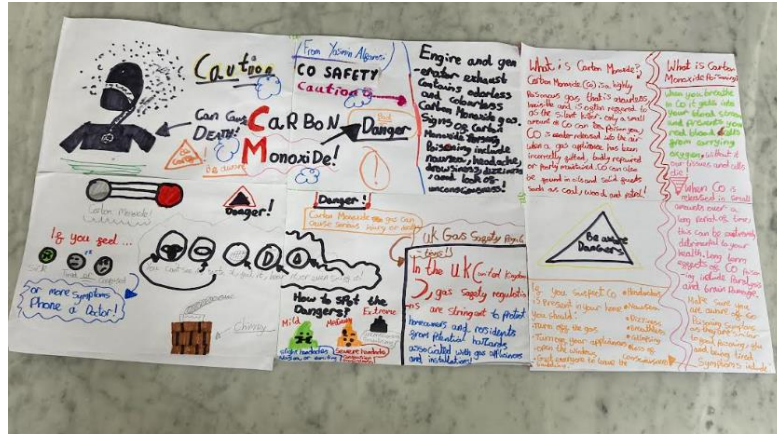
A huge thank you goes to all the staff who helped organize and support the residential, ensuring it ran so smoothly. Special thanks also go to Chris, our coach driver, whose professionalism and helpfulness were invaluable throughout the trip. Thank you to Mrs Perry and Mr Moore who both spent a long time organising the visit in preparation and to Mrs Corkery and Mrs Higgins for supporting the children on the visit. Thanks also to Mrs Martin, Miss Anstey and Mrs Parsonage for all the choir rehearsals in preparation and accompanying them for this experience.

The Young Voices residential was a once-in-a-lifetime experience for our choir, and the memories made will last a lifetime. Well done to everyone involved—you've done Exminster proud!



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**Competition winner:** congratulations and thank you to Yas in Y5 who won a 'design a poster' competition through Wales & West Utilities. She was the regional KS2 Winner in the Gas Distribution Networks Carbon Monoxide (CO) Safety Competition with a poster she submitted. Yas has won £300 cash prize for the school, we will decide alongside Yas and the Eco team how best to use this prize money to support the school. Yas spent a lot of time and research creating her poster, see below, a huge congratulations to her of this achievement:



**World Book Day:** World Book Day is on 6th March. On this day, children will have the choice to dress as a book character or as an adjective. We don't want anyone to buy anything new and we have included some ideas on how to dress as an adjective below. The theme this year is **Read Your Way**. If you would like to take a picture of your children reading 'their way', please send these to the admin email address for the attention of Mrs Fuller. She will make a lovely display of these for us.

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**Positive Mental Health Workshop -Wed 26 Feb:** Would you like to find out about supporting your child's positive mental health and well-being? This workshop will give you the opportunity to explore how we support this in school and how you can support your child at home. If you would like to attend, please let us know using the link provided.

Wednesday 26th February 9:00am in the School Hall **OR** 5:30pm in the 4S classroom entering the steps next to the main entrance. We look forward to seeing you. Mrs Coville & Mrs Fuller. <https://forms.gle/3YJbJnteWt2Dbfwp6>

**Mental Health Update:** This week I would like to update you on some changes we have made to our school website

<https://www.exminster-primary.devon.sch.uk/>. If you click on the Parents tab at the top of the page, we have added a Supporting Your Child tab. This tab includes links to lots of useful websites for parents. Please do have a look because we have lots of useful resources for common problems parents face.

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