

YOUNG VOICES WOW

On Monday, 40 children from Key Stage 2 showed just why we are a 'singing school' at Young Voices in Sheffield. A definite '**WOW**' moment, the children's singing and moves impressed the whole arena as they were full of energy and enthusiasm right until the final song. Mrs Ringrose, who organised the event for the Alvey, said: "They sang their hearts out and were a credit to the school." It looks like the children will never forget this incredible experience. Thank you to all of the adults and parents that have made these memories possible.



LEARNING TODAY FOR LIVING TOMORROW

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 23rd February

Reception to White Post Farm

Monday 26th February

Growth Mindset Parent Meeting
5pm: Main Hall

Monday 26th February

Reception and KS1 Bluey Club
Event

Thursday 29th February

Netball Team vs Chestnut Street
(Away)

Thursday 7th March

World Book Day

Thursday 7th March

Spirituality & Courageous Advocacy
Parent Meeting 5pm: Main Hall

Friday 8th March

Spirituality & Courageous Advocacy
Parent Meeting 9.15am & 2.15pm:
Main Hall

Monday 11th & Wednesday 13th March

Parents Evening

Thursday 14th March

Netball Team vs Caythorpe (Away)

Wednesday 20th March

Children of Courage Awards

Thursday 21st March

Netball Team vs Navenby (Away)

Thursday 28th March

Term 4 Ends

Monday 15th April

Term 5 Begins



ENCOURAGEMENT

I would like to begin by encouraging you to read a different article in this week's WASP (below). Please look at the parent workshops about **Spirituality** and **Courageous Advocacy**. I appreciate those two terms are not the most enticing, but I can promise, from my own experience over the past term, that they are both of great interest. I started the term with little understanding, and a bit of fear, about both Spirituality and Courageous Advocacy. I have gone full circle and now know a great deal more and can see how valuable both concepts are for all of us to know about. Please set a little time aside to join us at one of the events advertised and I promise you will, at the very least, go away with more knowledge than you started with. At best, you will leave

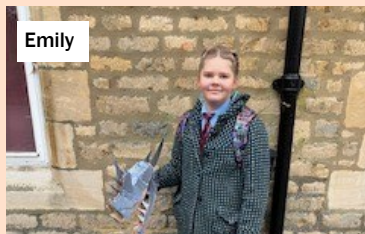
inspired with knowledge to discuss with family and friends.

I have had the pleasure of lots of children showing me their artwork over the past week or so:

- Emily made an intricate, scary dragon.
- Hollie has produced her own beautiful art book.
- Irem made an exquisite diamond art picture of a teddy and crescent moon.
- Riley coloured a detailed picture of Superman and Albie drew a lovely picture of me.

What a talented, creative group of children we have. How lucky are we! As always, I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mr Farrington



Emily



Hollie



Irem



Riley



Albie

TWO NEW LAUNCHES

In school, we have launched two new initiatives to help inspire the children spiritually and encourage them to advocate what they believe in. Mrs Mitton-Rooke launched an approach to children learning about **Spirituality** before half term. We are using the terms 'Ow, Wow and Now' to make Spirituality more accessible to the children in school. Mrs Purchase launched our approach to 'Courageous Advocacy'

with the children this week. In simple terms, this is doing the right thing however hard that might be. Your children may have already mentioned these phrases at home. We will be holding parent information events to outline our approach to these two topics. The workshops will give you a clear understanding of what Spirituality and Courageous Advocacy are at the William Alvey, why they are important to learn about and how interesting they are. The children and staff have certainly already learnt a lot through attending Mrs Mitton-Rooke and Mrs Purchase's assemblies with lots of enthusiasm already shown. We hope you will come along to one of the events. Please don't be put off if you have little, or no faith. Both these concepts can be embraced without any faith whatsoever. I can promise you, they will be interesting, will help you understand what is going on in school, which will enable you to help your child.

Parent workshops

Main Hall

Thursday 7 March
5pm

Friday 8 March
9.15am and 2.15pm

What is 'Spirituality'?



What does courageous advocacy mean?



SILVER FOR TEAM ALVEY

On the Friday before the half term break, our amazing athletics team took part in a competition with other schools in the Sleaford area. There were lots of **'wow' moments** and even a couple of **'ow' moments**, with true 'Alvey spirit' shining through. The children were **aspirational** in what they wanted to achieve, **resilient** when striving for their goals and very **respectful** to their competitors. We have just received the results and are very proud to say that they came second, only a few points behind Cranwell Primary School. Well done Team Alvey!

Coats for school

Although it is occasionally feeling like spring, the weather is still incredibly unpredictable. Could you please send your child to school with a coat everyday, even if you are travelling into school by car. We aim to give the children plenty of fresh-air during breaktimes and will still go outside (unless the rain is torrential).

Jewellery in school

A polite reminder about jewellery. It is our policy that the only jewellery allowed in school is a small pair of stud earrings, and a small signet ring. We have noticed several children wearing hoop earrings, bracelets and necklaces. Due to health and safety, if your child arrives in school wearing any of these items they will be asked to remove them. Thank you for your support in this matter.

World Book Day

You would have received an email about our plans in school for World Book Day on 7th March. There is still plenty of time to head to Sleaford Library to check out their World Book Day costume swap rails. Simply take your old World Book Day costume and swap it for a 'Brand New to You' one!

Parents Evening

Our Parents Evenings are on Monday 11th and Wednesday 13th March. An email to book appointments will be sent nearer the time.

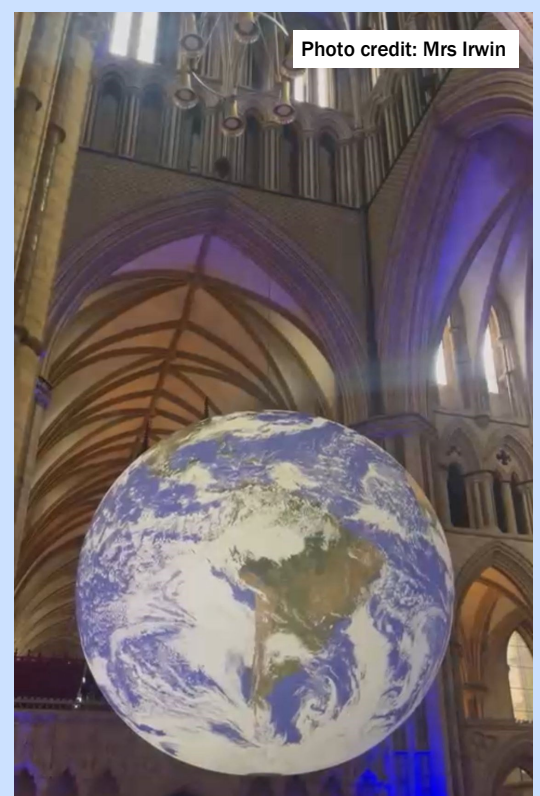
'WOW' MOMENT



Written by Mrs Risdell

cathedral. You can walk all round it and even underneath it. Beautiful music by Dan Jones plays as the earth slowly turns in front of you. It is spectacular!

It is called Gaia because that is the Greek name for the Earth. It is also the name of my grand-daughter who lives in Mexico, so that was another reason for me to go and see it! It really was worth it and there were lots of people and children there. Maybe some of you have been to see it already. It is only in Lincoln until Sunday so time is short. You can Google it at "Gaia at Lincoln Cathedral" too. So have a look!



I wanted to tell you about a "wow" moment I had last Saturday. I went to Lincoln Cathedral to see the Gaia Art Installation created by Luke Jerram. It is a huge globe of the earth as seen from space, measuring seven metres in diameter and is suspended under the central tower in the nave of the

29 YEARS AT THE ALVEY

Our ICT Technician, Mrs Farrow retires next Thursday

After 29 years, Mrs Farrow (our ICT guru) has decided to take a slightly early retirement. During her time at the Alvey, which started in 1995 as a Mid-day Supervisor, she has seen many changes. After such a long time at the school, we could not let her go quietly. Find out what she loves the most about the Alvey and why we may end up seeing her on Crufts in the future...

What was it like when you first started at the Alvey in 1995?

When I started we just had the suite in the Ark area at the front of school which was state of the art at that time. Classrooms had blackboards, personal mobile phones were future technology and the front office used to fax documents between schools and organisations. It was a junior school back then with a five-class intake so quite different to today.

We are very lucky at this school to have such a wealth of technology at our finger tips.

How did you end up being our ICT technician?

When I first started as a Mid-day Supervisor, they had an ICT team and ran parent courses on how to use computers and Word. The co-ordinator back then asked if I'd be interested in ICT maintenance in return for training — the rest is history. I ended up supporting classes in their ICT lessons as well as admin and finance.

What has been your highlight?

One of my highlights was attending the BET exhibition in London and our co-ordinators at the time presented.

It was quite prestigious to be there.

What will you miss the most?

I shall miss all of the staff that I have worked with and the wonderful shows that we produce are so memorable. The school has a lovely ethos for the children and the staff have a lot of camaraderie and so it is a happy place to be.

I have helped at some wonderful Christmas Fairs. One of my favourites was a Victorian Fair and we all dressed up in Victorian outfits. I was on an outside stall, it was freezing but worth it!

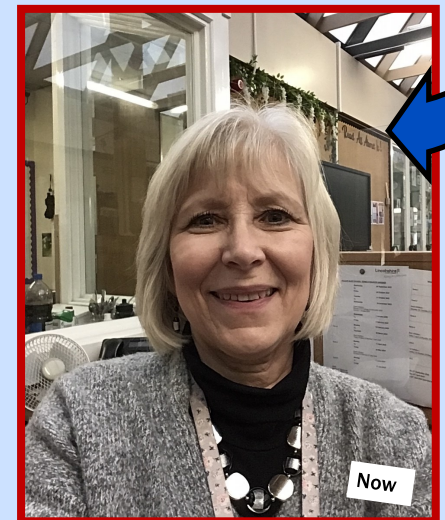
I've enjoyed helping out in the school garden over the years.

What are your plans now?

Plans for retirement are spending more time with my grandchildren. I'm going to compete in dog obedience with my dogs – I have miniature poodles.

We're looking at doing some voluntary work, possibly at Belton House and planning to continue helping in the school garden. I also want to come back to the Alvey to hear readers in Reception.

You will still see me around.



Staff Photo (2000). Can you spot Mrs Farrow or anybody else that you recognise?



Thank you Mrs Farrow

As part of Mrs Farrow's retirement she has bought the school an Oak tree to go in our Forest Area. Thank you so much Mrs Farrow, we shall look after the tree so that it is enjoyed for many generations at the Alvey.



TALENT ID CENTRE GRANTHAM

INFORMATION

Date	Every Friday
Venue	Meres Leisure Centre, Grantham
Times	6:00 - 8:00pm
Age Groups	Under 6s - Under 16s

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO REGISTER FOR THE
TALENT ID CENTRE PLEASE EMAIL
MARK.ANGEL@THEPOSH.COM FOR
FURTHER DETAILS**

The North Kesteven

Snowdrop Event

Date:

**Sunday 25th
February 2024**

Time:

**between 12
and 3pm**

Where:

**Whisby
Nature Park**

Come along and plant a Snowdrop to remember those loved ones that are no longer with us.

The event is to give people the chance to remember someone who has died and raise funds for bereaved families.

The event is in aid of Child Bereavement UK.

The charity supports families and educates professionals when a baby or child of any age dies or is dying, or when a child is facing bereavement.

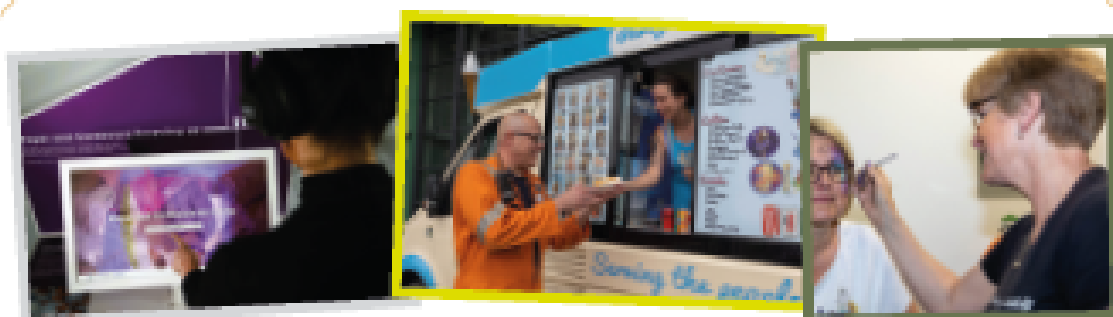
It trains 7,000 people a year to help them better understand the needs of grieving families.

For more information please email
partnershipteam@n-kesteven.gov.uk



A small donation to the charity will give you a snowdrop to plant in a specified area of remembrance.

www.facebook.com/SnowdropWalk



Learn about the journeys of Lincolnshire's waste and see first-hand what happens to the non-recyclable waste here at the facility

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Free admission and parking

All ages welcome – under 14 years must be accompanied by an adult

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