



## Beethoven Music Assembly

Last Wednesday, we were very lucky to be treated to a special music assembly from two parents Mairko Kondo and Balint Szekely. They told us about Beethoven's life and how his dramatic and energetic music shocked people at that time. The children learned that music can be happy (in a major key) and sad (in a minor key) and how each sound has different colour, how C minor was a special key for Beethoven and how he chose it during painful times. They played 7th violin sonata Op.30 Nr.2, and put on the beginning of the 5th symphony (which is on Voyager 2 to meet aliens if they exist!) Mariko played Fur Elise, which Beethoven composed for his nephew to learn. Children walked in and out of the hall listening to the 2nd movement of the beautiful Pathetique sonata in c minor. Thanks to Mariko and Balint for giving up their time. The children and adults thoroughly enjoyed the assembly. **Save the date:** Mariko will be performing for parents at a social event in the evening of 28th April. Watch this space for further information!

## Book Week



We thoroughly enjoyed book week last week. Each class decorated their doorway in the style of a book they have enjoyed; you can see some examples here. Children (and staff!) made a huge effort to dress as a book character, and our book fair raised a total of £1104.36, on which we receive commission to spend on books for the school. Thank you all for your support.

## Governor's Fund

Each year the Governors invite parents to make a donation of £30 towards the upkeep of the school and the building. As a voluntary aided school, the governors pay for 10% of the cost of building works from the governors' fund. On behalf of the Fathers of the Oratory we would like to thank you for your very generous donations to the Governors' Fund. At the present time, two thirds of families are yet to contribute and we ask that any outstanding contributions are sent to the school by **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March** at the latest so that the books can be presented for their annual audit at the end of the financial year. Of course, in time of hardship, the school understands that contributions may not be possible, but it may be that some families have simply forgotten. Thank you for your understanding and support which is as always greatly appreciated.

## R.E. Inspection report

'No aspect of the daily life of the school is left unobserved in reflecting the mission of Catholic education through the Catholic life of the school.'  
The link to our Diocesan Inspection Report is on the school's website in the 'published information' section.  
We extend our thanks to all parents who filled in questionnaires or helped as part of the interview process. The inspection team recognised the positive work that the school does to promote a high standard of R.E. They also offered helpful advice in developing R.E. further, which the school is already beginning to implement.

## Pick up at 3.30pm

If you have asked other parents, friends or relatives to collect your children, please make sure that you inform the school office by telephone of the change as soon as you can.