



News from Whitchurch C of E Primary School

Our job in schools is to ensure our children are appropriately supported, encouraged, taught, and nurtured to achieve their full potential. We aim to provide an education that gives them the chance to grow into well-rounded, resilient, kind, and caring members of our society who are able to make a positive contribution. Most importantly, we also want to ensure they are happy! In doing our job, we deliver what is called the 'taught' curriculum comprising of the academic and creative subjects - the timetable. However, another huge part of school is providing and delivering an engaging enrichment curriculum, which is aimed at character development and providing what is known as 'cultural capital' – those inputs into a child's life that give them a breadth and depth of understanding of the world around them.

Last month, I talked about our fabulous Year 4 pupils who had so brilliantly performed their pantomime. This is part of that enrichment curriculum – the chance to be the star, to step out of their comfort zone, to dress up, perform and sing before a live audience. This month, this is all about our Year 5 being on the other end of that experience, as they went off on a trip to the Mayflower Theatre in Southampton, to see the wonderful West End Show 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang', funded by our wonderful parents association, FOWPs. And this is what the children said...

At midday, we boarded the double-decker bus, prepared for our journey to Southampton for the production of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. As we arrived, we were greeted to the astonishing sight of the Mayflower. When we entered the elaborate building, we knew it was worth the journey! We walked up the stairs when we were told it was open. As we took our seats, we gazed at the spectacular, eye-drawing surroundings, including the painted night sky and the scarlet roof. There was a gold embossed plaque stating that the Mayflower was founded in 1928. Without warning, there was a sudden 'Bang!' causing a Mexican wave of people jumping out of their seats. Everyone agreed it was the best show they had seen in a long time. I loved the super spies.

The flying car was amazing; I don't know how they did it. It was **MAGICAL!**

I loved the songs.

Fantastically brilliant!

My favourite part was when all the children ran out and scared the Baron and Baroness.

It was hilarious.

I loved all the scary bangs!

A once in a lifetime experience!

My first time at the theatre and it was so good.

BEST DAY EVER!

I want to go again.

A memorable experience.

*We would like to thank FOWPS for funding this. We also thank all the teachers who came and helped and gave us snacks! **BEST TRIP EVER!** 😊*