

Dear parents and carers,

Brrrrrrrr! This week has been a very cold one indeed; however it's good to see children coming to school prepared for the freezing conditions with their warm coats and woolly hats.



Pleased with our new, signed books!

Author visit- Maz Evans

This week Years 3-6 were lucky enough to have a visit from Maz Evans, the lively and highly entertaining author of the 'Who Let the Gods Out' series. Maz spoke to the children about her experiences as a writer, played games to demonstrate the importance of word choices, answered questions from children in every classroom and signed about a gazillion books! Author visits like this are important to inspire the children to read, as we all know reading is the key that opens the door to opportunities for your children.

'It was really inspiring and she made us all laugh. She made me really want to be an author because she felt proud of her books and wanted to share her ideas and characters.' James

'I already liked her books but, strangely, after she gave us a talk I seemed to enjoy them even more! She was extremely funny and I'm glad I didn't miss it' Harry

'I loved her visit because we got to get our books signed, which I loved, and ask her questions which was really cool.' Grace

'I really enjoyed her visit because it was fun and exciting and everyone enjoyed it. It made me want to read her books even more!' Natalie

'I enjoyed it when she called Mrs Everett and Mrs Black to do a funny game! She was also hilarious and made me burst out laughing! Her book is brilliant too!' Alex

'I enjoyed Maz Evans' talk because she was so energetic and funny. She also brings this into her books which makes them even more fun to read' Cindy



'Maz Evans' visit was really exciting! We got to ask her questions personally and get our books signed. She made me want to read even more and definitely read her books. Also she was really friendly, kind and funny.' Ellie

'I loved Maz Evans because she got the teachers up to the front to participate in games and everyone was laughing throughout!' Annabel

Malvern Book Cooperative

May I take this opportunity to thank Tom from the Malvern Book Cooperative, who negotiated with Maz Evans' publishers for early release of 'Against All Gods' for our children- it doesn't come out officially until next week! Tom also joined us on Tuesday with a big stock of books from the series which children bought with enthusiasm before getting them signed. If you are yet to visit the Malvern Book Cooperative, we cannot recommend it highly enough.

<https://malvernbook.coop/about/>

Parking at Malvern Vale

A couple of weeks ago I requested parents turn off their car engines when they are waiting outside the gate at Malvern Vale. This week we have had concerns about the same matter raised by local residents who have contacted the school. Please help us to build and maintain positive relationships with our community by supporting us with this. Please turn off engines when you are parked outside our school.



We enjoyed our visit to the library

Malvern Vale Oak- Our visit to the library

It is National Storytelling week this week so the children in Oak Class jumped into the minibus to visit Malvern Library. We had a wonderful morning exploring the huge selection of books and comics on offer. The Librarians, Ali and Phil, read us some stories and told us all about how the library worked. Three of our children even brought along their own library membership borrowing card and demonstrated how the library machines let us borrow a book.

'The visit was amazing, I like looking at all of the books but I liked looking at the baby books best.' Brooke

'I enjoyed the library, I read a Beauty and the Beast book.' Erin

'I looked at the magazine, it had a sausage with eyes that ran away.' José Francisco

'I read a superhero book and the aliens splattered green water and then he had big eyes.' Flynn

'I read a good pony book with zebras in it as well as Ponies.' Molly

'I liked the magazines, I read some of the names and new the colours.' Oscar

'There was a Peter Rabbit book and the Fox came along in it.' Riley

'The grown-ups read a story and the tiger was left in the tree.' Maisie

A visit from the dental nurses

On Thursday, the Pre-School and Nursery children were visited by the Dental nurses from Malvern Hills Dental Care. They learnt about the importance of keeping their teeth clean and explored foods that might make their teeth unhealthy. The children enjoyed trying on face masks, gloves and goggles and used toothbrushes to brush teeth moulds. It was a really informative and practical session and the team were kind enough to give every child a goody bag at the end. A great end to our week!

'I brush teeth then I spit it all out.' Billee

'I don't want holes in my teeth. Sugar is bad.' Isa

'I can brush my teeth all by myself!' Sonny





Safer Internet Day

Next Tuesday, 5th February, is Safer Internet Day. Children will be undertaking activities over the course of the week to raise the profile of internet safety.

Key Stage 1 FOSP Film Night

This will take place on Friday 8th February and separate letters have been distributed. It is open to reception children from both schools too, so Malvern Vale Oak children, you are very welcome to join us!

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Chris Hansen



Who's the teacher in Year 2?



Mark making in Nursery this week

Community Links (Not school events)

Friends of Somers Park FOSP Dates for the diary

Thursday 7th Feb, 7pm:
FOSP Committee Meeting- all welcome
(Malvern Vale parents too)

Friday 8th Feb, 4:45pm: **KS1 Film Night**

Friday 15 Feb, 3:15pm: **Cake Sale**

Thursday 7 March, 7pm:
FOSP Committee Meeting

Friday 22 March:
Curry & Quiz Night

Thursday 4th April, 7pm:
FOSP Committee Meeting

Friday 5 April: **Uniform Sale**

Thursday 11 April: **Easter Raffle**

Friday 12 April: **Cake Sale**

You can now follow FOSP on twitter
@SomersparkFOSP.