

# PARAFIELD GARDENS PRIMARY SCHOOL

United Nations Global Peace School

*Working Together*



## Newsletter - Week 6 Term 3 2023

### From the Principal

#### Student Led Learning Conversations

From **Monday 18th through to Friday 22nd September** we have set aside times for student led learning conversations. Your child has recently worked with their teacher to update their learning goals ready to share with you as part of the learning conversation. We hope that this assists you to work together with the school to support your child's learning. Notes inviting parents to book in will come home next week. Our late night interviews will be on Monday 18th September. Bookings will be done online again, with instructions on the note. If you have any trouble, just contact the class teacher who can do it for you.

#### School Service Officer (SSO) week

Last week we celebrated our wonderful SSO staff and thanked them for all they do for us. We have quite a large team of School Service Officers (SSOs), who carry out a wide range of duties across the school. These include administration, finance, facilities, Resource Centre and those who work directly supporting student learning. Our team is highly skilled and they make a real difference to our students' learning outcomes. We are grateful for the work they do and the contribution they make to both the students and also to the school and its community. I would like to acknowledge our team and thank them for their continued dedication to the Parafield Gardens Primary School community.



Some members of our SSO Team

#### School Closure Day

Just a reminder that our Governing Council has approved a **School Closure Day** on **Friday 8th September**. A reminder that the OSHC service is **not** available on this day.

#### Enrolling Siblings and School Tours

If you have younger children at home who will be starting school in 2024, please contact the office as soon as possible so that we can organise an enrolment form. Please contact us if you are interested in being part of the remaining school tour:

- **Tuesday 12th September at 9:30am and 5:00pm**

If you know other families in our community who are looking for a great school, please send them our way. Our new Reception students will enjoy their first experience of school in a very modern, progressive learning space.

#### 2023 School Fees are overdue

Thank you to those parents who have settled their accounts for this year's school fees. Final Notices have recently been issued to families who are in arrears and who have not made arrangements to pay their accounts by instalments. Please remember to apply for School Card if you are on a low income—this needs to be done each year. We accept various methods of payment including EFTPOS, Centrelink deductions and direct debit. We also have the **Qkr app** that can be downloaded from our website to pay accounts. Any outstanding accounts will be sent to the Education Department's debt collection team and then referred to the Auditor General's Department.

#### Industrial Action - School Closure

Parafield Gardens Primary School will be **closed on Friday 1st September 2023** due to a vote for industrial action by members of the Australian Education Union at this site.

The Education Director has approved the closure on the grounds that insufficient staff will be on duty to enable me as Principal to ensure that adequate standards of student safety and welfare can be provided.

Normal education programs will commence at the site from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2023.

Please be advised that our OSHC service will be available to cover the period of the industrial action. Families who wish to use this service must book a place by contacting the OSHC on 0401121430 by 12pm Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August to ensure appropriate staffing ratios are maintained. Families who have not booked a place at the OSHC by this time will not be able to access the service.

Please contact the school if you have any questions regarding this information.

**Rachel McLennan**

#### DIARY DATES

<b>Thursday 31/8/23</b>	<b>Assembly in the Hall at 9:00am</b>
<b>Friday 8/9/23</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY</b>
<b>Monday 11/9/23 to 29/9/23</b>	<b>PAT Testing</b>
<b>Tuesday 12/9/23</b>	<b>Governing Council Meeting at 6:30pm</b>
<b>Monday 18/9/23 - Friday 22/9/23</b>	<b>3-Way Learning Conversations</b>
<b>Thursday 21/9/2</b>	<b>United Nations International Day of Peace with Peace Pole Ceremony</b>
<b>Monday 18/9/23 - Friday 29/9/23</b>	<b>Wheelenet Incursion</b>
<b>Wednesday 27/9/23</b>	<b>Casual Day with gold coin donation</b>
<b>Thursday 28/9/23</b>	<b>Assembly in the Hall at 9:00am</b>
<b>Friday 29/9/23</b>	<b>Last Day of Term 3 with early dismissal at 2:00pm</b>





## Aboriginal STEM Congress

Recently four of our upper primary students attended the 2023 Aboriginal STEM Congress with Mr Luke and Miss Tammy. They were joined by First Nations students from across the state. The Congress celebrates our history of 60,000 years of STEM conducted by the first Australians. Over two big days our students heard from inspirational keynote speakers and engaged in a range of STEM activities linked to First Nations culture. The students were fully engaged in the program and were excellent ambassadors for our school. The students involved were Faith, Lawrie, Mason and Drey.

*At the STEM conference we listened to some speakers including one man who talked about sea animals and another man who discovered when he was younger that he was Aboriginal and it was really interesting. He asked us to brainstorm things that we would like to happen in the future. One of the ideas our group came up with was to make a book and a movie about the Aboriginal people in the bush and also we thought about having flying cars, flying submarines and another one about saving the bilby because it is endangered.*

*We made motors using batteries and paper clips but it was hard to get the wire to spin the paper clips properly. We also made Lego robots and we coded them to make them dance using an iPad. It was hard to do the coding but once I learnt how to do it I helped the other people in our group.*

*The best part of the conference was taking part in the activities.*

### Faith Room 15



**Building the robots**

## Early Years Swimming

During Week 4 as part of our Health and PE curriculum the children from Reception to Year 2 were involved in swimming lessons at the Elizabeth Aquadome Swimming Centre. These lessons were conducted by qualified swimming instructors and included water safety.

**Day 1:** *I was in Turtle group and I swam on my back and on my tummy. I swam with no floaties. I blew bubbles in the water and I had fun splashing in the water.*

### Aniya Room 4

*I was in the Starfish group and we played volley ball. We threw a soft ball to each other and it was lots of fun.*

### Nana Room 4

*There were lots of pools there. I wore goggles and I swam under water. My pool was little and I also blew bubbles and I swam under people through their legs. Then I swam to the very end and I hit my head. We had pool noodles and we had to lie on our back and hold the noodles while we floated on our back. We played a game to see who*



*could float for the longest time. It was fun. I can't wait to go again.*

### Sean Room 22

**Day 2:** *Today I did torpedoes but we didn't kick - we just had our arms out in front. I also did some swimming and floating. We used noodles and we practised saving people. We also grabbed onto a noodle and the teacher pulled on it while we held on tight.*

### Indiana Room 11

*I got a life jacket. I got in the water with the life jacket on the right way. When I got in the water I had to float with my life jacket on. Then I did doggy paddle to the other side of the pool. I did doggy paddle four times to the other side. My group was pretending we fell off a boat but we learnt if you fall off a boat alone you cross your legs and hold your knees while floating.*

### Felicity Room 11

*Today at swimming we had to learn how to rescue people. First we safely got in the pool and right after that all of us had to go to another pool. Debbie our teacher told us to hold onto a pool noodle and hold on tight. We all had a number and we had to pull someone out to save them, but only the number ones.*

### Cyrus Room 11

#### Day 3:

*Today we learnt how to swim and swim safely. We floated like starfish and we paddled and then we floated with floaties that we held. We also did diving like a duck and we had to pick a ball up off the bottom of the pool. That was my favourite activity.*

### Winnie Room 12

*We had to try and save ourselves in the pool using a life jacket. We floated on our back and we moved our arms in little circles to keep us floating on the water. I had my goggles on and we had to look under the water. I could see people's legs and it was funny. I also saw some toys on the bottom of the pool. It was fun.*

### Mehran Room 12

#### Day 4:

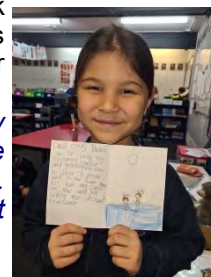
*On the last day of swimming we played 'sinkies'. The teacher put some little circles into the water and they sank to the bottom. We had to dive down to pick them up. It was fun to go under the water. We also used the noodles to swim and we squirted water at each other. We all had fun at swimming!*

### Eli, Austyn and Bismullah Room 23

*The children in Room 11 wrote 'Thank You' letters to the swimming teachers as they all thoroughly loved their sessions at the pool.*

*Dear Cindy, Thank you for being my swimming teacher and teaching me how to swim. It means a lot to me. Thank you for taking care of me and not letting me drown*

*From Samin*



## Harvesting our Veggie Garden

On May 1<sup>st</sup> students worked hard preparing the vegetable garden, located behind the Hive, to plant our vegetables. On August 11<sup>th</sup> we harvested our cauliflower and made cauliflower soup on the very same day. Super fresh!

We changed the chicken stock in the ingredients to vegetable stock so that everyone in our class could try it. First we washed our hands and next we were each given a vegetable to prepare. Some children peeled potatoes,



some cut the potatoes up whilst others chopped the onions or the cauliflower. We then followed the recipe to create our soup. Everyone tried the soup and lots of students came back for seconds and took their own lunch home. The children all enjoyed the process of making soup from vegetables picked from our school garden.

Here is the recipe:

1 tablespoon Classic Olive Oil  
1 large brown onion, chopped  
2 garlic cloves, crushed  
1 head of cauliflower cut into florets  
500grams Sebago potatoes, peeled and chopped  
1 litre Massel chicken or vegetable liquid stock  
1/2 cup pure cream

Put all together into a pot and cook until the potatoes are soft. Wait until it cools before blending until smooth. Enjoy!

**Ms Tracy Smyth Room 12**



*We planted the cauliflower*



*We harvested this beautiful cauliflower*



*Cutting the cauliflower*



*Peeling the potatoes*



*Peeling the onion*



*chopping the potatoes*



*Cooking the soup*



*Blending the soup*



*Enjoying the soup - Mmmmm!*



## SAPSASA - Boys' Soccer

On Friday of 25th August, our boys' soccer team travelled to Argana Park to compete in the Para District Carnival.

The team was quite experienced as most of our team play club soccer. Our school was in division A and competed against the following schools – Paralowie, The Pines, St Augustines and Settlers Farm. It was great to see how much our students learnt and grew in confidence throughout the day. The boys organised themselves extremely well before each game, continually changing positions, offering advice and all taking a turn as a reserve with no fuss. The sportsmanship and encouragement was also impressive, with our boys ensuring to shake hands after each game without question. The boys managed to win one game, draw two and lost the other one. The team ended up finishing third which is a great effort. We could not be prouder of the team's efforts on the day as they represented our school with great pride. Well done boys.



**Matt Cuconits - Heath/PE Teacher**

## Assembly Awards

**Term 3 Week 6: Room 2:** Sania **3:** Artin Dennis **4:** Nana **5:** Nazneen **7:** Zeenat **8:** Hudson **9:** Taylor **11:** Samin **12:** Willow S **15:** Jai **21 16:** Shaunak **17:** Connor **22:** Zahra, Vincent **23:** Kaiden, Graham **24:** Arij, Sarah **27:** Tyler **28:** Ckael, Silvana **29:** Amelia, Sophia **30:** Laavanya, Denzel **31:** Annabelle, Mohadesa **32:** Esther, Ashley **34A:** Jackson, Lexi **34B:** Catharine, Rain

**Health/PE (Mr C) Room 27**

**Music/Drama (Sarah Quinn) Room 28**

**Arts (Mr Luke) Room 12**

**Visual Arts (Ms Dimitropoulos) Room 2**

**Technologies (Ms Ostrun) Room 9**

**Auslan (Mrs Neilson and Ms Shephard) Room 29**

## School Crossing Monitors

Thank you to our School Crossing Monitors for the last 3 weeks for their positive approach and enthusiasm.

**Week 4 Room 34A:** Mason, Thanh, Jaxson, Rehan, Kavish, Saish, Eddie, William, Louois, Lian

**Week 5: Room 16:** Isabel, Samantha, Pranay, Kayleigh, Indiana, Agam, Cathy, Japnoor, Indie, Tin Tin, Isabelle, Dhyey

**Week 6: Rooms 15 & 16:** Ashton, Isaac, Katie, Jasraj, Rebecca, Tin Tin, Isabelle, Indiana, Indie, Amelia

## National Volunteers Week

Back in May it was National Volunteer Week and the Salisbury City Centre had some vouchers to give away to volunteers supporting our community. I nominated our amazing volunteers Kerry, Sandra and Josie for all their efforts helping and donating their valuable time for our school community in our canteen, particularly as these ladies no longer have any students attending our school. They each won a \$50 voucher from various businesses in the Salisbury Council area. Very well deserved. Our school community and I appreciate you all very much.

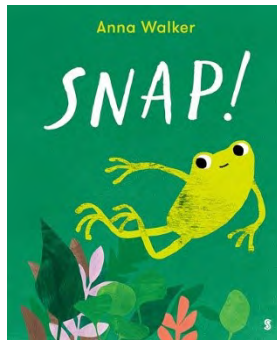
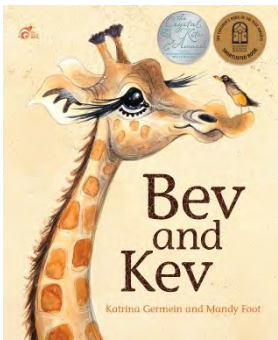
We are needing extra volunteers to help run our canteen. If you have any spare time to spare please come and see me for details.

**Cherie Honson - Canteen Administrator**



# Book Week

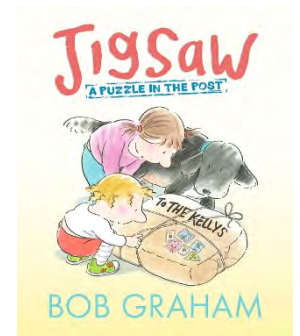
As part of Book Week the Reception and Year 1 students visited the Salisbury Community Hub Library. They had the opportunity to explore our local library, share one of the award winning books with a library educator and participate in a fun activity after the story. One of the teachers was dressed as Barbie and the other one was Mary Poppins.



We went to the library on the bus and we saw Barbie and Mary Poppins. They weren't the real people, just ladies dressed up. We listened to the ladies read us some books. They read 'SNAP' and that was about a little frog that had fun going to different places. 'Bev and Kev' was a good book and that was about a giraffe and a little bird who were good friends. They didn't look the same but they still liked each other. The ladies read a book called 'Jigsaw' and also 'Where the Lyrebird Lives'. The lyrebird was talking like other animals and it sounded like them. We had fun.

**Sania Room 2 and Justyce Room 4**

As part of our Book Week activities some students from Parafield Gardens High School visited us in The Hive and read to some of our younger students. It was lovely to see the participation and enjoyment occurring around our beautiful Hive.





# Our Book Week Parade

Our Book Week assembly was hosted by Room 34 under the COLA with many of the students and staff dressing up as their favourite book or film character, making it a very colourful scene. This year's theme was **"READ, GROW, INSPIRE"**. We saw the Lorax from the book by Dr Seuss, the lion from *Dear Zoo* by Rod Campbell, Willie Wonker and his yummy Golden Ticket, Mario Brothers and a special appearance from Barbie. Amongst the staff we saw Snow White and her Seven Dwarves, some pots of colourful Playdough, the characters from Shrek - Shrek and Fiona, the Gingerbread Man and Puss in boots. We also found some butterflies and a Very Hungry looking Caterpillar! We saw a special character, 'Potato Boy', from the story *Potato Boy* written by Louis from Room 34. Earlier this year Louis won the Young Writers Competition conducted by the Salisbury Library. As the theme suggested, Alexia dressed as Mrs Tidswell, because she taught Alexia to read when she was in her Reception class. Some of the other characters we saw included Harry Potter, super heroes, princesses, a very scary dinosaur and the Big Bad Wolf disguised as Grandma! We also welcomed the little ones from the Children's Centre and their staff. It was lovely to see so many families join us, especially as it was a beautiful sunny day.



The Lorax and Luigi



Our hosts from Room 34



Louis as 'Potato Boy'



The lion from Dear Zoo



Mario Brothers



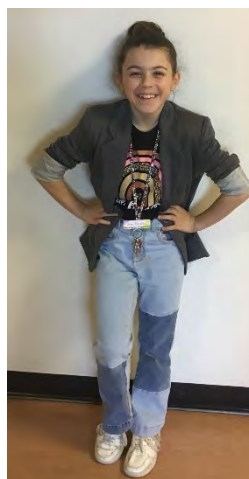
A very scary dinosaur



The Very Hungry Caterpillar - Or is it Mr Liemareff?



Snow White & her Seven Dwarves



Mrs Tidswell



Our little friends & staff from the Children's Centre



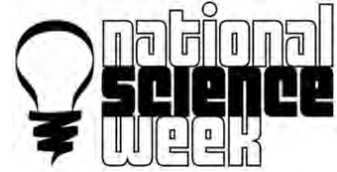
## Science Week 2023: *Innovation – Powering Future Industries*

The school theme for National Science Week in 2023 was *Innovation: Powering Future Industries*. The theme incorporates the advancement in technology in all industries, especially using artificial intelligence (AI).

The curriculum focus of the theme is on:

- Science as a Human Endeavour
- Chemical Sciences
- Physical Sciences
- Earth and Space Sciences, and
- Biological Sciences

Along with the Sustainability cross-curriculum priority.



***Mirror Mess*** was the most creative insect name for this new species and it came from Indie, Indiana and Japnoor's team.

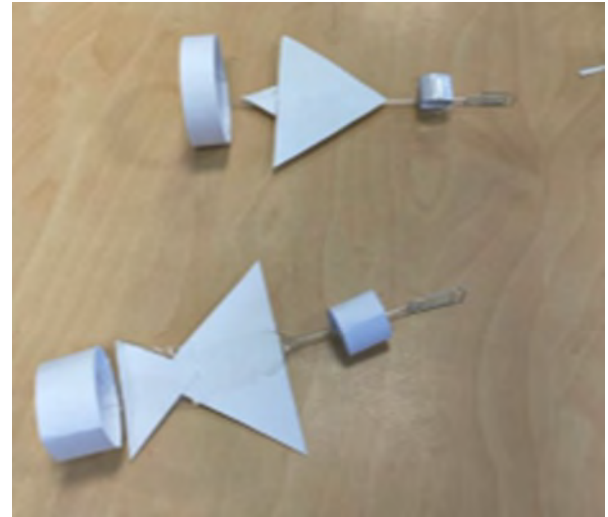
*A new type of insect has been spotted near the school. It's eating plants in the garden, and people are worried it will spread to nearby farms and damage food crops. To stop the insects scientists need to study them, and for that they need specimens. Year 5 & 6 students were challenged to design, construct and test insect traps. In the words of Mrs Sobey, 'few bugs were caught, but much fun was had.'*



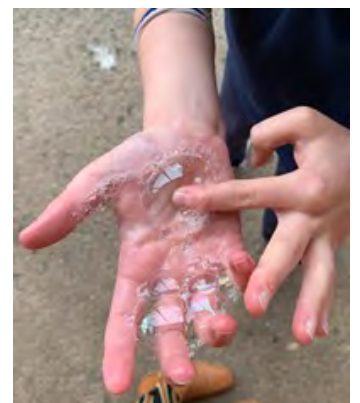


The year 3 and 4 students were challenged to: Design a better paper plane.

Paper planes are always fun, but this activity is inspired by Innovations in air transport and were made by including new materials and creating new designs. In this activity, a straw was required to be used as the fuselage (or body), encouraging students to be innovative with their designs.



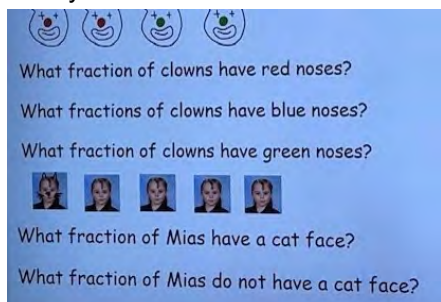
The reception, year 1 and 2 students learnt about colour transference and surface tension through their experimentation with designing apparatus to blow bubbles using various 3 dimensional objects.





# Maths Month Showcase of Powerful Learning

August is Maths Month for Australians and the people of New Zealand. This year I have challenged students to solve weekly puzzles and have asked some students across the school to share their engaging learning in Mathematics. Our Powerful learners in Mathematics for 2023 with the most puzzles solved were: Room 8, Room 4, Room 22, Room 11, Room 32, Room 27 & Room 17. A total of **398** puzzles were solved during the month of August! Well done everyone! **Ms White**



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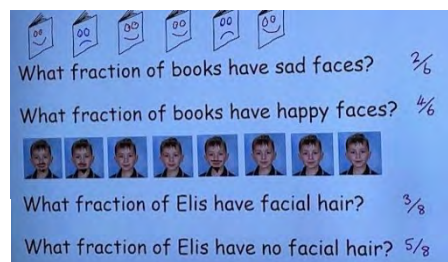
What fractions of clowns have blue noses?

What fraction of clowns have green noses?

What fraction of Mias have a cat face?

What fraction of Mias do not have a cat face?

*Room 7 have been learning about fractions and in the process have been reinventing themselves! 'Mia Cat' has arrived! And, Eli has grown facial hair!*



What fraction of books have sad faces?  $\frac{3}{6}$

What fraction of books have happy faces?  $\frac{4}{6}$

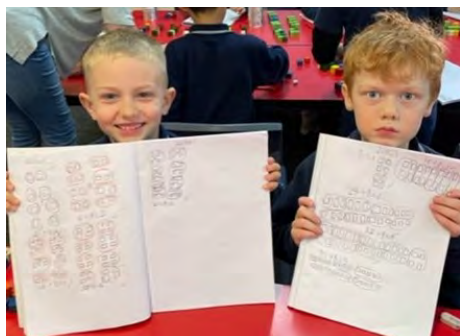
What fraction of Elis have facial hair?  $\frac{3}{8}$

What fraction of Elis have no facial hair?  $\frac{5}{8}$

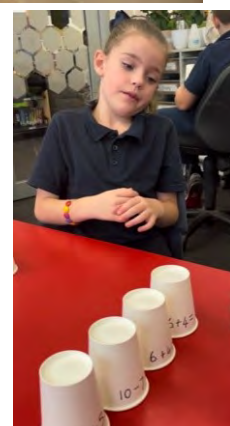
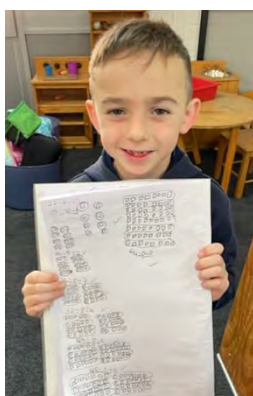
*Room 4 and 5 have been learning about 'teen' numbers, using their bodies to partition, singing songs to help remember practising signs in Auslan to intergrate learning. Ethan and Louis solving a puzzle for Math Month.*



*Room 11 were learning about multiplication and division facts!*



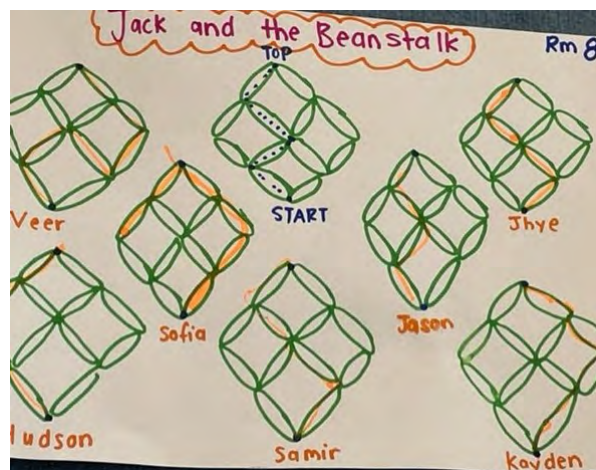
*Room 12 practising fluency games to improve recall of number facts.*



*Room 8 solved different ways for Jack to climb the beanstalk!*



*Room 15, 16 & 17 have been integrating their maths learning with Science and English while thinking sustainably about how to manage organic waste better.*





# FESTIVAL of MUSIC CHOIR 2023

The Primary Schools Music Festival is a South Australian State Heritage icon under the direction of The Public Primary Schools Music Society and the Department for Education. The focus of this festival is to engage students in artistic excellence, cultural diversity and social inclusion through performance in Music and the Arts. This choral program has been an integral part of life for generations of public-school students throughout South Australia for over 130 years.

Parafield Gardens Primary School students who are in Year 5 and 6 were offered the opportunity to participate in the Festival of Music choir for 2023. Our choir has 38 students from 6 different classes and have been rehearsing for their performance every week for an hour on Tuesdays since Term 1. Our concert will be held this term at the Festival Theatre on Friday September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm.



The theme for the Festival this year is 'World of Tomorrow' featuring original works by renowned composer, Paul Jarman. His songs are focused on the impact of technology on our modern society; the positives and negatives and wonderings of what the future may bring. There are also some favourite songs included in our choral repertoire, including *Proud Mary*, *Nothing Else Matters* and *Keep on Movin'*, as well as works by local composers and arrangements by Festival staff.

Our school has two soloists featuring on our concert night. Ella (Room 17) will be opening the show with her *Proud Mary* solo. Isaac (Room 15) will be making his DJ debut using a looping machine to accompany the choir in the *I am the Earth Remix*.

We are very proud of the persistence, resilience and commitment shown by the Festival Choir students and wish them all the best for their upcoming performance.

**Sarah Quinn (Choir Teacher)**



**Our 2 soloists -  
Isaac and Ella**



**Members of our Festival of Music Choir**

