

ARNETT HILLS JMI SCHOOL



Friday July 12th 2019

PTA SUMMER FAYRE

The fayre on the theme of 'The Circus' tied in with the whole school studies earlier this term on the book entitled *Leon and the Place Between*. The circus act on the day encouraged adults and children to join in with juggling, plate spinning and uni-cycling. The arena saw shared pieces from groups including circus themed songs from our wonderful choir.

The whole day was very well attended and many children and families from the past came back to visit. The weather behaved beautifully which encouraged the sale of ice creams! The hard working cooks on the barbecues kept everyone well fed.

So many people contributed to the success of the fayre—the driving force was the PTA Committee who, as always, worked tirelessly. Thank you to all of you for giving up so much time to attend planning meetings and to prepare for the day. The PTA rallied help in so many ways: collecting, setting up, making banners and running stalls. The team effort from the school community was wonderful—thank you all so much. At the end of the fayre, there was a real whole school effort to help clear up which was hugely appreciated.



Thank you to families who completed the questionnaire which was distributed on the day by our governors—feedback from the survey will help us to reflect on different aspects of the school's work.



Y5 AND Y6 entertained their parents and the school with a mini cornet concert today. Pieces included the national anthem, Billy Jean, I Feel Good and the classis Baby Shark. It was great fun for everyone. Many thanks to Lewis Rowland for teaching both classes this year.



MARY POPPINS

This week a great number of you flocked to the hall to see the junior school production of Mary Poppins. Following a number of very successful junior plays, expectations were running high again this year, and audiences were not disappointed.

They were treated to polished performances from Y6 children who had painstakingly learnt their lines; to absolutely wonderful singing of some very difficult songs including fantastic solos from Y6 children and to numerous changes of scenery!

Every class contributed to the success of the play from the chimney sweeps (Y3) with their 'Step in Time' to the busy bees (Y4) with their 'Spoonful of Sugar' to the 'Precision and Order' of the banking clerks (Y5). Who can forget the charming rendition of Feed the Birds (Y4 and Y5), the joyful 'Fly a Kite' (whole school) and the infectious 'Supercalifraggilisticexpialidocious' (whole school—don't quote me on the spelling of that!!)

The entire production was a triumph and the result of the hard work of the children, their teachers and the LSAs. Special mention on the final evening went to Miss Bowler for guiding the children through their rehearsals, constantly looking for ways for them to improve and to Mrs Arthurs who somehow managed to teach the classes their songs and the soloists their challenging pieces. Each show was slightly different in timings, scenery changes etc but Mrs Arthurs simply adapted and 'went with the flow.'

We also thanked (yesterday evening and today at school) the group of people who helped make the play so visually attractive—Miss Tibbles used her amazing art skills to draw and paint the beautiful, enormous backdrop. She was assisted by Mrs Mehdwan, Mrs Martin and Mrs Morgan. They also made the props along with Mrs Goulden who created the items for the nursery. Many thanks to them all.

