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GREAT BRITAIN PARALYMPIAN, SEAN ROSE, VISITS ASHDON!

Olympic Inspiration at Ashdon Primary School: Team GB Star Visits pupils in partnership with Great Athletes. Pupils at Ashdon Primary School were left buzzing with excitement and motivation after a visit from a Team GB athlete, arranged in partnership with the social enterprise Great Athletes. The inspirational event, held on 23rd January, was part of a nationwide initiative to raise aspirations, promote well-being, and fundraise for vital school sports equipment.

The visiting athlete, Sean Rose, who has represented Great Britain on the international stage, delivered a powerful assembly sharing his journey from humble beginnings to competing for his country. His story of resilience, dedication, and overcoming obstacles had a profound impact on both students and staff.

"Hearing Sean speak was amazing," said a pupil at the school. "It made me feel like I can achieve big things too, if I work hard and don't give up."

The visit included a high-energy, inclusive sports session led by the athlete, designed to promote teamwork, self-belief, and physical confidence. There was also time for a Q&A, giving pupils the rare chance to connect with a sporting hero.

Headteacher Mrs Reynecke-Raybould praised the impact of the visit: "This was more than just a school talk. It was an experience our students will never forget. Great Athletes is doing incredible work by bringing real role models into schools and helping young people see what's possible."



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Physical Education 'on Mars'

In Mars Class the children have been working on team building skills with Mr O'Sullivan. They have shown that they are good at

communication and cooperation.



They also enjoy their Dance lessons on Wednesdays with Miss Burnham. They are learning very specific routines and will take part in the annual dance celebration at Radwinter!

Attendance Winners of the Autumn Term!



Regular school attendance is one of the most important factors in your child's academic success and personal development. Each day at school offers unique learning opportunities, social interactions and experiences that cannot be replicated at home. When children attend consistently, they build strong relationships with teachers and peers, develop essential life skills and maintain the momentum needed to master complex concepts.

Missing school, even occasionally, can create gaps in learning that compound over time. Children who attend regularly achieve better grades, develop confidence and stay engaged with their education. Beyond academics, school provides a structured environment where children learn vital social skills and teamwork abilities.

Congratulations to Mars Class for having the highest attendance last week! As our attendance winners, they will enjoy an extra 10 minutes of playtime as a reward for their excellent commitment to being in school every day.

We encourage all families to prioritise school attendance and to contact us early if challenges arise. Together, we can ensure every child has the best possible chance to thrive and reach their full potential.

Jupiter Class: 83.8%

Saturn Class: 92.9%

Mercury Class: 89.2%

Mars Class: 95.5%

Important Dates, Events and REMINDERS:

PLEASE BOOK YOUR CHILD'S PARENTS' EVENING APPOINTMENTS THROUGH SCOPAY! IF YOU HAVE DIFFICULTIES — PLEASE CONTACT THE ADMIN TEAM!

- * **Monday 2nd February - Jupiter going to Braintree Museum (please provide a packed lunch for your child for the day. Thanks)**
- * **Friday 6th February - No Celebration Assembly as all parents will have a good look at their child's work and progress at parents' evening**
- * **Tuesday 10th February @ 15:40-18:00 - Parents' Evening 1**
- * **Wednesday 11th February @ 15:40-18:00 - Parents' Evening 2**
- * **Thursday 12th February - Saturn having a Tudor Day! Remember to dress up for this if you'd like to!**
- * **Thursday 12th February - End of Spring Term 1**
- * **Friday 13th February - Non-pupil Day**

Early reminder!!! - World Book Day will be in Spring Term 2 on Thursday 5th March! Remember to start looking out for your outfits as time flies!

Help Needed: Odd Jobs Around School

We're currently looking for someone reliable who could assist with various odd jobs around the school grounds. This might include tasks such as gritting pathways and car parks during winter weather to ensure safe access for everyone, as well as other maintenance jobs as they arise.

We will arrange appropriate liability insurance cover for anyone who helps out, and would be delighted to build a relationship with someone we can call upon when needed.

If you know of anyone who might be interested in this opportunity, or if you'd like more information, please get in touch with the school office.

Many thanks for your support.