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courageous.....for the
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Dear Year 5 Parent/Carer

Energize 2025 **Thursday 20th March & Saturday 22nd March**

Year 5 will be joining many local schools to perform in a collaborative musical entitled “Desert Quest” by Jane and Natasha Smith in the Swan Theatre on Thursday, 20th March, and Saturday, 22nd March.

The show is about a group of students who hear about the discovery of an ancient city and go on a quest to find the treasures hidden there.

There are 11 songs, which include part singing and chants. All of the children will sing all of the songs. The song lyrics and mp3s of Jane Smith singing our school’s parts can all be found on the Year 5 class page of the school website. An external dance teacher will come into school and teach the class a dance to the song “Mirage”.

During the performance our class will move forward to the front of the stage to dance whilst this song is sung by the other schools.

SONGS

Each Wednesday, during Music lessons, Year 5 will learn a few of the songs which will then be set as homework to memorise using the music on the school website as an aid to learning. They will also be asked to listen to at least one other song so that they are familiar with it before their next lesson.

COSTUME

Please can you provide this costume for your child to wear for the performance. Our song ‘Mirage’ comes as part of the play when the students have been travelling for a long time and begin to hallucinate and imagine seeing things that aren’t there. Therefore, we have been asked to get our children to each dress up as a different **historical iconic figure from the past**. They have given us a list of suggestions, attached to the bottom of this letter, however please don’t feel constrained by this list, any historical figure you can think of is great.

Please indicate on the form what your child is able to dress up as, if you have more than one option please do indicate this on the form in case we have more than one person wanting to dress up as the same character. Hopefully everyone will pick a different character, however if we have duplicates we will ask you to think of another so please don’t rush out to create your costume before we have confirmed.

<https://forms.office.com/e/Rcn31tfrgu>

The children are requested to wear black plimsols or other completely plain black soft soled shoes that they will be able to walk quietly up and down onto the stage.



DATES

Please make a note of the following important information:

Rehearsals at the Town Hall

Monday 10th February – during school day

Tuesday 11th March – during school day

Dress Rehearsal at the Swan Theatre

Thursday 20th March – during school day

PERFORMANCES: 7pm at the Swan Theatre

Thursday 20th March

Saturday 22nd March

The children will be required to arrive at least 30 minutes before each performance, so please ensure that there is no clash of commitments on either of these days.

TICKETS

Tickets for Energize performances always sell out quickly, so I would advise all parents to purchase them as soon as they go on sale. Tickets must be purchased directly from the Swan Theatre box office. We will let you know as soon as we hear that they are released.

CONSENT

Photographic Permission

Energize need to have permission to take photographs and videos of all the children who take part in the performance which they may use for the programme and also for any publicity for Energize e.g. they might appear in local newspapers.

Programme Permission

Energize also need to have permission to include your child's full name in their programme.

Please complete the form identifying what character your child will dress up as and giving permission for both of the above by **9am Monday 20th January 2025**.

PARENTAL SUPPORT

Finally, could I ask you to support your child with the task of learning the lyrics for "Desert Quest". Please could you encourage him/her to listen to the tracks regularly and to learn their words so that he/she can perform to the best of his/her ability.

Yours sincerely

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Mrs Wells
Specialist Teacher

Miss Hawkins
Class Teacher



List of suggested historical figures

Marilyn Monroe	Pablo Picasso	Michael Jackson
Abraham Lincoln	Vincent Van Gogh	Madonna
Mother Teresa	Franklin D Roosevelt	Cleopatra
John F Kennedy	Pope John Paul II	Emmeline Pankhurst
Martin Luther King	Thomas Edison	Roger Federer
Nelson Mandela	Ludwig Beethoven	Audrey Hepburn
Winston Churchill	Indira Gandhi	David Beckham
Muhammad Ali	Walt Disney	Tiger Woods
Mahatma Gandhi	Neil Armstrong	Usain Bolt
Margaret Thatcher	Barak Obama	Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis
Christopher Columbus	J K Rowling	CS Lewis
Charles Darwin	Richard Branson	Tom Cruise
Elvis Presley	Pele	Anne Frank
Albert Einstein	John Lennon	Florence Nightingale
Paul McCartney	Henry Ford	Kylie Minogue
Queen Elizabeth II	Lord Baden Powell	
Queen Victoria	Amelia Earhart	
Leonardo da Vinci	Mary Magdalene	

