



Head's Message

Dear Parents,

The end of term is usually an opportunity for us to reflect on past achievements and thank everyone for their efforts in arranging the many activities and events that the School hosts. This year is a bit different. We all remember the successes and challenges of remote learning and everything else that we conducted online. The parents' meetings were incredibly successful, something of a silver bullet in terms of effectiveness and convenience for parents. The digital Spring Concert and other digital performances of the children were suitable replacements for the real thing and the effectiveness of live teaching helped to keep children in touch with the curriculum. This time last year, we were just entering into the first lockdown, and a year later, the end of lockdown is in sight and we are seeing restrictions easing. This is something that we can all celebrate and feel thankful for.

Next term, we hope to enjoy a few of our more regular events including the Leavers' Dinner for Year 6 and 8, new pupil Induction Day, the SASS Camp and, of course, Prize Giving. This is a formal event and pupils should be dressed correctly and neatly. This should happen anyway but please take the time over Easter to look closely at your child's uniform and shoes, as well as ensuring that hair is neat and tidy (hairdressers and barber shops will be open from 12 April). You should always ask yourself whether your child is neat and tidy when they get out of the car in the morning. Are you proud to send them into school?

Hopefully, a summer of cricket is on the horizon. The English Cricket Board (ECB) are launching their summer cricket programmes in the hope of inspiring the next generation of cricketers. Local clubs in our area are already making plans to be involved in the ECB All-Stars and Dynamo schemes. Should you wish to find out more, please follow the link below. You can register your interest and be ready for a summer of cricket at your local club.

<https://www.ecb.co.uk/news/1625548/ecb-launches-dynamos-cricket-to-inspire-the-next-generation>

I hope that with the easing of lockdown, you will enjoy seeing friends and family again. Have a good rest and I look forward to seeing smart, well-dressed children in their summer uniform on 20 April, at the start of the summer term.

Happy Easter!

Sincerely,

Leonard Blom



The School was lucky enough to be visited today by the Easter Bunny who delivered Easter Eggs to all the children. We would like to thank SASS for all their hard work.





Year 5 have been busy this week, performing their dances in readiness for their virtual performance. We even had time to film some bonus footage of some particularly entertaining facial expressions!



Year 4 have been studying sound this term. Clara and Abigail played their violin and



cornet when 4HS were considering how sounds are made and how the pitch of a sound can be changed.



Congratulations everyone! As a community we have covered over 9400 miles and have reached Tokyo! Thank you for all your efforts walking, running or cycling. Everyone has played a part and it has been such a fantastic challenge.



Year 6 boys enjoyed competing in House football and rugby this week.

Congratulations to School House who won

both events.

Across the School, children are gearing up in preparation for Sports Day. Here are Pre Prep developing their balancing skills using the gymnastic beams.



Year 5 have been analysing and synthesising data from rocks, meteorological reports, unemployment and tourism to decide on whether to build a hotel by the coast.



In after-school textiles activity, Year 5 have enjoyed an introduction to weaving. They are learning about the warp and the weft of a weave, and that weaving is type of constructed textile.



Drawing Comics is in full swing in the Library and year 4 pupils have been enjoying drawing prompts from The Phoenix Comic Skill Hub and The Great Exhibition Road Festival!



Congratulations to Eco-Committee on being awarded Eco-Schools Green Flag status. This is a culmination of two years' work, so we must also thank last year's committee for their contribution and hard work. The committees have focussed on Bio-Diversity, Litter and Energy and Water conservation. We would also like to thank all of you who took part in the Eco-Challenges during lockdown.



What were the chances of finding a sweet potato that resembled an inverted comma? That's exactly what happened in 2TH when Miss Hannan came across one in her farm box delivery. It was a useful (albeit peculiar) resource for their lesson last week when the children were learning about direct and reported speech.



For this term, Year 5 voted on 'The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh' as their novel for Book Group. They are enjoying it so far and expect a lot of laughs!



Q is for Quizzes! In Curiosity Club this week, children took part in a General Knowledge quiz with some very close results. They were then given the opportunity to be the Quizmaster and come up with challenging trivia questions themselves.



Many congratulations to Alayna who received a Headmaster's Commendation this week.



Year 2 have been reading the story 'Pattan's Pumpkin' in their English lessons. It is a traditional flood tale from India that has been told for hundreds of years. This week, the children imagined that they were journalists reporting on the devastating impacts of the flood. Pupils collaborated in small groups, devising their own scripts. They then presented their reports to the rest of the class. We have some future journalists and news producers in the making!