Dear Mums, Dads, Carers, staff, governors, friends & colleagues
It has been a busy half term and there are still almost 2 weeks to go! As always, the children are engaged in exciting learning and are working hard to exceed their best.

Naheeda Maharasingam  Julia Lannary
Executive Head  Head of School

CLUBS:
This week is the final week of Autumn Clubs. They will re-start in the Spring term. Letters will go out shortly and ParentPay will re-open on the first week back. Please make sure you have your ParentPay set up. Should you need login details please see Gail in the office.

Music Clubs:
Only Cello, Violin, Drumkit, Guitar, Brazilian Drumming & Dance and Esemble will continue next week.

Win A Christmas Tree
There is a wonderful opportunity for you to win a Real Christmas tree. We have two 6 ft Christmas trees that we are able to donate to two Rathern families.

If you wish to be put into the draw for a Christmas tree, please give your name to the office. The draw will take place at the Winter Fair on Friday 16th December 2016. We will notify the winners on Monday 19th December 2016. The Christmas trees must be collected on Wednesday 21st December. Please note that the decorations & lights are not included.

Newsletters
We would like to email our newsletters in the Spring term to all parents and carers. In preparation for this we must ensure we have correct email addresses. Not only will it reduce our stationery bill but also help preserve the environment.

We would appreciate if you could send an email to:

gfernandesjeth.209@lgflmail.org

Stating:
- Your name,
- Child’s name
- Child’s class

The newsletters will be uploaded onto our school site the same day as it is issued. If any parents wish to continue to receive a paper copy please register with the school office.
OUTSTANDING LEARNERS

- Victoria AM (Nursery) – Cezara Perta & Louie Domala
- Victoria PM (Nursery) – Michael Oruma & Soulaimane Izerkhef
- Sloane Square (Reception) – Emir Yesibulut & Chika Michael
- South Kensington (Reception) – Jacob Johnson & Injeera Rostas
- Camden (Year 1) – Temani Wilks-Hamid & David Maduka
- Angel (Year 1) – Fraser Kinnaird & Bintou Sumareh Tourey
- Marble Arch (Year 2) – Andy Biandji Mayap & Eshe Hibbert
- Tottenham Court Rd (Year 2) – Godwin Mensah & Shanae Gayle
- St James’s Park (Year 3) – Elizabeth Adomako Mensah & Raheem Russell
- Wimbledon Park (Year 3) – Isaac Anglin & Aayush Pathak
- Oxford Circus (Year 4) – Gabrielle Cousley-Ward & Sophia Pantaleone
- Baker Street (Year 4) – Jake Lin & Raven Pink
- Regents Park (Year 4) – Jaydan Dunkley & Yasmin Mark-Zeeno
- Shoreditch High St (Year 5) – Aminatat Baanah – Jones & Kai Fernandes-Jethwa
- Hoxton (Year 5) – Yasin Loudiyi & Gospodina Rostas
- Whitechapel (Year 5) – Mykaela Soori & Sipho Khumalo
- Knightsbridge (Year 6) – Gamze Karaoglan & Maryam Benosmane
- Piccadilly Circus (Year 6) – Brooke Miller & Neveah Cato

LEADING CITIZENS

- Victoria (Nursery) – Fatima Toure & Yusuf Leo
- Victoria PM (Nursery) – Jake Aguguesi & Tegan Daly
- Sloane Square (Reception) – Jasmitha Johnson & Kelvina Aidooh
- South Kensington (Reception) – Harry Healey & Ella Wheatley
- Camden (Year 1) – Fatoumata Tunkara Sillah & Angelina Peart
- Angel (Year 1) – Logan Fierro & Jeniela King
- Marble Arch (Year 2) – Georgia Waterhouse & Yanna Mongo
- Tottenham Court Rd (Year 2) – Mustafa Ozyurt & Riyaan Ahmed
- St James’s Park (Year 3) – Iris Kinnaird & Jake Connor
- Wimbledon Park (Year 3) – Melissa Clayton-Bainbridge & Eser Kumandar
- Oxford Circus (Year 4) – Harley-May Francis & Jessie Gambling
- Baker Street (Year 4) – Leshaya Monerville & Emilia Hesketh
- Regents Park (Year 4) – Kaycye Biandji Mayap & Harley Jackman
- Shoreditch High St (Year 5) – Rebekkah Lee-Charles & Elena James
- Hoxton (Year 5) – Nathan Hiatsi & Ella - Louise Duffield
- Whitechapel (Year 5) – Sophia Huang & Pooja Kaur
- Knightsbridge (Year 6) – Hanan Ahmed & Sandreen Brown
- Piccadilly Circus (Year 6) – Issa Saidmerrasah & Aiman Fares
School Cinema Visit

Don’t forget to book your child’s ticket for our end of term treat being held on Monday 19th Dec. Payment has to be made by next Thursday 15th December.

Christmas Lunch

Don’t forget our Christmas lunch is on the 14th December.

Speech & Language workshops

On Tuesday the EYFS parents were invited to attend a speech and language workshop, delivered by Linda McGill the lead Speech and Language Teaching Assistant and Ester Parish our designated speech and language therapist from Kaleidoscope. It was a wonderful opportunity for parents to discuss and learn new strategies to support communication with their children. Esther also shared the range of services provided by the local health care team.

One of our parents said:

The workshop was very informative. It gave good reminders and new ideas on how to increase my child's vocabulary. I will definitely use the suggestions.

Reception Parent

For more information please do not hesitate to contact Linda who is based in the infant building or contact Ms Alamir the Inclusion Lead.

Fire of London – Year 2

Last week we went to the Museum of London. We really enjoyed watching a film about the Great Fire of London and in the story we saw how the fire spread around London. When we went into the Fire! Fire! Exhibition we saw silhouettes of people in their homes and they were screaming as they tried to escape from the fire. There was also a large piece of bread that had a map of London and we waited to see the fire slowly eat its way through London.

Aishat and Julia

I enjoyed learning new facts about the fire by looking at a timeline of the event. I also got to role-play and save my belongings. I saved an apple and a picture in my trunk because I need food to live and the picture was if someone died I could remember them.”

Chajettha

Choir at Blackheath

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By Karla and Shianne

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – 2016

DECEMBER

Tuesday 13th – School Choir performing at Clore Ballroom at the Royal Festival Hall
6.30-7.00pm (children will be leaving school at 3.00pm)

Wednesday 14th – Whole School Christmas Dinner

Thursday 15th – KS1 Nativity Play - In the Infant Hall
   • 9.30am Camden & Tottenham Court Rd
   • 2.15pm Angel & Marble Arch

Thursday 15th – Athletics competition 20 children from Year 5 & Year 6

Friday 16th – Reception visit to Albany Theatre – The Snail & the Whale

Friday 16th – Juliete Desailly the author who wrote Ma’at’s Feather to visit Y3

Friday 16th – Djembe club performing at Kaleidoscope 10am

Friday 16th – Winter Fair 3:30-5pm

Monday 19th – Cinema trip to the Odeon to watch Finding Dory

CHRISTMAS PARTIES:

Monday 19th – Reception, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6

Tuesday 20th – Y1 & Y2

Wednesday 21st – Christmas Concert at 2pm at St Dunstan’s for years 3-6
   – Last day of term for the Christmas holidays

21st December – 4th January Christmas Holidays

JANUARY

Tuesday 3rd Jan – INSET Day

Wednesday 4th Jan – Children return to school

Big Red Box
We are helping to collect food for the neediest families in our local community, any food collected
will be distributed through the Social Services Family Support Teams.
We desperately need:
• Pasta Sauces• Pasta• Rice• Tinned meat
• Tinned tomatoes• Jam• Biscuits• UHT milk
• Kids Christmas Chocolates• Cereal
• Cartons of Fruit Juice• Tea• Coffee
• Rice Pudding tinned• Soup & Mince Pies.