Dear Parents

Last week on a sunny Wednesday evening we offered an ‘Evening with Victor Allen’ to our staff and parents and extended the invitation to staff and parents of nearby schools so that we could all hear about Victor’s observations about building resilience and social intelligence. It was a very enjoyable evening and we are extremely grateful to City of London Freemen’s School for lending us their beautiful Music Hall as a perfect venue.

This week we actually timed our Bank Holiday Monday with some holiday weather and all the children returned on Tuesday looking like they had enjoyed an extra week off rather than just one day.

Our thoughts then turned to all things warm, cuddly and kind aka Grandparents! As usual we were amazed at the number of grandparents who gave up their time and travelled a fair distance to make their grandchild smile. The waving hands and broad smiles were in abundance and we would like to thank all the grandparents who came to play on Wednesday and Thursday. You were a pleasure to have in school. During the refreshments Year 2 beautifully entertained our guests and special mention must go to our acting music teacher Miss Henrietta L who led the singing with great style. Thank you too to Mrs Helen Mulhern for her lovely piano playing.

On Tuesday afternoon we welcomed talented football coach Josh Evans into school to coach our enthusiastic Year 2s. They thoroughly enjoyed his rigorous training programme and he was impressed with their ability.

Congratulations to our Times Tables champion Sienna S for achieving her Bronze Star award for magical multiplication this week.

A huge thank you to ALL our parents who supported our Sports Relief fundraising initiative. We broke our previous record this year by raising an extraordinary £3459.95 for this worthwhile charity. Well done to ALL the children for running a marvellous mile but thank you again for your generosity.

This week’s Lunchtime Superstar is Dexter R who comes for seconds every single day with a dazzling smile that lights up the dining room. Well done.

Congratulations to Dahl for earning the most Housepoints this week. A splendid total of 535 Housepoints have maintained your lead at the top!

Mrs Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This week’s Merit Awards

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**Work of the Week**

The Year 1 topic this term is ‘The Seaside’. Saturn Class made a class poem describing a hermit crab. The children then had a go at choosing their own subject for a poem. Here is Freya C’s poem about the sea. She wrote it all by herself. Well done Freya!

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*Sea*

*Like a earthworm erupting It stretches through the seashore Big blue mountain gull gray water A swimming pool gull grey sea animals Like a big blue toying Like a giraffe whale diving into it A many, messy, duty on a bed*

*by Freya C*

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*Beautiful Freya!*
We hope you all had a wonderful bank holiday weekend. The sun was shining and we have heard many stories of paddling pools, beach trips and barbecues! This week we invited many grandparents into school to share our play and learning activities. We played crazy golf, had our photograph taken in the photo booth, made spring flowers, played in the role play area and sunshine café not to mention playing in the mud kitchen, digging in the muddy patch and lots of water play. We have seen some wonderfully creative role-playing with the chef preparing some mud kitchen soup, sandwiches and tea. We have played on pirate ships and enjoyed treasure hunts using the big blocks and we nursed many sick animals in our vet’s area. Rehearsals are in full swing for our summer production next week. It is turning into a brilliant, vibrant, smile bringing extravaganza! Sometimes we forget just how little our children are and how clever they are to get on the stage to sing and dance. We are very proud of them and I am sure you will be too.

We are planning our summer trip for after half term and a separate letter will be in your child’s bag shortly. We are really excited about riding on a real coach to Painshill Park.

We have been thinking about food this week, especially after reading the story ‘Daisy eat your peas’ by Kes Gray and Nick Sharratt. We spoke about our favourite meals and decided to make them using craft materials. We then wrote a menu for them using descriptive language. They all sounded so delicious! Whilst focussing on food the children learnt about the different food groups and what it means to have a healthy and varied diet to make us grow big and strong. We also discovered how important it is to drink water and that our bodies are made up of 60% water! That’s over half! We all agreed that eating fruits and vegetables is really healthy for us and remembered that we must try to eat 5 portions a day!

We have developed our understanding of sharing equally using toys to ‘share’ them practically. Some of us started to spot how sharing by two linked to counting in twos! We have introduced the division sign this week.

We continue to practise our cursive handwriting and we are very good at writing our own names. We are encouraging the children to use cursive script in their own writing too, practising for their move to Year 1 in September.

The Foundation Team