Dear Parents

On Friday Venus Class provided a most entertaining Class Assembly about growing up revealing some excellent comic timing skills. Following a rendition of ‘When I grow up’ from Matilda, we were treated to some aspirations from both the children and recorded ones revealing Staff’s hopes and dreams when they were 7. We will never forget Mrs Taylor’s wish to become an HGV driver and hope for her that one day that wish might still come true! The children sang and acted brilliantly and we say a special thank you to Mrs Russell for such an entertaining start to a Friday morning and a special well done to all the children in Venus Class.

On Tuesday it was all about Australia. Mr and Mrs Fairservice very kindly proposed a Charity Day raising money to support those affected by the Australian bushfires. In exchange for a financial contribution, children were able to bring in a soft toy animal for the day and these creatures enjoyed getting involved in maths and literacy lessons and even PE! Special thanks to you all for supporting this initiative but especially to the Fairservice Family for their company Fenton Frost matched the parental contributions of £500 allowing us to send a donation for an amazing £1,000 to the charity Australian Animals.

On Wednesday Year 2 continued their research into careers and also received a well-deserved treat as we all journeyed to Kidzania in Westfield in London. The children had a wonderful day trying out career experiences in a range of exciting activities including Police, Fire Fighters, TV Presenters and Cricket skills and learnt so much about design, responsibility and above all how to earn Kidzos which is the currency of Kidzania. Do see page 2 for photos.

On Thursday we welcomed back Mrs Gill Ventris who came with Barry Martin and Glenn Baldock a partially sighted gentleman and his beautiful dog Zia. We heard about just what a super hero Zia is for she has saved her owners life on more than one occasion. Mrs Ventris helped Mrs Thum by drawing the Library Raffle this week with a special ‘dog’ theme. We also checked in with Hope our own Guide Dog in training.

This week we enjoyed more Times Tables Award success and say congratulations to Nicholas Z, Elliza M, Sophia A, Thomas S and Oliver N for earning their Bronze Stars for their quick fire multiplication magic.

This week’s Lunchtime Superstar is Beatrix B in Year 1 for her unprompted good manners spontaneously delivered every day. Well done Beatrix!

Congratulations to Kemp House for winning the Housepoint challenge this week. The total Housepoints won this week were 1172. Well done Kemp House!

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

Philosophers of the Week
Jisoo P, Baxter M and Logan R

Thought for the Week
Do adults always know more than children?
Well-deserved fun with careers at Kidzania
Nursery and Pre-Reception News

We have all enjoyed our Nursery Topic this week; our focus story has been ‘The Three Billy Goats Gruff’. The children have thoroughly enjoyed role-playing this story both inside and outside; they have especially enjoyed being the troll and the Big Billy Goat! We have been using our story-telling skills to sequence pictures from the story. The children have been baking vegetable scones with Mrs Taylor in the kitchen; they have been grating courgettes and chopping chives. I think the Billy Goats would have loved to try one. Our number focus this week has been ordering numbers up to 10 on the Billy Goats Gruff Bridge and making five in different ways. We had great fun on Tuesday celebrating ‘Australia Day’ in Nursery; we talked about the bushfires sadly destroying the animal’s homes and the money we donated being sent to Australia to look after the poorly animals. The children enjoyed looking for Australia on a world map, baking Anzac biscuits, creating kangaroos with springy legs and making their own Australian flags. What a busy week!

Reception News

What an imaginative week we have had in Reception! This week the children have enjoyed using their wonderful imaginations to make a dull idea a lot more exciting. The children had to transform an uninspiring sentence such as ‘I went to the shop with my mum’ to something special such as ‘I went to Disneyland with Spiderman and we went on a rollercoaster.’ It was lovely to hear about such exciting ideas for a place to visit. We also had great fun learning all about rhyming words. We used the story Tiddler, to pick out the rhyming couplets and played a game called ‘cake bake’ where we had to put all the rhyming couplets into the cake mixture. What fun! The children have been busy learning about positional language in maths this week and have used useful words such as, behind, next to, underneath, on top of, to find the different sea creatures on a picture. In PSHE, we have been discussing the effects that litter has in our seas. We read a story called ‘Crinkle Gets Cross’ and talked about why it is important to look after our environment and ways in which we can do so. We have also been thinking carefully about the similarities and differences between ourselves and sea creatures. We have discussed if all sea creatures were the same and compared the similarities and differences between creatures such as crabs and whales. We also enjoyed meeting Zia the Guide Dog and hearing about how important this working dog is as well as giving her a pat as we left!

The Foundation Team
DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 11th February Children’s Safer Internet Day 🌐

Wednesday 12th February Grandparents Morning for Ahlberg & Dahl

Wednesday 12th February Parents Internet Safety Information Evening -7pm

Thursday 13th February Grandparents Morning for Donaldson & Kemp

Friday 14th February MARS Assembly
  All Mars parents welcome to attend
  Refreshments will be served under the back porch from 8.30am

EMU AWARDS - Environment Matters to Us:
Sophie R and Wilf S

MATHLETICS:
Congratulations to Bailey T and Ella D for their Gold Award

SPOTTY BOX AWARDS:
Sukie R in Stagecoach for Being Brave
Sophie G for her Grade 4 Trampoline
Harry L for his 200 m Swimming Badge
Charlie A for developing Tennis Skills in Absolute Tennis
Austin B for developing Tennis Skills in Absolute Tennis
Phoebe B for receiving a Medal and Certificate for a tournament in Martial Arts
Zachary R for his 5 m Swimming Badge
Harriet R for her Netball Trophy
Felice F for her Stage 3 Swimming
Beatrix B for her Stage 4 Swimming
Wilf S for his Stage 4 Swimming
Tadeo W for his Stage 1 Swimming

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