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Dear Parents and Carers

Our final newsletter of the year and a chance to tell you again what hardworking, caring, resilient and kind children we have. They have worked hard all year, have learnt, have played and have clearly enjoyed their success. That would not be possible without your support and the messages about the importance of learning and friendship you clearly give them. A sincere thank you from all of us. We hope all our families have a wonderful summer break and look forward to seeing you again in September.

Paul Clayton

Year 2 Leavers' Celebration

Our Year 2 children made us incredibly proud this week as they performed a selection of songs and poems for their families to celebrate the end of their time in the Infant School. The songs were carefully chosen from their favourites and included *Love Shine a Light* and *One More Step along the Road I Go*. They even performed a poem specially written for the occasion by Mrs Jarrett. Elodie in Birch enjoyed the celebration saying, "It was fun. We were given a water bottle and a certificate with photos of us on it." Mrs Child said, "We are so proud of our Year 2 children's hard work this year and know they will carry on being brilliant as they move into Year 3".

Chestnut Class

Like a mighty chestnut tree we started very small
Waiting in the summer breeze, wrapped in our spiky ball

Autumn came and time to shine, we travelled to the ground
We spread our roots around the class, waiting to be found

Just like little saplings, we began to grow each day
Each one of us grew differently, in our own special way

A brand new forest growing, learning as we go
So much we've learnt already, yet so much more to know

Soaking up more knowledge, just as leaves soak up the rays
We'll keep on reaching, aiming high, every single day



Year 6 Production: Aladdin Jr

Our Year 6 children and staff put together the most amazing production of Aladdin Jr which was performed several times last week for their fellow pupils, families, guests and friends.



A Whole New World with the Genie and Flying Carpet Dance

Mr Colenso described it as "a joyous production which was loved by the school community". The cast agreed, "I loved it" said Najwa while there was much praise from all for Mrs Mullen's drive and passion with Blake saying "The production wouldn't exist without her."

Farewell to Mrs Liptak

We are very sad to be saying goodbye this term to Karen Liptak who has served the school for 27 years as a TA, SMSA, parent and grandparent. Karen is leaving to explore new ventures and we thank her for her commitment to the school and wish her all the very best in the future.

Sports Day

With only one postponement due to inclement weather, both schools have been able to take part in their respective sports days over the last two weeks. There was a wonderful turnout of families to watch the races and enjoy a picnic



Infants

with the participants at lunchtime. Infant events included egg and spoon races, hurdles and beanbag throwing while Juniors also enjoyed some relays, long



Juniors

distance, dressing up and vortex throwing. In the Juniors **Blue House** won the most points in the morning with the Years 3 and 4 while **Yellow House** were victorious in the afternoon for Years 5 and 6. A huge thank you to Miss Spriggs and Mrs Wright for organising the days.

Visit from Neal Zetter

Earlier this month, author and poet Neal Zetter visited the school and took part in assemblies with children from Years 2—6. Bella from Ainslie said, *“He was funny. He read us some of his poems and let us do some of the lines. We have a copy of his book ‘When the Bell Goes’ in class. One of his poems is about a person who picks their nose in class!”*



Movie Nights in Infants

Our Infant children were very excited to take part in some movie nights last week to celebrate the end of term. Reception watched Julia Donaldson films, while Year 1 and 2 saw *Wish* and *Inside Out*. Maryam from Oak said, *“It was fun that we ate some food - popcorn and two biscuits. We saw Stickman and Gruffalo”*. Arya added, *“After you finished, you went home.”*

A huge thank you to the PTA for supplying the much enjoyed popcorn and snacks helping to create the full cinema experience.



Wimbledon

Eight children from the Junior School had the opportunity to go to Wimbledon this year to see the tennis. They saw the Men's Doubles semi finals and were even interviewed for BBC 5 Live. Reuben from Redfern said, *“We had great seats, on Court 1. There was a great atmosphere, better than sitting at home and watching it. It was very expensive though, especially the strawberries! Since our visit, I've been copying some of the techniques I saw. I hope to go again.”*



Rocksteady

Last week saw the end of term concerts for our Rocksteady Bands in both Infants and Juniors.

Isabelle from Magnolia said, *“I play guitar in The Summer Bunny Rockers. I was happy because I remembered all the notes even with the audience there. I especially liked it when we had finished and everyone was clapping.”* Herbie from Steadman said, *“I sung ‘Someone You Loved’. It's best not to think about the stage fright and reach deep inside to let the emotions come out in the song.”* If your child would like to join a band next year, please visit their [website](#).



Girls' Rugby

Last Wednesday, our girls' rugby team took part in an event at Richmond Rugby Club. They beat Lowther Primary School 8-0 in the final, becoming the first champions in what will be an annual competition.

Hazel from Ruby Tui said, *“It was a great opportunity to go out and do something enjoyable. Rugby is a great sport and a good one to try!”*



Dates for your Diary

Wednesday **4th September** - Start of autumn term

Monday **9th September** - Year 4 start swimming

Week beginning Monday **16th September** - The majority of clubs in both schools will start.