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Dear Parents,

What a busy week to end the first half of this spring term!

On Monday Year 5 enjoyed a brilliant trip to the Imperial War Museum where they explored the WWI and WWII galleries and took part in a documentary making workshop.

Tuesday was Safer Internet Day and this week has also been Children's Mental Health Week. Students across the school have been taking part in special lessons and activities focused on these topics.

On Tuesday morning our Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 children visited the MCWAS Mosque in Wallington as part of our RE topic learning about the Islamic faith. Students enjoyed an informative workshop and offered thoughtful and insightful answers in the Q&A session too.

On Tuesday afternoon Year 5 were out again as they visited my old secondary school Coloma, for a performance of Bugsy Malone which they thoroughly enjoyed.

Today we have all enjoyed dressing up in the colours of the Ugandan flag to raise money for EVCU—thank you for your generous donations for this important cause.

Thank you also to Perform for schools for a lively 'toys' drama workshop today which was enjoyed by Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

We have now launched our Compass platform to parents and you should have all received your login details and a 'quick guide' to setting up your account. We hope this will help to streamline school communications and make things like giving trip permissions, booking parent consultations and booking clubs much easier.

Wishing you all a restful half term break. We return on Feb 23rd.

Mrs Reece

Headteacher

House Points

Wulstan

Total—3015

Alban

Total—2575

Edmund

Total—2713

Mayne

Total—2804

Dates for your Diary

- Feb 13th—Mufti Day for EVCU—Uganda colours
- Feb 26th—Year 5 & 6 Swimming
- March 9th—Science Museum Y3
- March 11th—Science Quiz @ St Mary's
- March 12th—Year 5 & 6 Swimming
- March 16th—Easter Concert
- March 19th—Break the rules day for EVCU
- March 20th—LAMDA exams
- March 26th—Year 5 & 6 Swimming
- March 27th—Term ends 2pm.



The Catholic life of the school



In our Celebration of the Word assembly on Monday we learnt about making a difference and helping others. We discussed how our faith should impact our lives and the lives of those around us.

Our assembly reminded us that we are the salt of the Earth, called to bring out the best in others through our words, actions and faith in Jesus. Mrs Reece's experiment using salt and eggs showed us how salt can help things to 'rise up' and we can be just like the salt too, helping each other to rise up.



Jesus said to His Disciples, 'you are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again?' **Matthew 5:13-16**

Gospel Values

Well done to this week's Gospel Values award winners for showing our values of **Compassion, Gentleness, Justice, Love, Forgiveness** and **Hope**.



Empowering Vulnerable Children Uganda



We had a great time today with our Mufti Day raising funds for EVCU.

If you have not had chance to donate yet, there is still have time to do so.

Donations should be made directly to the charity using the reference LLea so they know it is from our families.

Many thanks for your generosity as always.

Account Number 73654214,

Sort Code - 200574.

Nursery

We have been very busy in Nursery this week continuing to explore types of transport, which has also been extended to learning about road safety. We have also been looking at Internet safety as Tuesday was Safer Internet Day.

The children have enjoyed:

- Categorising various types of transport into size order from the smallest to the biggest.
- Looking at road safety and using role-play to demonstrate how to cross the road safely on our 'zebra crossing' - we also received our road safety certificates.

During half term it will be Chinese New Year so we have also been learning about how this is celebrated and took part in lots of activities including a fun roleplay in our very own Chinese restaurant!



Reception

What an incredible range of learning we have enjoyed in Reception this week! We marked Safer Internet Day by exploring how to navigate the digital world thoughtfully and stay safe online. Our focus on well-being continued during a special Mental Health Week assembly, where the children shared wonderful insights while discussing their feelings and how to support one another.

We also had a magnificent time celebrating Chinese New Year, immersing ourselves in the rich traditions of the festival. The children particularly enjoyed role-playing in our very own Chinese restaurant and were fascinated to learn about the history of the Terracotta Warriors and the Great Wall of China. We practiced the delicate art of calligraphy and filled the room with colour and energy as we performed a traditional Chinese scarf dance.

In our seasonal studies, we looked closely at the changing weather to learn all about winter, resulting in some beautiful collages of cosy winter wardrobes. We also spent time focusing on our physical well-being by learning about oral health and why it is so important to keep our teeth and gums healthy.

We enjoyed a fantastic opportunity to learn about other faiths in RE, with a huge thank you to both Mrs Khans for visiting our classroom to talk to us about Islam. The children were fascinated to see and learn about the special items they brought in, including copies of the Qur'an. To end the week, we enjoyed a fantastic visit from Drama4All. The children were captivated by their "Midnight at the Toy Shop" workshop, which provided a magical, high-energy conclusion to our busy week of learning.



Year 1

In RE this week, Year 1 has been learning about the alternative faith - Islam. The children dressed up in traditional clothes and told us facts about their faith.



Year 2



In Year 2, we have been learning how to be safe using AI for our lesson in RSE/PSHE as it was Safer Internet Day this week.

The children have created posters to understand the appropriate use and rules when using AI.

Year 3



In science Year 3 have been investigating the diverse world of nutrition, starting with how our own classmates follow different diets like vegetarian, halal, or dairy-free.

We practiced planning balanced meals and even took on a "Pasta Challenge" to design dishes that meet everyone's unique needs.

Year 4



This week, Year 4 reflected on their recent visit to our local mosque. They discussed the new knowledge they gained and explored the importance of fostering mutual respect, understanding and tolerance between different faiths and communities.

In class, pupils also examined the Qur'an, learning that it serves as a guiding text for Muslims around the world and that its earliest preservation was through oral recitation before being recorded in written form.

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Year 5

This week Year 5 went to the Imperial War Museum to consolidate their learning about World War II and enjoyed exploring the World War I and World War II galleries.

Children also had an opportunity to attend a workshop and make their own documentaries which they can't wait to see in class.



Mosque Visit

This term we are learning about Islam in RE as our alternative faith.

Mrs Khan and Mrs Morbin organised a trip to the Muslim Cultural & Welfare Association of Sutton.

During the visit, pupils had the opportunity to learn about Islam directly from members of the local Muslim community.

Year 6

Year 6 have been diving into the vibrant world of the artist Frida Kahlo to create some stunning portraits.

The children explored Kahlo's legacy of symbolism and identity and surrounded their paintings with personal motifs such as tropical plants and animals.



Stars of the week





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dodgeball, tennis, tag rugby, uni-hoc,
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