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Dear Parents and Carers,

To Shine in Splendour

'Now is the time, Snatched moment, To Shine in splendour, As only you can'

The Year 6 scholars will tackle their end of year assessments in reading and mathematics on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week. Above, I have taken inspiration from poet Robert Frost, in scribing a few words to galvanise them. We have every faith they will excel, and embrace what in real terms is a veritable rite of passage before immersing themselves in rehearsals for the July staging of Dylan Thomas' Under Milk Wood.

Exacting Standards and Reading

Large numbers of pupils have 100% attendance and the majority 97%. This represents 97.8% from September 2020 up to the end of last half term. Research shows that there is a clear correlation between achievement, self-esteem and, crudely, how much time is spent in lessons. This weekend, please put aside time to read with your child. Ladbroke Grove library has now reopened. Rubenstein's on Kensington Park Road, Daunt's near Holland Park tube station and the Notting Hill branch of Waterstones all have an extensive collection of literature for younger readers. On Portobello Road, Oxfam sells high quality second-hand editions of many of the same books sold in the aforementioned shops.

Yours sincerely,

DM Sellens