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Dear Parents and Carers,

Former Pupils Return

*'If heart and spirit will find out their spring;
Or if the world alone will bud and sing'*

Christina Rossetti

One of the many highlights of March, so far, was seeing former pupils Lily Petrova, Leonardo Rotondi and Enkuule Mergen, who attended assembly to talk about aspiration. After winning a piano scholarship to the prestigious Purcell School, Lily is now an undergraduate at the Royal Academy of Music. We are hopeful that she will perform at our forthcoming summer concert. Leonardo is in his first year at Imperial College, studying physics and Enkuule, currently volunteering as a researcher at the Natural History Museum, and with ambitions to be a biologist, will, in October, take up a place at University College, London.

Visiting Author

Incredibly generous of her time, children's author Ewa Jozefkowicz, spent the morning at Thomas Jones last week leading a writing workshop for older pupils. Traditionally, we try to celebrate World Book Day in a manner that reflects our approach to reading – expansive and uncompromising. Ewa's presentation perfectly encapsulated this and elicited an overtly effusive response.

Rich Assortment of Dishes

Nursery teacher, Polly Holmes curated a marvellously inclusive international food event on Monday. With a rich assortment of delicious savoury and sweet dishes, our youngest pupils revelled in wonder, feasting upon such a spread. Year 5 have immersed themselves in a project that focuses on nutrition. They have baked organic blueberry and oat muffins and prepared healthy snacks using home-made hummus, vine tomatoes and Swedish crispbread.

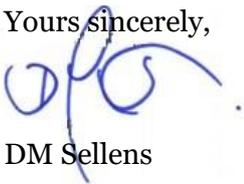
Robotics

Today, programming expert, Mr Nick Hughes led a series of technology master classes in Year 2, 3 and 5. Involving robots and intricate technology menus, pupils explored coding, deciphering and encryption.

98% Attendance

Attendance for this week is an astonishing 98%. This bodes well and is testimony to you and your child's commitment, in real terms, to learning.

Yours sincerely,



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