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Dear Parents and Carers,

Spectacular Sky Where the kind rain sinks and sinks, Green of spring will follow'

Christina Rossetti

Despite it being exceptionally wet this morning, there is no denying that for most of this week, especially during the day, it has been exquisite. Only the glory of midsummer can compete with a spectacular winter sky. As we embrace February, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your unerring kindness and trust. The last five weeks have afforded veritable riches in the form of learning, the hugely successful gardening initiative, a series of well received design technology sewing and bread making workshops and the disarming, positive behaviour of pupils. With our Year 3 junior ornithologists busily recording sightings of wood pigeons, robins and blue tits, the choir excelling in their latest venture in partnership with Notting Hill Preparatory School, and ballet class honing their 'entrechat' and 'changement' skills, it has been rewarding. One particular highlight pertains to our hockey players, who have surpassed their own remarkable standards by reaching the borough's League Final. Team Captain Tom Somerville-Luxford says 'There has long been a healthy rivalry between us and Fox School, it's an away fixture, so they have the advantage, but we are confident'.

Cello, Violin and Piano

The quality of cello, violin and piano teaching at the school is exacting, as evidenced by the deft touch of our musicians, performing with such energy and sensitivity. Music Leader Ms Rachel McCombe will shortly write to parents and carers, with details about a forthcoming recital, the first of its kind since before the pandemic.

Venturing Out

This weekend please ensure you read with your child as much as possible and visit the library or a bookshop. It is also worth visiting a museum or gallery or one of London's many parks or gardens.

Non-Uniform Fundraising Day

Next Friday is a fundraising day. Pupils should come to school wearing their smartest nonuniform clothes. All voluntary contributions will be gratefully accepted.

Yours sincerely,

DM Sellens