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Dear Parents/Carers,

To Herald the Start of May

*That thou, light winged Dryad of the trees,
In some melodious plot,
Of beechen green,
Singest of May in full-throated ease'*

John Keats

To herald the start of May, our Nursery pupils arrived on Wednesday, attired in smart non-uniform clothes, including a fair few who were resplendent in traditional garb that reflected their cultural heritage. In the afternoon they gathered for an exquisite Eid feast. I gather from Ms Polly Holmes that there was an authentic frisson of wonder amongst the children.

Local Explorers

The recently launched 'I am a Local Explorer' venture is proving to be a huge success. Led by Ms Camryn Smith and Mr Carlos Izsak from Urban Wise, pupils have immersed themselves in the study of the flora and fauna of Notting Hill. Attended by pupils as young as five years of age, a new plant-based cookery initiative has elicited a universally effusive response. The weekly Science Forum goes from strength to strength with a focus this term on growing and pollination. The long-established French Club continues to be immensely popular with a long waiting list, for keen junior linguists.

A Snatched Moment to Shine

Next week, Year 6 will tackle the End of Key Stage 2 SATs tests. I have, on this occasion taken inspiration from Robert Frost, in scribing a few words to galvanise our scholars.

*'Now is the time,
A snatched moment,
In splendour to shine
As only you can'*

Porridge and a Quick-Fix Banana

Please ensure your child eats a robust breakfast before coming to school. Porridge, free-range eggs, wholemeal toast and Weetabix are all superb options and will afford your child sufficient energy to concentrate. Rich in nutrients, the humble banana is a 'quick-fix' alternative. No liquid hydrates the human body as efficiently as water. In terms of pupils' focus in learning, it is vital they are adequately hydrated.

Yours sincerely,



DM Sellens