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Dear Parents/Carers,

Food Glorious Food

Last Friday two school governors joined pupils from across the school to sample the lunches on offer in our Organic Café. Both visitors were impressed. Parent governor Robin Garton commented positively about the variety of options and in particular an Italian-inspired poached fish dish that garnered praise. Community governor Barbara Crowther was equally effusive. The homemade bread, a tuna pasta salad, and tasty carrot cake pudding were singled out as being especially tasty.

Cricket

'The sweet sound of willow on leather'

Pupils have started to play cricket once more - always a sign that summer is upon us in real terms. This beautifully idiosyncratic game always elicits such keenness amongst pupils. I hope that towards the end of June, we can compete against teams from other local schools.

Inspiring Seminar

Eminent neuroscientist Dr Ben Martynoga visited on Wednesday. After a decade at the forefront of brain research, Ben has now swapped his white coat for a pen, most recently writing on everything from the history of biology to the latest in technological innovation. Striving to open up hard science to a wider audience, and find a compelling angle, his work appears in the Guardian and the 'I' newspaper. Pupils were enthralled by Ben's presentation.

Final Hurrah

Next week, Year 6 will tackle the End of Key Stage 2 SATs tests. I have, and not for the first time, taken inspiration from Robert Frost, in scribing a few words to galvanise them.

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

As soon as the tests are over, the class will depart for a three-night residential visit to the Isle of Wight. They will venture to Carisbrooke Castle and the picturesque village of Godshill, and will sail around the Needles at Alum Bay. Upon their return, auditions will begin for a 'final hurrah' - the end of year summer play - this year a musical rendition of Dickens' Oliver Twist.

Yours sincerely,



DM Sellens