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Dear Parents and Carers,

Local Heroes Symposium

Representatives from Kensington and Chelsea's Libraries Archives team visited Year 5 yesterday, leading a marvellously engaging symposium, the focus of which was 'local heroes'. During the presentation, pupils were afforded opportunities to contemplate the incredible exploits of Notting Dale residents during the Second World War. The above arises from a cross-curriculum history, geography and art topic.

The Beautiful Game

Thomas Jones are now, officially, Royal Borough Football League Champions. Finishing in top position reflects pupils' shared resolve, skill and commitment, and sports coach, Taryl Mendis' strategic nous and deft touch. Perhaps what is all the more remarkable is the fact that they have not lost a single match all season. Congratulations are due to all the players and staff involved in this exceptional achievement.

Quadratic Equations, Algebra and Tenacity

Earlier this week, pupils took part in the UK's annual Mathematics Challenge. It is no exaggeration to say that they excelled, with one child gaining an impressive 100%. They were determined and tenacious and thoroughly enjoyed the experience and chance to practice what they have learned. I gather from Melissa Kiley, our 'Maths Mastery' expert that they were particularly adept when tackling some of the more abstract questions. We hope that the problem solving skills they are acquiring will continue to develop and perhaps lead to degrees and careers in the field of statistics or aeronautical engineering or meteorology.

As We Rapidly Approach the End of Term

*'The small wind whispers through the leafless hedge,
Sharp and chill and rests on each twig and spike of withered sedge'*

From Monday, there are only fourteen and a half school days remaining of 2024. As we rapidly approach the end of term, I'd be grateful for your support in ensuring that all pupils continue to go to bed early on a Sunday evening and every night during the week. I'd also like to see all pupils arriving before the bell is rung at 9.00am. Learning will be absolute right up to and including the morning of Friday 20th December.

Yours sincerely,


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