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Dear Parents and Carers,

Marvellous Event

This year's World Book Day was an ambitious and inventive affair. The Friends of Thomas Jones' Readathon proved to be hugely rewarding. Three classes immersed themselves in watching National Theatre stagings of plays – Year 1 and 2 'The Giraffe, Pelly and Me', and Year 4 Peter Pan. Year 3 immersed themselves in the study of Shakespeare's Midsummer Night's Dream. Pupils were enthralled at the notion of designing book jackets. Puppets made an appearance. Teachers swapped classes to read their favourite poems and stories. It was, all told, a marvellous event.

Girls' Football, Swimming and Cricket

Our girls' football team are having a remarkable season, having not dropped a single point. One highlight was scoring seven goals against formidable opposition in the final match of last half term. Alongside the above, I am delighted to share the news that we will, once again, be in a position to enter the June 2026 Chelsea Schools Swimming Gala, even though we are not geographically located in SW3. Last year we finished 3rd. I am hoping to improve upon this, in part because in 2026, the squad are being trained by our very own expert and former county butterfly champion, Poppy Black. Looking ahead to the summer, pupils have lobbied to re-launch a cricket club. This is something we are keen to explore. Sports Leader, Scott Gourley is in the process of considering how this may be executed.

Superlative Enactment

*'It grew into leaves of green,
From leaves there grew a flower,
Yellow and bright'*

The above lines are a nod to the tableau that our Reception pupils performed on Thursday to a packed-to-capacity school hall. The class were attired in an array of exquisite costumes that evoked the notion of spring. The songs afforded the perfect platform to showcase their joie de vivre, and elicited an enthusiastic response from the audience. Natasha Peurois deserves much praise for her expert direction of the assembly.

Stimulating Curriculum

The study of pre-history and the ancient world, a stimulating series of Personal Development workshops, and a multitude of educational visits, most recently to the magnificent Neasden Hindu Temple, are the mainstay of learning so far this half term. Looking ahead, there are a variety of visits to places of interest that have been organised. Starting with an exciting Year 3 visit to the Natural History Museum, the following week, Year 1 will explore the Tower of London. Year 5 are then off to Kew Gardens. Next week, Year 4 will venture to the Barbican Arts Centre to experience the wonders of the London Symphony Orchestra, performing pieces by Elgar, Vaughan Williams and Benjamin Britten.

Yours sincerely,



David Sellens