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Dear Parents and Carers,

October

'The green elm with the one great bough of gold'

Edward Thomas

There is no denying that the weather has been exquisite these last few days. The colours in the trees in our grounds have been spectacular and this morning's clear cobalt sky was sublime. I hope that during the forthcoming holiday, despite the gloomy forecast, fine autumn days prevail and afford opportunities to venture into London's many parks and gardens for a brisk walk or gentle stroll.

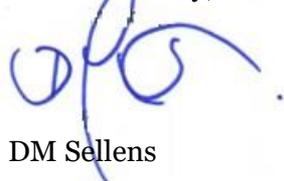
Sustained Success

September and October have been rewarding, culminating in a number of successes, including the progress that has been made by a small group of Year 5 scholars and Ms Emma Jones in regard to applying to be re-designated as a World Class School. Multi-faceted Teaching Assistant Mr Kim Lerona has recently completed the editing of a marvellously inventive short film, executed mainly during June and July and at various times last month. It is a beautiful evocation of Thomas Jones and captures some of the school's many qualities. Pupils have made progress, some disarming. Attendance has been a remarkable 98%. The standard of cello, violin, viola and piano has further transcended, validated by our talented peripatetic music staff. The fact that we are so oversubscribed, with long waiting lists for every class, should not be taken for granted. Interest from prospective Reception parents, keen to enrol their children in September 2021 has been overwhelming. Professional development has been of an exacting nature. Just one highlight was a seminar led by Mr Mark Hartley, MBE that focused on cognition, memory and pedagogy.

Shared Values that Bind Us

I think it appropriate to pause and take pride in the shared values that bind us. 2020 will always be remembered as the year of Covid-19. We had an exceptionally positive relationship with the community before the pandemic, but if anything, it has become stronger. Deputy Head Ms Lindsay Johnson and I have been humbled by the extent of your kindness and encouragement.

Yours sincerely,



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