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Friday 5th May 2017

Dear Parents,

It's been a busy week for Year 2 with the start of their tests. Thank you to parents for assisting by making sure the children have had lots of sleep, a good breakfast and get to school on time each day. We appreciate your continued support.

Next week Year 6 take their tests. The tests begin on Monday and finish on Thursday. They take place in the mornings and it is vital that all children are present. If a child misses the test their percentage still very much counts in the overall score for the school, but more importantly all the work the child has put in this year goes unrecognised without the result at the end, which can be devastating for them. Thank you for your help in getting them into school each day.

Our thanks go to the teachers in Year 2 and Year 6 for all they have done to prepare the children so well. It is wonderful that the children feel the tests are an opportunity to show all they know rather than something to worry about.

Parking:

We very much celebrate the positive relationships we have with our neighbours. However, parking across their driveways, preventing them from leaving home is understandably having a negative impact on this relationship. With little parking around our sites we know there are challenges to dropping children off safely near the school gates, but please be respectful of the residents who live on our streets. Thank you for your help in this matter.

St Mary's Fund:

I had very much hoped, by this stage, to be able to provide you with the details of our new charity and our bank account, but unfortunately it looks like we are still a few weeks away, which is a source of great frustration for us all. In the meantime I wanted to say **a huge thank you** to those who have taken the initiative in paying monthly sums into Tucasi. We hadn't asked parents to do this because we anticipated our account being up and running well before now, but we are incredibly grateful that you have done so. In recent months, by doing this, our coffers have swelled by an additional £3,000!

We are expecting HMRC to contact us any day now and once that happens we will write with an update; thank you for your patience.



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Parent teacher consultation report spring 2017

| Class | % attended | % absent | % not booked |
|----------------|------------|----------|--------------|
| RB | 100% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| RD | 93.1% | 0.0% | 6.9% |
| RR | 92.9% | 0.0% | 7.1% |
| 1 Kingfishers | 100.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| 1 Nightingales | 87.5% | 0.0% | 12.5% |
| 1 Puffins | 100.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| 2 Junipers | 96.2% | 0.0% | 3.8% |
| 2 Maples | 96.2% | 0.0% | 3.8% |
| 2 Oaks | 96.2% | 3.8% | 0.0% |
| 2 Willows | 96.6% | 3.4% | 0.0% |
| 3 Elms | 91.7% | 0.0% | 8.3% |
| 3 Poplars | 100.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| 3 Sycamores | 100.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| 4I | 88.9% | 0.0% | 11.1% |
| 4M | 100.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| 4T | 95.8% | 4.2% | 0.0% |
| 5B | 96.6% | 0.0% | 3.4% |
| 5GD (N) | 88.9% | 3.7% | 7.4% |
| 5M | 96.2% | 0.0% | 3.8% |
| 6P | 96.2% | 3.8% | 0.0% |
| 6W | 92.6% | 0.0% | 7.4% |

Sir David Attenborough and the FoSM summer fair

FoSM have opted for a Wildlife & Nature theme for their Summer Fair. Given that one of our school houses is called Attenborough, and following the release of his new film about Richmond Park National Nature Reserve, FoSM decided to write to Sir David to thank him for his inspiring work and invite him to open our fair, on the understanding that he would probably be too busy but if you don't ask, you don't get.

As expected, he has another commitment that day but we are nonetheless impressed with the prompt handwritten reply recreated below for you to read (a copy of Mr Attenborough's original letter can be viewed in Resources, category "FoSM"):



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Dear Julia Neden-Watts

Thank you for your letter. It is kind of you to invite me to open your summer fair on June 24th. I regret to say however, that I already have a commitment at that time so I cannot be with you. Thank you nevertheless.

Best Wishes

David Attenborough

Stars of the week:

Infant site Star of the week:

Celebration assembly this week was cancelled at the infant site due to our "Celebration of Life" service at the Church.

Awards

Year 2 Junipers: *Alba Morrison, Laura Morrison*
Year 2 Maples: *Millie Yalland, Mia Fardon-Roberts*
Year 2 Oaks: *Poppy Fielding, Nicholas Walton*
Year 2 Willows: *Alexander Harrison, Ivi Antonopoulos*

Year 3 Elms: *Finlay Chukwu-Flanagan, Eli Jones*
Year 3 Poplars: *Nafsika Christopoulos, Sean Nestor*
Year 3 Sycamores: *Emilia Parrinder, Lottie Dearle*

Year 4I: *Harry Tyas, Aarush Ghule*
Year 4M: *Oscar Mo, Asif Malik*
Year 4T: *Finn Britten, Sophia Parsons*

Year 5B: *Henry Maloney*
Year 5M: *Lexie Towey, Carys Connolly*
Year 5N: *5N attended Year 3 Poplars assembly this week*

Year 6P: *Jasper Ravaux, Markus Fraser*
Year 6W: *David Roake, Jossy Sadon*



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Middle site Star of the week: **Archie Beswetherick – 2 Maples**

Among us there is a star,
Look around – they shine from afar.

At listening this star's the best,
And their favourite books are called Beast Quest.

When it comes to maths, this star's a whizz,
And playing the piano is a hobby of his.

This star works hard in all they do,
Their kindness and manners are sparkling too.

The most helpful star you may meet,
If you've spoken to him, you'll know he's sweet.

He really is a shining star,
Archie from Maples, this week you have raised the bar!

Junior site Star of the week: **Trinity Hamilton-Palmer – 4I**

Who could this busy bee be?
She is a great worker bee who produces results a sweet as honey,
She bumbles around happily with a swarm of followers,
She is humble and definitely no grumble,
She is thoughtful and passionate,
She is none other than ...
BEE-autiful Trinity Hamilton Palmer

Brentford WFC exhibition match this Sunday 7th May 2017

Sunday 7th May sees Brentford WFC play an exhibition match between the First and Development team at the home of Brentford FC, Griffin Park!

SUNDAY 7TH MAY

KICK OFF IS 3:30PM

GRIFFIN PARK STADIUM, BRAEMAR ROAD, BRENTFORD. TW8 0NT.

FREE ENTRY FOR ALL VIA THE MAIN STAND!! – NO TICKETS NEEDED.



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Full details of the match are available via the Brentford Women's FC Facebook Page - the link is below.

<https://www.facebook.com/events>

Important Dates over the next term:

w/c 8th May, KS2 SATs week (no celebration assemblies this week)

Saturday 13th May, FoSM bike sale, MS, 11am – 1pm

Monday 15th & Tuesday 16th May, Year 4 Orange tree theatre workshops (in school)

Tuesday 16th May, 4M to Tower Bridge

Wednesday 17th May, 4I to Tower Bridge

Wednesday 16th May, Year 6 Orange tree theatre workshops (in school)

Thursday 17th May, Year 6 craft fair

Friday 19th May, 4T to Tower Bridge

Friday 19th May, Reception Doves class assembly (link class 6P)

Monday 22nd May, 5M to V&A

Tuesday 23rd May, Years 4 & 6 to Orange Tree Theatre

Thursday 25th May, Year 6 to see "School of Rock", 1pm

Friday 26th May, Year 6 to Houses of Parliament

Friday 26th May, 5N class assembly (link class 2 Junipers)

w/c 29th May, Half term

(NB 5N will be visiting the V&A on 7th June)

We wish you a very happy weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Angela Abrahams

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