

It's been so nice to see everyone and say hello properly in the mornings again. No matter how well we used Zoom as our communication platform, you really can't beat some eye-to-eye contact! The children too are truly settled back in, and I've had lots of reports of children sleeping for longer at night as they are coming home exhausted! We mostly have our sponsored run to thank for that, which we are keeping up for longer due to the super feedback we've received about it.

There is not doubt that, after too long in front of screens and being indoors, the children need to socialise, be active and enjoy the freedom of our beautiful outdoor environment. These aspects remain high on our list of priorities for the children for the remainder of this academic year and I hope you will hear some lovely recounts of the fun they are having at school again!

RED NOSE DAY

THANK YOU to David Tilezhinskii, yr 6, for organising our Red Nose Day this year. David thought that hosting a sponsored event would raise more money than our usual Mufty Day and he was right! With our collections at school and some reported online donations, we've already raised nearly **£1000!**

Our sponsored run has also discovered hidden talents in some of our pupils. We already knew we had some super-fast runners



in our school (David, Felix, Jack, Nathan, Kenny and Rudy), but these students in particular have proved to be running stars:

Kani Kandasamy (y2)
Freya Thomas-Webb (y4)
Ethan Thomas (y5) &
Finley Sheehan (y6)

You have demonstrated amazing perseverance and resilience and a remarkable sense of charity. A big virtual pat on the back for all of you!



The greatest recognition for an outstanding running achievement goes to **Austin Plaw, (y1)** who ran an incredible 40+ laps over the week, almost 3 times his target. Excellent effort Austin! Maybe we'll see you in the Olympics in a few years.

Please remember to return your sponsor forms to school with sponsor money by **Monday 29th March**, or, if you donate online, please let us know how much you raised. We really want to know our grand total!



On the subject of fundraising, we have also received this certificate for our fundraising for Children in Need. Aren't we amazing!

Hot Lunch

Our socially-distanced hot lunch service with Crumbs was extremely successful and children have given us excellent feedback in school. Next week, we are following the week 4 menu.



In the build up to our Easter celebrations, next week children will be looking at the virtue of tolerance, an important element of fundamental British values. Children will think about different religions and beliefs and what it means to be 'religious'. Children will perform readings of 'The Saddest Day' and 'The Happiest Day' to explore the meaning of Easter further.

I am reliably informed that the Easter Bunny has clearance to make a socially-distanced stop-over, just in case you were wondering!



End of Term

As Friday, 2nd April is Good Friday, school will close for the spring break on **Thursday, 1st April, at 12.15 .** This means there will be no specialist lessons that day, so next week will be the last sport, music and MFL lesson of the term.

Have a lovely weekend,

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