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Excellence with Compassion

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will be aware we welcomed Edison David from OFSTED on Wednesday and Thursday last week. Unfortunately we are unable to share his feedback until the final report is published. We will notify parents of the outcome of the inspection as soon as the final Ofsted Inspection report is available. I would like to say a big thank you for all of the very kind and supportive comments we received from parents last week. It was very much appreciated.

In addition to our Ofsted inspection, we had many fun activities going on last week. Year 2 took part in the Urban Growth Project, planting seedlings in our Orchard,



whilst Year 3 visited the Science Museum and enjoyed Spending time in the Space Gallery as part of their 'We are astronauts' project.

Class 6 had an exciting day on Thursday working with Chris From the MoD Theatre in preparation for their Not Forgotten show next week. The children were learning songs, dances and acting scenes ahead of their final show, which is a



celebration of all of the work they have been doing, learning about local soldiers who fought during World War 1.

As part of their P.E. curriculum, on Tuesday Year 4 visited Herne Hill Velodrome for a cycling workshop. Whether children were confident cyclists or first times, everyone had a wonderful time and came back to school having learned new biking skills. Even the rain couldn't dampen the class' enthusiasm!"



Dame Rachel De Souza, The Children's Commissioner has asked us to share the following about her Big Ambition campaign survey:

Children or parents can complete the survey here: www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition . Further resources are available on our [website](#).

It is really important that the pupils at St Gabriel's CofE Primary School have participated in The Big Ambition survey and had their say.

I want to ensure that the voices of all children in the London area are fairly represented in the findings so that I can share their views with the most senior members of the country.

I must reiterate that it is vital that all children have their voice heard through this survey because, as Children's Commissioner for England, I have a statutory duty to protect and promote the views and interests of children. The Big Ambition provides a much-needed opportunity for the children of England to tell political decision makers what is important to them ahead of the General Election. I will be sharing their responses with Government to ensure that children's voices are heard.

Please share the survey and resources with teachers in your school and encourage them to use it in their lessons. Children can complete the survey in assemblies, form times, PSHE or in other lessons this term. The survey can also be done as homework and parents can assist children who cannot complete the survey themselves (children under 5 and children with Special Educational Needs). This is a great opportunity to teach children about politics and why it is important for them to use their voice. Be sure to check out the lesson plans on my website if you want to teach your pupils more about politics before they fill in the survey!

Please do get in touch if you have any problems. My team is happy to support with the roll out in any way we can.

Scarlet Fever and invasive Group A Strep – REMINDER

There has been an increase in the number of cases of scarlet fever in North London and we have been asked to share the following:

Group A Strep commonly lives on our skin so good hand hygiene can prevent its spread to others. If there is infection, it is usually a mild illness that can be easily treated with antibiotics. However, in rare circumstances, this group of bacteria can get into the bloodstream and cause serious illness – called invasive Group A strep.

This is still uncommon. However, it is important that parents and carers are on the lookout for symptoms and see a doctor as quickly as possible so that their child can be treated, and we can stop the infection becoming serious.

Parents/carers are asked to inform schools/nurseries if their child has scarlet fever.

Symptoms

The first signs of scarlet fever can be flu-like symptoms, including a high temperature, a sore throat and swollen neck glands (a large lump on the side of your neck). A rash can appear 12 to 48 hours later. It looks like small, raised bumps and starts on the chest and tummy, then spreads. On darker skin, the rash can be more difficult to detect visually. On all skin types it will have a sandpapery feel.



Contact NHS 111 or your GP if you suspect your child has scarlet fever. Early treatment with antibiotics is important to reduce any risk of complications.

If your child has scarlet fever, keep them at home for at least 24 hours after the start of antibiotic treatment to avoid spreading the infection to others. Please also inform your school or nursery

Dates coming up:

November	December
Tuesd 21st: Yr 2 to National Army Museum Thurs 23rd: Yr 6 to Not Forgotten Show at the Parker Morris Hall Mon 27th: last week of clubs this week, Yr 5 and choir to Kensington Hall for Tri-borough Music Hub concert practice Thurs 30th: School disco	Mon 4th: yr 1 MIND workshop on friendship Tues 5th: Police led Awareness academy for Yr 6 Wed 6th: 9-10am Parent Coffee morning – helping your child to sleep Thurs 7th: Full governing body meeting 5pm Wed 13th Yr 5 and choir to Tri-borough music hub concert Tues 19th Christmas lunch Wed 20th: open afternoon for parents to see books Thurs 21st: 2.30pm School breaks up for Christmas holiday

Parents' Notice Board Including invitations for parents

Events coming up.....

- **Duolingo:** don't forget if you want to improve spoken and written English FOR FREE and would like to learn at your own pace!! Please contact Mr Baker
- **Every Thursday morning:** 9.10-9.40 (approx.) Family assembly in the Great Hall – all welcome!
- **Wednesday 13th December:** 9-10am parent coffee morning on helping your child to sleep (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE FROM 6TH DEC)
- **Tuesday 19th December:** 9.30am nativity performance (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE FROM 12TH DEC)
- **Wednesday 20th December:** 3.45-4.30 open afternoon – a chance to see your child's classroom and books
- **Tuesday 9th January 2024:** 3.30-4.30 Yr 5 and yr 6 parents' relationships and sex education meeting
- **Wednesday 31st January 9-10am** Supporting your child with early reading
- **Wednesday 7th February 9-10am** Parents E-safety session with Purple mash

Attendance:

We ask that you do not book holidays in term time. Our holiday dates for this year and next year are on the website. We are aiming for a whole school attendance of 97% and have a little way to go yet. Class with highest attendance last week was: Class 5 with an amazing 97.15%. Well done Year 5. Whole school attendance is: 95.33% let's see if we can make 97% in the next few weeks!

Awards:

Star of the Week: Joud

Music Award: Roman **Sports Award:** Harjass

House Points winner: **St. Peter**

Mentions	Manessa and Majeed	Tatiana and Ollie	Zakir and Hamza	Ivy and Sham	Oscar and Noel	Rayyan and Salma	Lydia and Suad
Courtesy	Tsion and Beelen	Samira and Ali	Lexi and Omari	Ridwan and Doa	Maryam and Maya	Shaista and Maryam	Evelyn and Amanie

With very best wishes

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