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Excellence with Compassion

Dear parents and carers,

We have had another busy week with different visitors and visits taking place.

Year 4 were joined by visitors from the Street Smart Project on Monday and discussed the importance of reducing car use to help with less pollution and safe streets.

Year 5 had a fantastic opportunity this week as they took part in a practice for the Christmas Music Festival alongside more than 300 children from local schools. Throughout the day, they confidently performed a range of festive songs, such as: A Christmas Smorgasbord and Will Rudolph Remember. They worked together to create a joyful celebration of music and community. The children showed great enthusiasm, teamwork and confidence, and their singing helped to bring plenty of Christmas cheer to the event. Well done Year 5! They will be performing with the other schools at Kensington Town Hall tomorrow. Good luck Year 5!



Last week, Year 5 also took part in an exciting history project called Plum Pudding, exploring the fascinating story of why Christmas was cancelled in 1647.

Through an engaging workshop with Historian Peter Daniel in school, the children learned about the key religious differences between the Puritans and the Catholics, and how these disagreements shaped life in Britain at the time. They discovered how these growing tensions eventually helped spark the English Civil War, and considered what it might have felt like to live during such a divided and uncertain period.

The project has helped Year 5 develop their understanding of belief, conflict, tolerance and tradition—and has shown them just how much history lies behind the celebrations we enjoy today.

All term, Year 6 have been working with the Pimlico Musical Foundation on a special project. This culminated on Wednesday evening with a performance at St Gabriel's Church. Accompanied by Miss Carbery and Miss Liz, a group of St Gabriel's Year 6 children joined with pupils from other neighbouring schools and took part in a very moving performance of The Girl from Aleppo, where they were also joined by the composer.



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Then on Friday, Year 1 ended their week with a trip around our local area. As part of their London transport history topic, Year 1 explored our locality, looking at different forms of transport that we have now. They had a lovely time and



even saw 2 helicopters!

Reminder: Nativity

We are delighted to invite parents and carers to our Christmas Nativity celebrations this December. So we can fit everyone in, this year we are having 2 performances. The **first performance** is solely for Reception parents and visiting nurseries. And there will be a separate performance for parents and carers for all other classes.

Reception Nativity Performance

Date: **Friday 12th December**

Time: **2:00 pm**

Audience: **Reception parents and local nurseries**

Note: Due to limited space, we kindly ask that only **4 adults per pupil** attend this performance.

Years 1 to 6 Nativity Performance

Date: **Tuesday 16th December**

Time: **2:00 pm**

Audience: **Parents and carers of pupils in Years 1 to 6**

Note: We can accommodate **2 adults per pupil** for this performance.

We look forward to celebrating this special festive occasion with you and your children!

Don't forget our Christmas Fair is on Thursday 11th December! We are continuing to fundraise for a brand-new sound system, and so all proceeds from the Christmas Fair will go towards this project. If any families would like to make an additional donation to support this project, please visit the school office. We need a minimum of £3000 to improve the sound system and we would like to aim for an additional £5000, to install a new combined lighting system to support with the Nativity and our Summer productions.

FUNDRAISING BAROMETER



Dates coming up:

Dates in December:

- Tues 9th: Yr 5 music performance at Kensington Town Hall
- Wed 10th: Yr 6 Creative Collective performance (pm)
- Thurs 11th: Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children and Christmas fair
- Fri 12th: Nativity performance for Reception parents (2pm)
- Tues 16th: Nativity performance for other parents (2pm)
- Wed 17th: Christmas dinner
- Fri 19th: last day of term – school finishes at 2.30pm

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- Monday 5th: School closed for staff training day
- Tuesday 6th: school open to children from 8am Breakfast club

Rewards

Class of the Week: Class 1

Star of the Week: Miss Lacey

Mentions	Vinnie and Emma	Rufta and Daniel	Ciaran and Jood	Clara and Tatiana	George O and Summer	Poppy E and Ivy	Oliver and Leila
Courtesy	Elliot and Aidan	Luke and Darcy	Jimmy-Gray and Aras	Evie T and Sarah	Ayla and Elioenai	Ruth and Alice	Leila and Oscar

With very best wishes
Rebecca Anson
Headteacher