A message from the Headteacher

Dear parents,

In many ways it has been a disappointing week in school. The cancellation of learning visits is not something I ever want to do, as is putting future events on hold, like the Easter Egg Hunt in Grosvenor Square, but it is something I felt was necessary.

The safety of our school community is paramount and I do not think we should take risks with people’s lives, no matter how small that risk may be perceived to be at the moment.

If we continue to be calm, vigilant and hygienic by washing hands regularly and not touching our faces, we give ourselves the best chance of avoiding the virus altogether.

Yours faithfully,
Brendan Shanahan

Diary Dates

Friday 3rd April—Last day of term—2:00pm break up

Swimming

The medals have come through from the swimming gala, which will be given out next week in celebration assembly.

Pictured here is Mirabella who received her medal on the day as she finished second in her race.

Thank you once again to all the parents who supported us on the day.

Attendance & Punctuality

**Attendance:** Well done to Ebury who scored a 97.6%.

- Year 2 - Ebury — 97.6%
- Year 4 - Eccleston — 95%
- Year 6 — Belgravia — 93.8%
- Year 3 — Knightsbridge — 93.2%
- Year 5 - Sloane — 92.6%
- Reception - Pimlico — 91.1%
- Year 1 — Chelsea — 98.6%
- Nursery - Ranelagh — 74.4%

**Punctuality:**

- Year 5 - Sloane — 100%
- Year 6 - Belgravia — 99.7%
- Nursery - Ranelagh — 99.6%
- Year 4 - Eccleston — 97%
- Year 3 - Knightsbridge — 95.8%
- Year 1 - Chelsea — 94%
- Reception - Pimlico — 93.2%
- Year 2 - Ebury — 92.2%

Please make sure that your child is on time for school every day, as being late seriously affects their learning. Thank you.

Star of the Week

This week’s stars of the week are as follows:

- Nursery — Laureen  Reception — Zain  Year 1 — Amelia  Year 2 — Brwa
- Year 3 — Adam  Year 4 — Amaan  Year 5 — Rebekah  Year 6 — Yousuf

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Coronavirus

We are constantly monitoring developments with the virus at a national and local level. The government have not closed schools, but this does not mean that our school will not close. The decision to close the school will be made in consultation with the governing board and Public Health England. We will have to close if either of the following two events happen.

1. We have a confirmed case in school
2. We do not have enough staff to safely open the school due to staff members self-isolating

Communication is key in regards to point number one. We need to know exactly how people are feeling and if any cases are confirmed.

In terms of point number two, we will mix classes and endeavour to find safe solutions before we shut the school. We will also keep you well informed, with as much notice as possible, about any developments. At this stage this eventuality is unlikely but I wanted to let you know it could happen.

The safety of the whole school community is our priority. We do not want to increase the risk of infection to anyone, especially at risk members of the community.

I ask all members of our community to act with caution in every situation. Hygiene is the best deterrent we have, which is why regularly washing our hands is key in the prevention of this virus spreading.

Year 3 Musicianship

Year 3 worked with London Music Masters this week to compose their own narrative composition. They worked in groups to invent different parts of the story of The Fall of Troy. Some students played the violin, some students played a range of percussion instruments and all students were part of the choir.

It was a great retelling which directly links to their history work on the ancient Greeks. Below are some pictures of their performance, thank you to all the parents that came and supported the event.