



From Mrs Silke

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another busy, but lovely week at school, with wonderful Christmas performances from Nursery and Reception, Years 1, 2 and 3! Huge thanks to all parents who came to watch and support their children. I look forward to seeing year 4, 5 and 6 parents at the performances next Monday and Tuesday morning. Tea, coffee and cakes supplied for you from 8.30, thanks to Maxine and Pam, so a great (and rare) chance to socialise with parents in your year group, before the performance.

Year 4 see Kumbuka at London Zoo!

Year 4 were very excited, when they saw Kumbuka the silverback gorilla, who tried to escape from the zoo in the autumn. They have been writing persuasive letters from the head zoo keeper to Kumbuka, urging him to stay at the zoo, and from Kumbuka to the head zoo keeper, arguing for his freedom. They have also been discussing the pros and cons of keeping animals in zoos, so they used the day to find out more information about the role of zoos' in conserving endangered species. Huge thanks go to the parent volunteers on the trip. We couldn't do this without you!

Dates for your diary

Winter Concerts and Performances:

Please join us before the concerts (from 8:30 am) for minced pies and treats. All parents to be seated for 9:15 am

19th December: Year 4

20th December: Years 5 and 6

Other key dates:

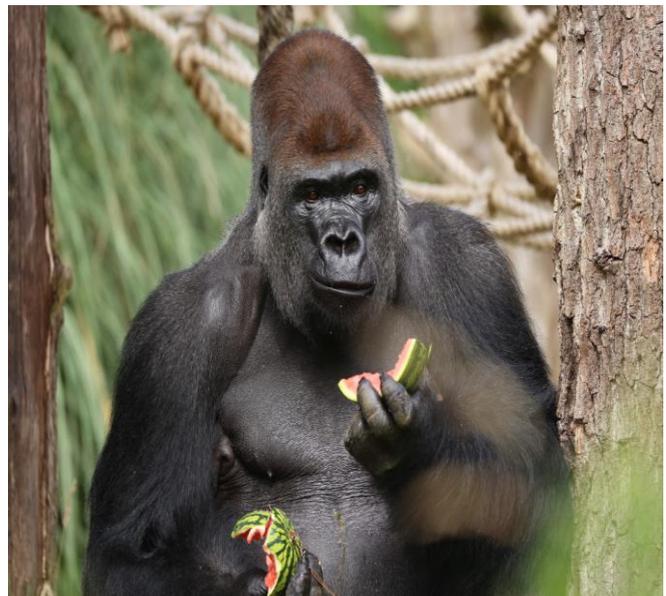
21st December: End of term 1 pm

3rd and 4th January INSET DAYS

Academy closed

5th January First day back for children

Tues 17th and Thurs 19th Jan Parent Consultation Evenings 4pm to 6.30pm



Year 5 go to Outer Space at

the Science Museum!

Year 5 went on an exciting trip to the Science Museum yesterday. This term they have been learning about space and their learning was brought to life on this school trip through exploring the space exhibition. They discovered a host of rockets, satellites and space probes and even saw a piece of the moon. To top it all off, they had the opportunity to watch an IMAX 3D film called 'The beautiful planet'. It gave them a unique perspective of our planet Earth and the galaxy. Many thanks, as always, to the parents who volunteered to accompany the trip on the day.



As the halls have been tied up all week with rehearsals and performances, we not been able to have the usual celebration assemblies. However, we will be making up for this on the last day of term, by having an extra special assembly to celebrate, superstars, attendance and dojo awards. So watch this space for the award winners, in the last newsletter of the year on Wednesday!

As we are having a mufti day today, in aid of the Christmas jumper, 'Save the Children' fund appeal, correct school uniform will need to be worn next week. However, on the xmas party days for EYFS (Monday) and rest of school (Tuesday) children can, if they wish, wear funky party hairdos! Glitter, gel, sculpture, temporary colour, hair accessories...anything goes!

Sadly, Margaret Russell will be leaving us today to take up a part time post at Croydon Council. I, the Senior Leadership Team and Governors would like to acknowledge her amazing 14 years' service at the school as an Additional Educator and Admin officer. I know you will join me in wishing her well in her new role.

I would like to remind all parents that we will be breaking up at 1pm on Wednesday 21st December for the Christmas Holidays so there will be no afternoon session for nursery children on that day.

Best wishes

Ali Silke

Principal