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A Message from the Principal Jason Marantz

Dear Parents and Carers

The Importance of Reading

Earlier this week you received a letter from Mrs Sharma, Assistant Headteacher and English Subject Leader.

In her letter, Mrs Sharma said that in order for children to make good progress in school, "they need to **read every single day**." She went on to ask you to "please read with your child for at least 20 minutes every day to support us in achieving our goal!"

Our goal is simple, we want your children to succeed, be the best they can be, go to a good secondary school and then have a good life. We can only do this with your help and support



We look forward to seeing you all at **parents' evening on Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th December from 3:30 to 6:00pm**. (Please note that Nursery Parents' Evening will be held on Tuesday 6 December and Wednesday 5 December). **Today you will receive a separate letter - one per child - with the details of your appointment slots.**

Please make every effort to attend your child's appointments as very useful information will be shared.

Have a good weekend
Mr Marantz

ATTENDANCE NEWS

Winners of this week's attendance awards were:

1st place: Nursery

2nd place: Bangor

3rd place: Edinburgh

Our whole school attendance this week was:

93.6%

Our whole school attendance to date is:

95.5%

Please remember that as parents, it is your responsibility to get your children to school, every day and on time.

All requests for absence must be made in writing to Mr Marantz in advance



Each week we are delighted to recognise children who are selected as the class "Stars of the Week". These children have been recognised for doing something special this week.

Last week our stars were:

Year 1 Edinburgh Samira
Year 2 Cambridge Ariane
Year 2 Oxford Jack
Year 3 Southbank Hanna
Year 3 Goldsmiths Zhane
Year 4 St Andrews Skyrach
Year 4 Portsmouth Yacqub
Year 5 Bangor Waheeb
Year 5 Hull Shabnam
Year 6 were on a trip so could not select stars

Getting to know...



The School Council Executive

The School Council is up and running. Recently, the group elected and appointed an executive committee. They elected Ruweyda from Year 6 Bristol to be their chair. Ruweyda made a passionate speech to her fellow council members and was elected because she said that she cares about the school and wants to make it even better. The council asked Nourahdin to be their secretary and Jack from Oxford volunteered to be the Vice Chair.

The full school council is as follows:

- Year 1 - Lowell, Tasmin
- Year 2 Cambridge, Ryma
- Year 2 Oxford, Jack
- Year 3 Goldsmiths, Kelsey
- Year 3 Southbank, Jomanah
- Year 4 Portsmouth, Laila
- Year 4 St Andrews, Najma
- Year 5 Hull, Nourahdin
- Year 5 Bangor, Ibtisam
- Year 6 Trinity, Sylwia



Silly Sweater Day

On the 16th of December, Ark Swift will be participating in Silly Sweater Day. Children and staff can wear a Christmas Jumper, a silly sweater, or a colourful sweater. Children will pay £1 for the privilege and all of this money will go to charity. So please look in your cupboards (no need to buy something new) for something colourful, wonderful and fun!



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 5th – Thurs 8 December	Assessment week
6th December	Pantomime Day in School
7th and 8th	Parents' Evening – see attached letter
9th December	Staff Training Day - No School
12th December	Southbank Class Assembly at 3pm – Southbank parents invited
15th December	Author Visit – Dan Freedman to speak to the children.
16th December	EYFS reading coffee morning, Silly Sweater Day
15th and 16th December	Classroom Visits – more information to follow
19th December	End of term holiday concert
Wednesday 21st December	Last Day of Term