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Thanks for all those who attended the Friends' Social and placed bids... we are one step closer to the Secret Garden and it will mean so much to us all when we can finally start digging, building and then enjoying another new outdoor space.

News & Updates - What is coming up this term?

INTERNATIONAL EVENING!

Thank you to all the parents and children that have signed up. The show will be going ahead on Tuesday 27th June!

We plan on having a concert/ performance, followed by some national-dishes, aiming to finish later in the evening. More info to follow closer to the event.



Rockstars Day

Our last Times Table Rockstars Day of the year next Thursday 22nd June. The children can dress as Rockstars, remember to practise their times tables.











Drama camps FLASH SALE

Huzzah Performing Arts are having a flash sale with 15% off any bookings when you use the code: FLASHAHA15 at the checkout. Sale ends Saturday at midnight.

Every day your child will play drama games designed to increase socialisation and self esteem, learn fresh choreography, and stretch their singing skills learning songs they won't know from school choir. We take breaks outside in the fresh air and place a huge emphasis on making new friends and being kind.

Ages 4 - 11. 10am - 4pm

Venues in Notting Hill and North Kensington Check out our summer offerings here: https://www.huzzahperformingarts.com/book-now-london



In the lower school...



Reception

We have been enjoying the wonderful weather this week and really making use of the outdoor learning environment. The children have been busy, painting, climbing, playing in the mud kitchen and cooling down with lots of fun water activities. We were also really excited by the arrival of our caterpillars this week. We have been observing them closely and looking at how they are growing - we can't wait to see them develop!

Year 1

This week in Year 1, we have been exploring numbers up to 100 and using a number square to identify 10 more and 10 less. In English, we have been learning how to use sentence signposts in a non-chronological report. We had a lot of fun exploring Nairobi and comparing Kenya to the UK. The year ones also enjoyed preparing a little surprise for their fathers this weekend.

Well done Year 1!



Year 2



The children have worked very hard during this scorching hot week! The children showed their perseverance throughout their assessments, but we had lots of fun too. In Art, we have been doing more sewing and learnt how to sew buttons on. We have continued learning how to tell the time and can now successfully tell the time past and to the hour. In English, we wrote some exciting letters and have been focusing on our handwriting in preparation for Year 3 soon. In History, we are loving learning about the Vikings, Normans and Anglo Saxons and are really looking forward to our school trip soon. Some Year 2s competed at a sports event on Wednesday and came back with smiles and medals. We had a really fun trip to the library on Thursday and got to delve straight into our books after. Have a great weekend!

In the upper school...

Year 3



We have worked really hard this week with their assessments and they should be very proud of all their efforts! We have also been exploring light and shadow and seeing how shadows change according to how the light source (torch) gets closer or further away and even when two light sources are used! We are looking forward to Times Tables Rockstar Day next Thursday so we are practising our times tables more than ever

Year 4

Have undertaken their tests this week with resilience and determination! They were rewarded on Thursday morning with a cooking session at St Claudine's where they made Jamaican Coconut Cookies.

They have been busy designing their torches to be made next week. To round off a great time, they went to Forest School and enjoyed the sunshine and being outside! They really have been a credit to all of you. We're really looking forward to taking them away next week!



Year 5



It has been another busy, varied week in Year 5! In English, the children have been performing more scenes from 'Macbeth' and have written their own rhyming couplets and blank verse in iambic pentameter. In Science, we researched unusual life-cycles and designed posters to share and compare the findings. In Art, we finished marbling pieces of calico and began to prepare other fabric to applique onto our textile landscapes. In addition to all our other lessons, three assessments have been completed!

Well done, too, to everyone who took part in the Brent Athletics Challenge and the Public Speaking Competition. A very productive week!

At the top of the School...

Year 6

This week, we have been working industriously on developing our plans, budgets and marketing materials for the Business Enterprise initiative. We pitched our ideas to Mrs Murdoch, who was impressed by our entrepreneurial spirit, teamwork and the wide range of charities we will be supporting. She gave us constructive feedback and, we are relieved to report, her stamp of approval! We look forward to assembly next Monday where we shall be giving everyone a tempting preview of the products and experiences we plan to sell. It's been great getting to know our Reception reading buddies a little more week by week and we are now in full flow for enjoying good books together whenever we visit. Friday is our big sleepover night – with a park visit, scavenger hunt, pizza, film and breakfast on Saturday morning, it should be a night to remember!



Sports and PE

Last Friday we all had a wonderful Sports Day at Willesden Sports Centre. All the children and families were absolutely fantastic. A big shout out to all the staff who helped out since early in the morning. Many thanks for your fantastic work. On Tuesday some of our Y5 & 6 went to the Brent Athletics Competition. They all had a fantastic time representing Maple Walk against 12 other schools in Brent Borough.

Wednesday was another special day for some of our Y2 students. They went to the ISA Multi Skills Festival. What an amazing day! We are really proud of all the points we won for showing sportsmanship, kindness, and cheering. Well done!!

French

Reception have really enjoyed talking about Matou's trip to the supermarket.

Year 1 were learning words for small animals and insects as they heard a story about Trottine in the garden.

Year 2 showed off their knowledge of transport words (see photos) by describing them with grand and petit.

Year 3 loved the new game we played for learning animals, Red dot green dot which became fiercely competitive!

In **Year 5** we started the new topic of how we travel to school. **Year 6** used their French dictionaries to translate a quirky French pop song which they are now going to learn. Hopefully they'll learn it well enough to perform before the end of term!



Shout outs

Congratulations to the following Maple Walkers for their hard work and effort this week.

The value for the week was **perseverance**!

Lyon	For always persevering when there are challenges and giving everything his best effort.	
Jago	For always trying his best and working through challenges with a positive attitude to learning.	
Ava	For trusting her own knowledge to independently write using fronted adverbials and adverbial phrases.	
Caspian	For persevering and trying his very best during difficult special work questions.	
Emma	For her enthusiasm towards maths and persevering with learning how to tell the time, which she can now do independently!	
Leonardo	For persevering with his writing. He wrote so much in his unaided writing and with the most beautiful joined up handwriting.	
Isaac	For not always finding things easy and deciding to just get on with it (and smiling about it)!	
Jackson	For his wonderful attitude to learning and always trying his best in every subject.	
Theo	For always persevering with the more trickier Maths challenges.	
Mia	For consistently trying your hardest no matter the task - you have a fantastic positive attitude.	
Hannah	For persevering in her English work, always redrafting her writing to make improvements.	
Valentina	For impressive perseverance throughout PGL and beyond with the setback of her wrist injury. Valley has been incredibly positive and persevered when it has been tricky.	
Patrick	For your amazing behaviour and change of attitude towards your PE lessons. Well done Patrick!	
Marissa	For your amazing performance at the Athletics competition on Tuesday. We are super proud of all your improvement.	
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Public Speaking Competition Winners 2023

Iris - Kangaroos Ruby - Aliens



Public Speaking Competition Finalists 2023

Year group:	Names:	Topic:
Year 3	Jonah Florrie	Christopher Chataway Abba
Year 4	Theodore Sophia	Maths Street dance
Year 5	Jackson Sophie Finn Marlo	Hockey Audio books Travel to Mars Coding
Year 6	Theo Carmen Lysander	Coding 11* Running





Dates for your Diaries...

June			
Monday 19th - Wednesday 21st June	Y4 - Hindleap Warren, Surrey		
Thursday 22nd June	Reception - Optional Parent-Teacher meeting Times Tables Rockstars Day		
Friday 23rd June	Reception - Forest School		
Tuesday 27th June	International Evening of Entertainment - 5:00pm - 7:00pm Y2 - Mountfitchet Trip		
Thursday 29th June	Immersive Theatre Shows - parent show at 3:15pm		
Friday 30th June	Reception visit to WWT London Y4 - Forest School		
July			
Monday 3rd July	Year 5 Songwriting Competition 2pm		
Tuesday 4th July	Years 3-6 Girls Football Festival		
Wednesday 5th July	Dance Spectacular - 2:30pm - 3:30pm		
Thursday 6th July	House General Knowledge Quiz 9:30am		
Friday 7th July	Reception Graduation 9:30am parents invited Reception - Forest School		
Monday 10th July	Y6 - Play 6pm parents invited		
Wednesday 12th July	Half Day - 12:00pm		
Thursday 13th July to Monday 4th September	Summer Break (school closed)		
Monday 24th to 3rd August	Multisports Summer Club		



Oreo & Argentina had lots of fun playing on the grass this weekend.

