



It has obviously been a challenging week in school with the bomb hoax on Tuesday. Thank you to all of those parents who remained calm and allowed us to deal with things with the Police. Please rest assured that it was a hoax and that school continues to be a safe place.

## Natural History Museum

The Y5 teachers were very excited when they returned from the trip yesterday. They couldn't wait to tell me what a great day they'd had and how proud they were of the behaviour of all the children. Well done!

*It was really fun and we had lots of things to see and do! We had a surprise when we went into a room where it felt like there was a real life earthquake!*

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## Autism Coffee Afternoon

On Thursday, we held an autism coffee afternoon for parents with children with autism. The session was led by Kate Nicolson, (Primary Advisor for children with Autism) and parents from Heathmere, The Alton and Granard all attended. This is the second session that Kate has held for parents and she gave excellent advice for parents on reasons for children's behaviour and ways to manage. Thank you to the many parents who attended and contributed to this – it was great to share and hear the experiences of others. We look forward to many more coffee afternoons!

## School Closure

A reminder that school is closed on Friday 12 February and Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February for teacher training days. The half term holiday is 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> February.

## School Improvement

As maths is one of our key school improvement priorities, we are always working hard in this area. This week Mr Cooper and I have been visiting classrooms to look at how maths is being taught, the leadership team have been looking at finalising our maths assessment practice and we are working with maths experts from Wandsworth LA to plan our training day on maths and improve things further.

## Building Update

The EYFS outdoors is definitely starting to take shape – we are all looking forward to seeing the final outcome. In addition, we have some painters in at the moment who are removing all of the old paint around the window frames and repainting. Also, the uneven paving slabs have been repaired. Over the half term, we have a new sports hall flooring being installed. The stage will be removed from the sports hall and it will be replaced with a 'sprung' flooring.

## Attendance

The attendance at school has been really low recently and last week it was below 90%. This is just not acceptable for a primary school and I will be facing serious questions as the leader of this school if it doesn't improve. I understand that if your child is genuinely unwell then they cannot be in school. However there are too many unacceptable excuses for children not being at school and this needs to stop please. It is the law for children to be in school.

Highest attendance: 6J with 99%

Most punctual classes: 6J again!

Whole school attendance last week: 89.2%

Individual attendance winners: Manha (2W), Heidi (Rec) and Shamiha (Rec)

House point winner: Saturn

	Events	Clubs
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> February		3.20-4.30 Y1/2 football 3.30-4.30 Y4/5/6 hockey
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February		8.00-8.45 Y5/6 football
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Trumpets	
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Y2 to the Science Museum 3.30pm – 5pm Y3/4/5/6 disco	8.00-8.45 Y3/4 football 3.20-4.30 Y5/6 American football
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Y4 swimming 2.15pm Mini boost for Nursery and Reception parents 3.15 – 4.30pm Nursery/Reception/Y1/Y2 disco	3.20-4.30 Y1/2/3 dance