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The end of another school year has come, once again, far too quickly.

This has been a year of innovation and consolidation.
The children are thriving and never cease to amaze us with their achievements.

We suffered from appalling weather in the first 5 months of this year.

When the rain did eventually stop we took the opportunity to decamp the whole school to the local park for a picnic, as well as some other outings.



Reception did a project on Butterflies and

Year 1 on classification of animals so both those classes took advantage of a special event - Sensational Butterflies Outdoor Exhibition at the Natural History Museum - and went to see the live exhibits. The butterflies, some huge, were flying completely freely and, to their delight, even settled on some of our pupils.

A butterfly lands on a pupil's hand.

One of our past volunteers has started a project, called 'They were just kids', with some friends and came to school to work with our reception class.

The children decided who, from the past, they would like to learn about and they learned a little of their history.

They were then dressed in the correct costume that the character would have worn – with hairstyles and props as appropriate – and then photographed.



Back stage: the children get ready

They will be returning to work with the older children next year.



*One of the breathtaking results:
Anna Bolina*

Year 2 have been learning about the Victorians and, after having been in the area surrounding Holland Park to see the architecture of the grand houses and their mews, went to see Leighton House.

This is where the great Raphaelite painter Sir Frederick Leighton lived and his house has been kept exactly as it was in his day.



Year 2 in front of Sir Frederick Leighton's House

All our parents and their friends hugely enjoyed our end of year performance of a play invented and written by the pupils themselves (with just a little help from their teachers). The whole school had been doing a project on The Universe and Space. The Nursery decided to make a junk model of a creature from Space and they had a brainstorming session on how he would look (3 eyes, wheels instead of feet etc). They made a stunning robot, over 1 metre tall.

Year 1 & 2 had a competition to decide his name. Zuzu was chosen. Reception then invented a story about him. With the help of the teachers this was turned into a play. The children invented a few songs about the character and his life and our Music teacher set them to music for them to sing (even the Year 2 recorders played during the performance). The Art and Drama teachers set the children to designing and making the scenery and costumes. With input from the P.E. department for some acrobatics and choreography, the whole performance took on quite a professional air.

The most notable part of the whole performance was the enjoyment of the children which quite clearly shone through.



SIAL's End of Year Performance

Now we look forward to next year. Some of our children will be having individual music tuition in a variety of instruments.

We will have a new Year 3 and this will see the introduction of French alongside the Italian and English. It will be interesting to see how the children will attack this third language.

In the meantime, in the knowledge that this too will fly past, we wish you all a very happy holiday.