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Yet another term has already flashed by. Our numbers continue to increase and we have now opened a year 3, thus making 5 years of school.

We would like to share some of our achievements with you.

Again we went for the **STARS** (Sustainable Travel: Active, Responsible, Safe) the travel plan accreditation programme of Transport for London. Last year we achieved Bronze and this year we went for the top level and achieved **GOLD**.

We also entered the Kensington & Chelsea Road Safety Calendar competition and had a child's entry selected for the fourth year in a row!



Our Gold Level Accreditation



Our Puppetry Club

This term we have some children learning individual musical instruments and we have widened our range of clubs. We now include ballet, cooking, sports games, puppetry, karate, and art & craft. We have also introduced French to Year 3 with much success and hilarity.



One of our violinists

A highly successful interactive workshop was run by Sara Pittaluga, for Year 3, to inspire creativity using an unusual starting point... the nose.

During the workshop children experienced different kinds of scents and explored their feelings and ideas to then use them to create a story.

Another workshop of combined dance and drawing, also run by the very talented Sara Pittalunga, was held where the children experienced how activating the body through dancing enhances creativity and self-expression. They then drew their own character after an energizing dance inspired by the animal world.



Year 3 children at work with their noses



Zoo drawing



Year 1 pupils with their drawing inspired by the 'Living Africa' exhibition

Year 1 went to the exhibition 'Living Africa', a vibrant and colourful collection of children's art from the African continent organised by LIGCA, a charity with which we often collaborate, at the Islington Museum to commemorate Black History Month in October 2014.

Following last year's very successful visit to Greenwich the current year 2 went to explore the Maritime Museum in connection with their topic of Explorers.



Year 2 pupil analysing an ancient ship

Tying in with the project 'Exploring the park', which sets out to familiarize children with their local park, Reception went to Holland Park to kick start their discovery of and familiarity with the local area and the community.



Reception children at Holland Park

After last's year success, "Perform" (Drama School) came back to hold a Drama workshop with all the year groups. The theme was "Exploring the Universe".

We were very lucky to be visited by Dr Bike. This is an initiative run by the RBK&C. Parents, carers, children and staff alike, brought their bikes to school and had them checked without charge by *Bikeworks*, a firm of professional bike mechanics.

To celebrate the end of this long term and to reward the children for their hard work and various achievements, we organised an amazing visit to the school by **Animal Experience**. This is a group of qualified experts specialised in teaching about the animals they bring into school (from a boa over a metre long to meerkats and from cockroaches to a blue-tongued skink as well as others!). All the children, from Nursery to Year 3, (as well as the staff) had the opportunity to learn about the animals, their natural environments, their lives and to get up close and see and hold animals they may never have seen before.



The Snake Experience

This year we did not have a Christmas Fair but the Primary children performed a play and then there was a whole school Concert. This was followed by a party for the children and their parents and friends which was organised by our very active Parents' Association, to whom we extend our thanks.



Our Primary children's Choir

***WITH OUR BEST WISHES FOR A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS
AND THAT THE NEW YEAR BRINGS ALL SORTS OF SUCCESS FOR ALL***