



# NEWSLETTER

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This term we were fortunate in receiving a visit from H.E. the Italian Ambassador Pasquale Terracciano and his entourage. He seemed delighted with his visit and fully endorsed the work SIAL is doing.

We would also like to thank H.E. the Italian Ambassador for once again hosting our yearly Gala dinner in support of SIAL.



*From the left: the Consul General Massimiliano Mazzanti, the Chair of the Board of Governors of SIAL Francesca Nelson-Smith, the 'musicatore' Luigi Maio, H.E. the Italian Ambassador Pasquale Terracciano*



*H.E. the Italian Ambassador Pasquale Terracciano with our Year 1*

Our heartfelt thanks go as well to the parents who worked so hard to organise the event.

It was a very enjoyable evening enlivened by a performance by the 'musicatore' Luigi Maio who specialised in bringing to life scenes from Dante's Inferno (much more fun than it sounds!!). This brought some very welcome funds into the school's coffers. The pots of flowers on the tables and the place names were made by the children

And while the adults were having fun, the children were busy at work....

The whole school took part in the making of a film about road safety. Professionals from the film industry came to share the making of the film with the children, who decided on the aspects, set out the scenes, and the older classes wrote the scripts.

There was much Art work involved for both scenery and props, and Poetry and Music had an input too. The children who were speaking had to learn their parts. On the last day the cameras rolled, with the children serving as both actors and crew, and the film has now gone to editing. The children are eagerly awaiting the finished result.

Many thanks to the Road Safety and Travel Plan Team of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea and to MP Smarter Travel for giving us this amazing opportunity.



*"Are you sure you know your right from your left?"*



*Arriving safely is the aim.*



*An excellent interpretation of Puss in Boot*

At the beginning of March we celebrated Book week with a series of events which included: children from different classes reading to each other; parents and carers reading to the children in a variety of languages; visits to the local bookshop and the library; a visit of a children's author; a short story writing competition among the pupils.

As per tradition, on the last day we all dressed up as our favourite storybook characters (children and staff!). Particularly appreciated were the homemade ones with input from the children. The parents' ingenuity and flair were very evident.

As usual, to better consolidate their learning, the children participated in a variety of school visits.

Year 2 went to the Victoria & Albert Museum to visit the History of Clothing and then the Japanese collection to complement their History project.

Another visit for year 2 was to the Natural History Museum to gain more enlightenment about dinosaurs.

To introduce next term's project Year 1 went to the Museum of childhood to be able to compare past childhoods with their own experiences.



*Year 2 in front of the full size blue whale of the Natural History Museum*



*Children trying on corsets and crinolines at the Victoria & Albert Museum*

On the last day of term we held an 'Explorers' Assembly. Year 2 have been doing their own research into the lives of their chosen explorers. They told us about each one and there was an exhibition of photographs by 'They Were Just Kids' who came and discussed the characters with the children and then, with clothes and make-up, turned them into replicas of the real thing. The parents thought the whole event was awesome!

*Can you guess who this is posing as Charles Darwin?*

