

24<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the Spring Term, staff have the usual feeling of 'how is the academic year going so quickly' and how much the children have changed. They have made so much progress since the start of the year.

### **Charity cake sale**

Last half term, we had a charity cake sale and raised £380 for our chosen charity Breathe. Thank you again to all the parents and nannies who busily baked for us.

### **Parent and nanny breakfasts**

This term, the children have enjoyed our second Parent Breakfast, an opportunity for the parents to come and have a coffee and the children can enjoy breakfast with their friends. There will be an opportunity to come to the last one of the year next term.

The nannies also had their own coffee morning which was very well attended. Again, this is a chance for our wonderful nannies to all get together for coffee and a biscuit. Hopefully the weather will be a bit warmer for the next one and we can host it in the garden and have more space.

### **Chinese/Lunar New Year**

The children celebrated the Chinese/Lunar New year, with noodles for snack and the Ducks were lucky enough to have Isla's mummy talk about this special celebration.

### **Shrove Tuesday**

Shrove Tuesday is always popular; the chance to eat pancakes at school is a special treat with a choice of lemon, a little bit of sugar, jam or honey.

### **World Book Day**

World Book Day was a great success and each of the groups had many parent and nanny readers; thank you to all those families who joined us during the week. We had a dressing up day and it was great to see so many costumes: there were lots of superheroes and princesses but also Paddington Bear and a dragon. This year, I was in my Belle costume to greet the Ducks in the morning, Mrs Frost was in her banana costume to meet the Ducklings and Sharky, Miss Georgina's dog, had a bee outfit on! There was a definite yellow theme going on! We raised £160 for Breathe.

### **Mothers' Day**

The children all made cards for their mummies for Mothers' Day and planted sunflower seeds for a small gift. We invited the mummies in for tea and cake, a wonderful start to our morning. The children made a special surprise for mummies, hopefully they are not tempted to open it before Sunday.

### **Holi**

Thank you to Mrs Takhar, Krrish's mum in Ducks, who came and celebrated Holi with the children. Holi is a Hindu festival that celebrates spring, love, and new life, sometimes called the festival of colour. Some families hold religious ceremonies but, for many, Holi is more a

time for fun. The children had a great time throwing coloured paint at each other in the garden and so did Miss Sarah and I!.

### **Forest School**

The Ducklings will continue forest school in Avondale Park on Thursdays and the Ducks will be going to Holland Park for the first part of the Summer Term.

### **Readers**

We would like to thank all of our big siblings, Cosima Mowinckel (Beatrice in Ducklings), Winston Miller (Rupert in Ducks), Adeline Hewlett (Blythe in Ducks) and Zoe Howell (Brooks in Ducks), who came to read a story to the Ducks or Ducklings this term, it is so lovely to see them and they have all become accomplished readers since leaving Miss Delaney's; we are very proud of them.

### **Easter Activities**

As the term comes to an end, we hold our usual Easter activities, arts and crafts and some cooking. The children are looking forward to our annual Easter egg hunt in the garden on the last day of term and exchanging the sparkly eggs hidden in the garden for a chocolate one to take home.

### **NEXT TERM**

#### **New children**

We will be welcoming our new children joining after the Easter break: siblings, Arthur and Emmeline, and Kaia, sibling of Leni who left last year, will be joining Ducklings.

#### **Charity**

Thank you to all the families who have donated to our events to support Beathe so far. In May, we will be having a pyjama day to raise funds and a sponsored wheelathon followed by a picnic before the end of term. I have had a meeting with the founder of the charity and we are proposing to hold 2 further events this year:

- A magic show by one of the artists who supports one of the charity's programmes ([Breathe Magic Intensive Therapy Programme](#)) on a Saturday, hopefully lots of families will be able to come along for some fun.
- One morning we will be hosting a singing session for new mums and those with toddlers, to see how the ([Breathe Melodies for Mums](#)) sessions run.

For both events, there will be speakers who have experienced both programmes to share their positive experiences and the benefits it has had for their whole family. More information to follow next term.

#### **Screening**

You will have received information a couple of weeks ago about the sight and hearing screening on 2<sup>nd</sup> May – this is a good opportunity to have your child screened in school and is run by Faye Aspill from the School Screening Programme. We will send a reminder at the beginning of next term.

I hope you all have a wonderful break, whether you are staying at home, going to the countryside or travelling abroad, and we look forward to seeing you back at school on 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

Kind regards

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