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Dear Parents

Ukraine – It is deeply troubling watching and hearing the news daily and the dreadful suffering going on in Ukraine. We are aware that many children are hearing and seeing disturbing things and need our reassurance. Some parents are endeavouring to completely protect the children from the news and others are being more open. Some of you have family in Ukraine or neighbouring countries and are more anxious and concerned than others – you have our prayers. At school we are answering any questions that may crop up from children but otherwise not bringing this up in conversation and at assemblies we are praying for peace without directly mentioning war. For those of you with older children who would like to read more, here is a link to a junior newspaper <https://schools.firstnews.co.uk/ukraine-first-news-explainer/>

If you would like to donate money to support Ukraine, please go to this site <https://www.dec.org.uk/>

World Book Day – We had a bit of light relief yesterday and a phenomenal effort with the dressing up! Well done to everyone for all their efforts with costumes. Certificates were given out today at awards assembly to some that really stood out! Thanks also to all the parents who donated books or donated money for their children to buy books at the Friends' book market. A staggering £757 was raised! A huge thanks to all those parents who helped organise the books and managed the selling throughout the day as well as after school! Some images from the day have been uploaded onto Google Classroom and Tapestry.

One highlight of the day was our visiting artist Amaechi Anolue, who taught the children how to draw caricatures. He really inspired all the children and what was even more amazing was that he donated his whole day free of charge as it was his first school workshop. I think we'll be seeing more of him in the future!

Parents Evening – Hopefully, you have all now made an appointment to see your child's class teacher for next week. If there are two parents joining the meeting from different locations, the parent who set up the meeting can invite the other parent to join. Please note that when you receive the meeting link, you cannot share this link with your partner – only one person can log into the call from each email address – so please make sure you have invited the second parent with a different email address. (Only relevant if you are going to be in two different places for the meeting). All children's books will be sent home on Monday for you to look at in advance of meeting your child's class teacher. Please send in a strong bag for the children to carry the books in. They must be returned to school on Tuesday. Parents who do not have their child on Mondays can arrange for another day

Year 5 Spanish Workshop – Last week, some Year 11 students from Palmers Green High School came to Year 5 to run some Spanish workshops. Half of the children from Year 5 took part in the workshop and the other half will be going to PGH for a French theatre experience. The children thoroughly enjoyed it all and learnt something new. A huge thank you to Mrs Parry-Garnaud, one of our parents and a teacher at PHG for organising such a lovely event.

Football Well done to the Year 6 Football Team who played three matches last week. Their first match against Hazelwood was a 1-0 loss. But then the team made a comeback with a 5-0 win against Bowes and a 3-1 win against Our Lady of Lourdes. The children were exhausted after their matches playing on a very muddy and slippery field! Well done to the team for showing perseverance and great team work. Also a big thank you to Mr Kyriacou and Mr Newton for their support with the team and refereeing skills on the day.

Cross Country – A group of our Year 3 and 4 children: James, Jessica, Henry, Lucja, Ellis, Florence, Dylan, Dearbhla, Aoife & Luca were selected to take part in an inter-school Cross Country competition with eleven schools. The competition happened this afternoon and both boys' and girls' teams came 2nd! Special congratulations to Aoife who came 3rd overall and Henry who placed 2nd against around 60 other children. Thank you to all the parents who helped and Mrs Pizzi-Nagada for supervising the children.

Ash Wednesday Service – On Wednesday afternoon we were delighted to welcome Fr Stewart into school to lead us in our Ash Wednesday service, which marked the beginning of Lent. During Lent we are invited to do three things: pray, fast (give something up – could be food or something else like video games) and give alms (ie give to charity). Next week, Mrs Tottle-Nugent will be sending home information about the charity work we are planning for this season.

FINAL REMINDER - Music Lessons with EMS – The deadline for booking lessons is NEXT FRIDAY – DO NOT FORGET TO BOOK MUSIC LESSONS if you want to start them OR if you want to continue the lessons you are already having. EMS would not accept late payments last term. The link to book is here <https://traded.enfield.gov.uk/musicstore> More details can be found on the letter I sent on 11th February.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards
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