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This has been a very busy term, full of special events and exciting opportunities.

One of our first visitors this term was Sir Malcolm Rifkind, Member of Parliament for Kensington.

He spent a little time with the children, and seemed very appreciative of the hard work the teachers are doing to interweave the English and Italian curricula.

Sir Malcom Rifkind MP for Kensington with Francesca Nelson-Smith, Chair of the board of Governors of SIAL, visiting our Reception class.

At half term our director, Ines Saltalamacchia, went with her family to Mbollet-bah, a small village in The Gambia, to assist in a project to help support a village and develop a local school.



Ines Saltalamacchia with some children in Mbollet-bah, The Gambia



On her return Ines gave a lovely presentation to the children here during a school Assembly and we had some great art work back from our children relating to her talk.

Maria's (Reception) observations of Ines' experience in The Gambia:

"Mi è piaciuto quello che ha fatto Ines, soprattutto che ha dipinto i muri della scuola, ha fatto stare bene i bambini, cioè felici."

"I liked what Ines did, especially that she painted the walls of the school, she made the children feel good, that is...happy."

For the last three weeks we have been hosting an Art Gallery in our Hall. This is sponsored by LIGCA (London International Gallery of Children's Art) a Charity which hosts exhibitions of children's art from every corner of the world and runs a schools education programme relating to these exhibitions.

Our teachers' planning has been inspired by the pictures and drawings on display and some volunteers from LIGCA have been coming in for workshops with our pupils.



How to draw wings using the primary colours



Creating landscapes using collage techniques

The animals and the scenes provoked some very sensitive writing as well as some wonderful art work which was shown to our local community in an open day on the last day of this school's term.

Thank you LIGCA for this unique experience!



Our beautiful hall on the open day



Reception children exploring the Science Museum's launch pad

Reception went to the Science Museum for a visit to tie in with the school project on The Universe and, after visiting lots of exhibits and performing several physical experiments, they watched a 3D film about outer space.

As a class project Year 2 studied volcanoes and every child researched, made, painted and erupted one. It was a messy business but very satisfying.



One of the Year 2 volcanoes erupting

Our Nursery children have contributed to the Progetto Expo 2015 in Milan. They planted the seed, grew, nurtured, harvested, prepared, cooked and ate some parsnips.

They made a delicious soup, the recipe for which will go into a cookery book containing recipes from all over the world.



Children preparing our delicious Parsnip Soup using our special recipe, here written in natural colours obtained from parsnips, by the children at school.



“Perform” (Drama School) came to hold a Drama workshop with all four year groups.

The theme was The Wild West and the focus was on the Native Americans.

This was hugely enjoyed by all and gave the children the opportunity to showcase their talent to different teachers.

Year 2 children at Perform's Drama workshop

One of our staff is an accomplished ballet dancer so, as well as Drama, we have been giving the little ones a taste of Ballet.



SIAL children in Norland Place's playground

An exercise in promoting good relations: our neighbour Norland Place School came to use our Hall for a day and we used their music room and playground. The children were very excited by this and they are now all clamouring for a climbing wall of our own.



Tinies' Ballet class at SIAL

Our most heartfelt thanks to H.E. Ambassador Pasquale Terracciano who hosted our annual fundraising Gala in March.

It was a very successful and enjoyable evening. We would like to thank all those who participated, for their hard work and support, especially the Consul General Massimiliano Mazzanti, the First Counsellor from the Italian Embassy Silvia Limoncini, and all our patrons.

From the left our Patron Lady Hambleton, the Ambassador's wife Karen Lawrence and our Patron Lady Powell



Last but not least.... Stefania, one of our assistants, gave birth to a bouncing baby boy slightly early, on 15th February. Welcome to Alessandro Lawrence!