



NEWSLETTER

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This term we were visited by Paola Dri, who is the Head of the Education Department of the Italian Consulate, responsible for the teaching of Italian throughout the whole of England.

Since before we opened she has always been very generous with her help and advice.

She has run schools for the Early Years in Italy and was very favourably impressed by our children.



Paola Dri enjoying free drawing with our pupils

The children were taken on an educational visit to the Science Museum where they toured the exhibits relative to the topics they were studying in school (Transport, Our World, Materials, ICT...) and then were treated to a lesson on the human body by a whacky doctor who explored with them the wonders of the human body with the help of his sidekick, Jones the Bones.



Taking a break next to an old locomotive



Jones the Bones and his whacky doctor

The teachers at the school organised a Saturday reading event for the children and their parents at the Italian Bookshop. Ornella (the Director) very kindly provided refreshments for the children.



Children and families at the Italian Bookshop

Ornella has always been very supportive of the school and we would like you to note that there is a change of address.

The bookshop has moved from its present premises at the end of March and has re-opened on 10th April at

The European Bookshop
5, Warwick Street, W1B 5LU.

And the new phone number is
0207 734 5259.

We like to encourage visiting teachers to the school as it is important that the children learn to listen and interact with a variety of people.

This term we were lucky enough to have Elisabetta Toia, an expert in Steiner's anthroposophy, who involved the children in a workshop based on clay modelling which involved them listening to stories whilst working the clay and following the themes so that the final outcome of their modelling reflected the characters in the stories.



Listening and model-making

As a charity we are always conscious of the need to raise funds to enable us to keep the fees as low as possible and to this end our trustees organised a Gala Dinner held at the Italian Embassy. We did not have too much notice of the date so it was a rush to get everything organised in time but, thanks to the sheer hard work of the team, all was 'alright on the night'. It was a very lively occasion and a great time was had by all.

We are very grateful to H.E. Alain Giorgio Maria Economides for his full support and his generous contribution. Our special thanks also go to all the people who participated so enthusiastically, particularly to Madam Mayor Julie Mills, Maria Carmela Viscountess Hambleton and Lord Powell.



From left: Lord Powell, H.E. Alain Giorgio Maria Economides, Francesca Nelson-Smith - Chair of the Board of Governors of La Scuola Italiana a Londra, Maria Carmela Viscountess Hambleton Patron of La Scuola Italiana a Londra



Madam Mayor Julie Mills reading the letter Mayor Boris Johnson sent to La Scuola Italiana a Londra

Last but not least..... Merlica, our English teacher who has been with us from the beginning, gave birth to a baby boy on 3rd March.

A big welcome to Zachary who weighed in at 4.9Kg.



Congratulations Merlica!!