



NEWSLETTER

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Even the dismal weather we have been having this term did nothing to dampen the enthusiasm of the children or their teachers. We have had another action-packed term and would like to give you a taster below:

We always love to have visitors to the school and this term we were lucky enough to welcome the Mayor of the Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea, Julie Mills. The children were very impressed with the official regalia and helped her to get dressed as if for an official engagement. They were full of questions which the Mayor answered with much patience and good humour.



Madam Mayor Julie Mills in her official regalia answering all the questions from the children of SIAL

Another visitor was Luisa Cotardo who specialises in making roses from Cartapesta Leccese, hand made from recycled paper and special glue, which she makes up herself according to an ancient recipe from Puglia. During her workshops the children were very attentive and the end results were very professional looking.



Some of the children at work



A bouquet of roses



One of the mascots

As part of our PSHE programme we try to make the children aware of how fortunate they are and that we should all do our best to help those not as lucky.

This term we took part in a little sponsored walk in Holland park in aid of Barnardo's Big Toddle, a Charity which helps the UK's most disadvantaged under 5s, and were thus able to make a contribution to their funds and enjoy taking part in the races, games and picnic.



A wonderful day in the park for Charity

The children were given 'Transport' as the topic for a project and really researched their subject. Some of the best work came from a pedestrian's point of view and they laid out a traffic plan complete with Zebra crossing, traffic lights and pavements and drew up the rules necessary to make the roads safer for all of us.



Learning how to cross the road safely



Waiting for the traffic light to turn green

At the end of term we had a party for the parents, preceded by a performance by the children. From 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' to L'Omino della Pioggia' the children had made all the scenery and costumes themselves and greatly enjoyed their appearance on the stage.



The children basking in the applause at the end of the performance

So, at the end of our second year as we say goodbye we have much to look forward to. In September we are opening our Year 1 class with 7 of our own children plus some new arrivals.

We take this opportunity of thanking all the parents and supporters who have helped us this year. Next term will soon be here but in the meantime we wish you all a happy, restful and restorative holiday.