



NEWSLETTER

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Here, as before, is a taster of what we have been doing in school in the past term.

In this, our fourth year, we welcomed children into Year 2 for the first time. We now have Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, and we take great pleasure especially in seeing how the little ones who joined us in Nursery are doing now.

SIAL has been awarded the Bronze Level Accreditation for Star (Sustainable Travel: Active, Responsible, Safe), the travel plan accreditation programme of Transport for London. Star rewards schools for their achievements and commitment in promoting and adopting safe and active travel habits and we are very proud of achieving this result in our first year of entry.

On the subject of Road Safety... Once again one of our pupils, in Year 2, had a painting selected for the Kensington & Chelsea Road Safety Calendar and will go to the Town Hall to be presented with his certificate.



Ben Mearhart (Deputy-head) and Ines Saltalamacchia (School Director) collecting the Star plaque with two pupils of the school at the award ceremony



Karate lesson in action

We have increased our after-school clubs for the older and the younger ones.

A new and popular introduction is Karate. Our coach Sensei Tassie Sinclair, is a 5th Dan and former national and international Karate champion and is eager for our youngsters to achieve their belts soon.

Next term we will also introduce an exciting novelty: Puppetry, run by our specialist teacher in theatre art and puppetry.

We are also extending our Italian Lessons which, due to an increased demand, are now running twice a week with two groups split according to their age and level of Italian.

SIAL was pleased to support two successful events for children at the Italian Cultural institute: one with the Italian violinist Sonia Peana and the jazz trumpeter Paolo Fresu and the other with Marco Gambino, who also came to the school on our last day for an exclusive storytelling session.



Sonia Peana, Paolo Fresu and Filomena Campus at the Italian Cultural Institute



Marco Gambino at La Scuola Italiana a Londra



Year 2 at the Maritime Museum in Greenwich taking a walk around the world.

To complement our Topic on Explorers, Year 2 went to the Maritime Museum in Greenwich.

They traced the origins of a great many explorers and have produced a commendable class book on the subject.

Of special interest to the children was the part that Pirates played.



A glimpse into a pirate's hideaway

Year 1 went to an exhibition celebrating the 18th birthday of the London International Gallery of Children's Art (LIGCA) a Charity which host exhibitions of children's art from different countries of the world. Our children were very impressed with these and have made a selection of two themes which we will bring to school next term and display in our Hall so the other children and the parents will have a chance of seeing them too.

We also had a Science presentation in school in which we learned quite a bit about motion and, amongst other things, what makes a balloon travel in a straight horizontal line or rise vertically.



Preparing for take off

Once again we had a very successful Christmas Fair.



The Consul General during his speech with our Head Laura Marani

We were delighted to welcome the Consul General Massimiliano Mazzanti, the Consul Sara Castellani, the First Counsellor from the Italian Embassy Silvia Limoncini, the Educational Director of the Italian Consulate Mara Luongo and Lady Hambleton, one of our Patrons.

The children sang carols in both English and Italian and, among all the children's activities wonderfully organised by our Parents' Association, we had a magician to add to the atmosphere.

Everyone enjoyed it so much that they did not want to go home.



Christmas choir and activities at the Christmas Fair

OUR BEST WISHES FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL