



Dear Parents and Carers

This week we've furthered our partnership with University College London by inviting in a linguistic team who are carrying out research with some of our children on how the brain functions if you are monolingual or multilingual. Thank you to all parents who agreed for their children to participate; the project is far from over and the team will return again after half term to continue. The participating children will have the opportunity to go to UCL and come away with photographs of their brains as well.

On Monday the children got together in their Houses to talk about ideas for House Friday during Book Week when the children will create different projects – dens for the Juniors and a gigantic Lego map of Monken Hadley for the Infants.

On Tuesday schools up and down the country had Safer Internet Day as their focus. In the morning our children had an assembly on this year's theme: "Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better Internet starts with you". In their Computing classes the children found out about how to stay safe online by being wary and the steps they should take to always be safe and show respect to others. For parents wishing to find out more about ways they can help their youngsters with Internet safety, two useful resources are: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2017/tips-and-advice-parents-and-carers> and www.nspcc.org.uk (online safety page). There are also two useful documents regarding online safety on our school website: *Supporting Young People Online* and *Digital Parenting*.

On Wednesday evening, the staff got together with three other local schools for cross-school CPD when we looked at moderating of writing. These opportunities are always invaluable and it was also very rewarding to be complimented by other schools on our children's writing and in particular the standard of handwriting.

An omission occurred in last week's newsletter! Iliia did such a great 'behind the scenes' job at MHGT that I hadn't known about it! Many thanks to her for organising refreshments, bingo and prizes - her contribution was invaluable in making the night such a success.

Finally, LBL, our After School Club, is making a plea for more takers! The numbers aren't particularly high and for the venture to be a viable concern, the take up needs to increase. We are very lucky to have secured LBL as an After School Club provider and for them to operate so close by (with grateful thanks to Church House for making this possible). I do know that for the regular users, it's an invaluable asset and so if you are considering it for your child, please get in touch with them: LBL Club's website is: www.littleladybirdslondon.com
LBL Phone Number: 07480 498 180.

I hope that everyone has an enjoyable half term break and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 19th February.

Miss Froud

Cohort Teaching

Please note that children in the Juniors will finish their cohort lessons in Maths and English this week and after the break will return to having these subjects as a class. Mrs Bakhtar will now be in on fewer days and therefore, if you need to contact her regarding SEND matters, please do so via the School Office to check her availability.

Teacher Consultations

At the beginning of next half term a letter will go out about parent-teacher consultations which are happening on 20th and 21st March. Please return the reply slips by Monday 5th March at the latest so that we can let you know of your time as soon as possible.

Book Week

Everyone should have received a flyer about Book Week as well as a poem to learn and a sponsorship form. Please note dressing up day is on Thursday 1st March and our theme this year is *Houses and Homes*. If you are able to help during the Arts and Crafts morning, please let the Friends know.

Star Pupils

Willow - Johnny
Chestnut - Ben
Beech - Ruby
Cedar - Luke
Oak - Sofia

