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Dear Parents/Carers,

What a contrast to the weather we had the week before last!

Last Week.....

Last week we were catching up on parents evenings, postponed because of the snow. Please do feel free to arrange an appointment with your child's class teacher if you were unable to make an appointment.

In two weeks, there will also be an opportunity to see your child's work during the **open afternoon on Monday 26th March, 3.30-4.15pm**. Classrooms will be open to parents so that you can sit with your child and look through their books with them. During the open afternoon we held just before Christmas,



it was a real joy to see classrooms full and our children proudly sharing their work with parents.

Gretel (this explains why Mrs Wotherspoon and Mr Nunn were dressed as Hansel and Gretel that day!), Class 5 based their day on the Greek Myth of Medusa and showed us their wonderful Medusa art work, Class 4 shared their 3D maps based on The Journey, Class 3 read The Dot and shared their writing and art



work in their golden frames, Class 2 read Room on the Broom and shared their wonderful witch pictures incorporating Van Gogh's swirling skies, Class 1 wrote stories and made some fabulous snails from Snail and The Whale and finally Reception shared their Very Hungry Caterpillars and lovely butterflies.

Thursday's Family assembly was a lovely opportunity to see what all the children had been up to during our snowy World Book Day. We were treated to some fabulous writing and art work. Class 6 wrote some excellent persuasive courtroom pieces based on Hansel and



Last week St Gabriel's members of the Pimlico Children's Choir and several of Class 4 and 5 children performed to a large audience in a wonderful concert at St Gabriel's Church on Thursday evening. The children joined with others from Churchill Gardens, Pimlico Academy, Millbank and Westminster Cathedral schools. They beautifully sung such numbers as 'Somewhere over the Rainbow,' and 'Those Magnificent Men in their Flying Machines.'



Last Tuesday was Class 1's turn to visit Pizza Express and they all returned having made some delicious pizzas!

We also had various staff training opportunities last week. Mr Nunn attended a session on Year 6 writing moderation and Mrs Wotherspoon was out on her ongoing SENCo course. Miss Joseph attended training to help us renew our Arts Mark as we are keen to enable our children to have as broad an experience as possible at St Gabriel's; and part of this is to continue to develop the arts in our curriculum.

We also had follow up safeguarding training with Valerie Michelet our safeguarding governor. During the session we looked at different concerning hypothetical scenarios and discussed what we as teachers would do if we had a concern about the safety of any of our children.

As part of our ongoing focus on safety and safeguarding our children please do complete and return our safeguarding questionnaire to the box in the office. If you have lost your copy and would like to share your views with us, please do ask for another copy from the office. We have 8 returned so far and would truly appreciate as many as possible by Wednesday.

And this week...

This week is certainly a week for trips! On Tuesday afternoon, Class 6 are visiting St Gabriel's Church to find out about the Stations of the Cross and Class 5 are out all day at the British Museum, as part of their exciting topic on the Greeks. In preparation for their Creative Curriculum Egyptians topic, on Friday Class 4 will also be visiting the British Museum, and Class 1 are going to Vauxhall City Farm for their science topic on animals.

Don't forget, you can find more photos of what we have been up to on our Twitter page:

 [@gabrielsschool](https://twitter.com/gabrielsschool)

Attendance

We have many awards for good attendance, including individual certificates at the end of term, class certificates and class gold stars that add up to a £50 cheque for the class once 9 golden stars have been achieved. Good attendance is very important; a child missing just one day can impact on their progress. We want to ensure that every single child at St Gabriel's reaches their potential and achieves their best for their future, but to do that they have to be in school. Every week Angie and I look at children's attendance, and if your child's attendance slips below 90%, you will receive a letter from school. If your child's attendance does still not improve then I would need to meet with you and we would establish an attendance contract in order to support parents in ensuring that their

child is in school. Attendance for the whole school remains the same as last week at 95.22%. Please do make every effort to ensure your child is in school on time to help our children to attain their 96% attendance target.

	23/02/2018	02/03/2018	09/03/2018
Class 6	95	93.67	94.67
Class 5	94.33	90.67	93.29
Class 4	91.72	88.97	94.79
Class 3	88.97	95.86	99.31
Class 2	94	96.67	96
Class 1	98.26	87.83	95
Class R	88.42	93.68	93.16
Average	93.05	92.58	95.28



Awards:

Star of the week: Jana, Class 4

Top Table: Key Stage 1: Susu, Class R Key Stage 2: Simeon, Class 5

Music Award: Agatha, Class 3

Newsletter slip draw winner: Jacob, Class 2

Class of the week: Class 3

	Mentions Book	Courtesy Book
Class R	Ren and Kaylem	Susu and Preston
Class 1	Grace and Azyza	-
Class 2	Zaara and Arebah	Archie and Riley
Class 3	Elzain and Elon	Asvika and Bea-Grace
Class 4	Maria and Sofian	Yasmin and Mahnaz
Class 5	Jerome and Jasmine	Sama and Kyrese
Class 6	Sarah and Reem	Angelina and Mohamed

Dates for the diary:

Trips:

Tuesday 13th March – Class 5 to the British Museum all day and Class 6 to St Gabriels church

Friday 16th March – Class 1 to Vauxhall City Farm & Class 4 to British Museum

Please make a careful note of the holiday dates below. Any holiday absences in term time will not be authorised and parents may be liable for a fine.

Term/holiday Dates for the Spring and Summer term

TERM 4
Thursday 29th March 2018 – school finishes at 2.30pm.

TERM 5
Monday 16th April 2018 – children return to school
Monday 7th May – school closed for the day for May day
Friday 25th May 2018 – school finishes at 3.30pm

TERM 6
Monday 4th June 2018 – children return
Friday 15th June 2018 - school closed to children for Staff training day
Friday 20th July 2018 – school finishes at 2.30pm

Many thanks

Rebecca Anson
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I have read and noted the contents of this newsletter. Date: 12th March 2018

Signed: _____

Child's name: _____ Class: _____