

Headteacher's Update – 26.9.25

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this message finds you well. Please note the weather is getting chillier, so all children really should have a coat in school now.

Macmillan Coffee Morning Success

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our Macmillan Coffee Morning. It was a wonderful opportunity to enjoy time together as a school community, to catch up with friends, and to raise funds for such a worthwhile cause.

For those who couldn't attend, we are grateful for your support at the after-school cake sale, and for all the generous donations of cakes and treats. Special thanks also go to Tesco, who once again showed great generosity by donating cookies. These were shared out by our School Council in return for a £1 donation.

We are delighted to report that with the coffee morning, cake sale and cookies, we have raised over £600 which is incredible. Thank you again for your generosity.



Aktiva After-School Club extended time and Holiday Club

Our after-school club which is run by Aktiva continues to be a huge hit with the children who attend, offering a range of fun activities and delicious snacks. Feedback from parents who need childcare has indicated that a **6pm finish** would be preferred, and we are delighted to confirm that this new finish time will take effect from after the October half term.

Speaking of the half term, we understand that many parents need holiday care, so we are pleased to let you know that Aktiva will be running a club here during the first week and at Kingsbrook for the second week. A flyer with full details will be sent out soon. We hope this support helps busy working parents.

For details on how to book after-school club or holiday club places, please see the school website for further information or contact Aktiva on 07442922510.

Mini-Vinnie Group Begins the Year

Our Mini-Vinnie group, led by Miss Goulding, met for the first time this term. They spent their meeting reflecting on how they can make a difference to others in need. With Harvest fast approaching, their focus has been on how best to support a local food bank.

We look forward to hearing more from the Mini-Vinnies in the coming weeks, as they share their plans with us.

Junior Road Safety Officers

Well done to all our Year 5 pupils who applied for the role of Junior Road Safety Officer (JRSO). The standard of applications was very high, and it was a tough decision to select just two. Congratulations to Cali and Skye, who will now join Rayan and Emma in Year 6 to support the important work of our School Travel Plan.

Our JRSOs play a vital role in reminding everyone about the importance of road safety, encouraging safe travel to and from school, and helping us all to think carefully about how we keep ourselves and others safe on the roads.

A big thank you also goes to those families who already park a little further away from school and walk the last part of the journey. Unfortunately, I continue to receive reports from concerned parents about dangerous parking close to the school gates. Please take extra care when deciding where to park, and allow a few more minutes in the morning if you are worried about being late. Together, we can make our school environment safer for everyone.



Book Look Drop In

The letter for booking a parents evening slot is being sent out next Friday. The appointments are online as this is the most efficient way of running the evenings and ensuring they keep to time. However, we also want you to have the opportunity to visit your child's classroom, see some of their work from the term so far and meet the teacher face to face. Therefore we will be holding a 'book look' drop in session in each class on **Monday 6th October from 3.15 to 4.30pm**. We hope to see you there with your child/ren if you wish, but please remember this is in an informal capacity – you will discuss your child individually during the parent consultation meeting.

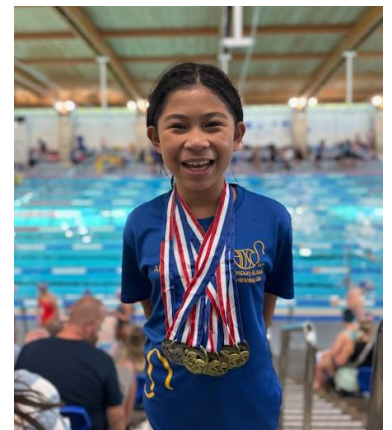
Celebrating Talents Beyond School

We are always so proud of the many gifts and talents our children demonstrate outside of school. From sports and dance to music and drama, it is wonderful to see their confidence, creativity, and hard work shining through in different settings.

A special mention goes to Aarna-Zoe and Aliyah. Aarna-Zoe recently performed a solo piece in the *Express Yourself* showcase organised by SDSD Dance and Stage School. She sang *Castle on a Cloud* from *Les Misérables* with great bravery and confidence—an achievement that was a real source of pride. Well done, Aarna-Zoe!



Aliyah raced 8 different strokes with her swim club and received medals for all. She was awarded 6 gold medals and 2 silver medals. She would like to share her accomplishment with everyone as an example of her bravery, persistence and ambition in taking a challenge. Well done Aliyah!



Have a great weekend, Mrs Machin



Learning at St Louis

Nursery



We have been learning: the nursery rhyme 'Old MacDonald had a farm'.

You can help at home by: singing the nursery rhyme together and talking about the different animals you find on a farm.

Reception

We have been learning: about God during our RE lessons. We know God created our world with beautiful things within it.

You can help at home by: taking your child for a walk to find beautiful things that God created.

Year 1

We have been learning: to form our letters correctly.

You can help at home by: helping your child form their letters the right way round.

Year 2

We have been learning: about the story of Noah from the Bible.

You can help at home by: asking your child about the different symbols in the story, like the dove, rainbow and altar.

Year 3

We have been learning: about joints in the body

You can help at home by: pointing to a joint on the body and asking if it is a ball and socket joint or a hinge joint.

Year 4

We have been learning: about rounding to 10, 100 and 1000 in maths.

You can help at home by: asking how to round to 100 - which digits and columns to look at.

Year 5

We have been learning: about pop up books in D&T.

You can help at home by: asking your child which mechanisms they have used in their books.

Year 6

We have been learning: about factors and prime numbers.

You can help at home by: asking how we identify if a number is a prime number.