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Dear Parents

I would like to start by congratulating so many of you for making it into school today, despite the very slippery streets and cold weather.

Mrs Kendrick, from Reception, made a visit to The Hall this week to see Reception and Year 1 classes. It was helpful for her to understand a little more about how their curriculum is structured and to meet some of the teaching staff and boys.

Screen Time for Toddlers

BBC news have reported this week that letting a toddler spend lots of time using screens may delay their development of skills such as language and sociability, according to a large Canadian Study.

If you are interested to read this article, please follow: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-47026834>

Rather startling was the report that at the age of two, children were found to be clocking up around 17 hours of screen time a week. While observing screens, children may be missing important opportunities to practise and master other important skills.

In summary, the researchers suggest that children's screen time should be moderated, and it should be made sure that it doesn't interfere with face-to-face interactions.

Assessment results for girls

We have been thrilled with the results for the girls this year. We have secured a good number of offers at all the top schools and we have managed to do even better than last year. I would like to extend my thanks to all the teachers that have worked so tirelessly to prepare the children for the assessments this year. The half day teachers have had the important task of laying the foundations, which along with the full day teachers, Miss Belzer and our float assistants have all contributed to this year's success. The children have done so well, and I hope you are proud of their achievements. Thank you for all your support in helping the girls to do as well as they have.

If any parents would like to speak to me about the results or assessments in general and have not done so already, please contact Arpuna, to arrange a convenient time.

Kids Dental Practice Visit to Full Day Children

Linking to our topic about People Who Help Us, we were delighted to welcome the Kids Dental Practice to talk about dental care.

With a surprise visit from 'The Tooth Wizard', we learnt about taking care of our teeth. The dentist demonstrated how to scrub plaque off by brushing in a circular motion. We also learnt about using floss and mouthwash. We hope the visit has helped your child to have a positive attitude towards visiting the dentist and that they enjoy keeping their teeth clean with their new toothbrush.

Class 5 News

All aboard! If you think the underground train stations are busy then, clearly you have not been in Class 5. We have all thoroughly enjoyed and completely immersed ourselves in our topic, transport. From flying around the world and driving on winding roads to, this week, experiencing the zooming of trains. The children have loved the role play area and have taken us all on many adventures.

We continue with our phonics and have been looking at the letter "n" this week. The children are starting to recognize and hear the letter sounds. Maths is always fun, and it has been a busy week of counting... everything from bears to cars.

We are ending the week using fine motor skills to cut sparkle spaghetti, as well as looking into a mirror and drawing our very own self-portraits. 2019 is off to a brilliant start and we cannot wait to see what greets us as we travel down the next winding road.



I hope everyone manages to have a warm and lovely weekend.

With best wishes

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