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Dear Parents

I am delighted to inform you that we raised a total of £395 for MacMillan Cancer research. Thank you for your generous donations to a worthwhile cause. One of our younger children wore McMillan colours on Mufti day and encouraged everyone to donate and mark the day.



PUPIL LEADERS

It has been another busy week with pupil voice being a big focus. I am pleased to inform you that we have appointed our year 6 pupil leadership team for the academic year 2020—2021:

Head boy - Frank **Deputy Head boy** - Tobias

Head girl - Segen **Deputy Head girl** - Eden

Senior pupil Leaders - Cecil, Shekinah, Ava, Kyion

Subject leaders - Gradis, Teyana, Mariana, Chigozie, Arielle, Yosan, Francisca, Daviedan, DeShaun & Lula



Pupil voice is an important part of our school and the children will begin work on their first project next week. They will be writing to you asking for help and donations for our new garden areas in the Infant and Junior school, so be ready to be persuaded by our pupil leaders! The children will be electing their School Councillors next week together with House Captains. Results will be published in next week's newsletter.

Curriculum topic 'Our Heritage'

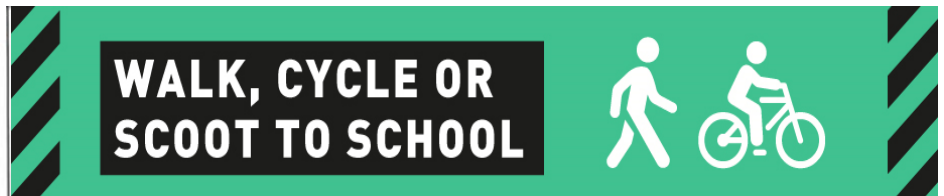
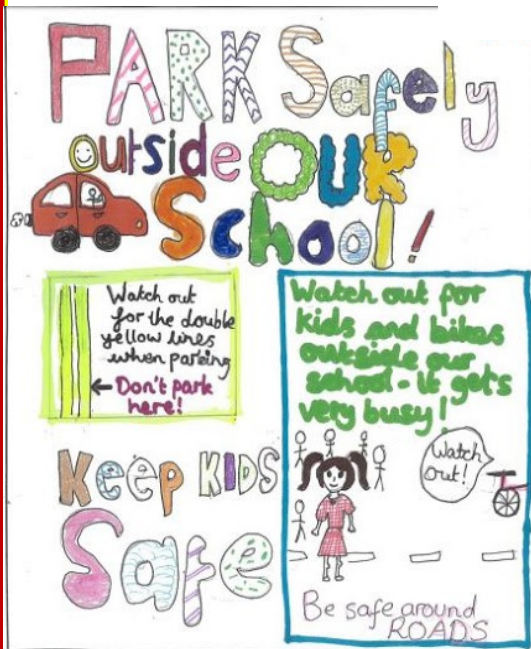
Children have been looking at a number of people from the past and present who have positively impacted on society, linking it to black history month. We are fortunate to have a diverse community and a rich blend of cultures. We would like to compile a school cookery book of recipes from all over the world. So if you have a favourite menu and would like to share it with us, please do send it in with your name. Do encourage your family and friends to do the same.

Marathon heroes - Mrs Mangan & Mrs Gallagher

Mrs Mangan and Mrs Gallagher will be completing the 'virtual marathon' on Sunday, 4th October. Mrs Mangan will be running in the local area and Mrs Gallagher will participate in Sidcup. I am sure you will agree this is an amazing achievement and deserves everyone's support. They are running for St Christopher's hospice. It would be wonderful if you can support them to help raise funds: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/MaryMangan1>



Children and adults have taken part in a 3 mile run / walk over the week in support of our St Joseph's Marathon heroes. Mrs Mangan will be finishing her marathon on Sunday, at the junior school, Woodend. I will be opening school from 2.00 p.m. to welcome her, so please do join me to celebrate her success



Please do drive and park with consideration to others. On Wednesday, a child almost had a serious accident while riding his bike home with an adult. A driver in a silver Audi pulled out without looking, knocking the child and causing him to come off his bike. We have good reason to believe it was one of our parents who did not stop. Thankfully the child was ok, but shaken. Careless driving and parking will cause accidents and will be reported to the Police.

The weather is becoming increasingly colder and wet, so please ensure your child comes to school with their jumper and school coat and all items clearly labelled. Do remember it has to be a burgundy school coat.

Today is Miss Barrett's last day with the school. She has worked in both the infant and junior schools and is now returning to University to study social care and intends to become a social worker. I would like to thank her for the support she has given the children over the years and wish her all the best for the future.

I look forward to seeing you at the school gate over the week and thank you for your positive messages of support. I hope it will be a drier week and again please do park with care and consideration to others.

Mrs Fernandes - Headteacher