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Dear Parents & Carers,

Thank you to those of you who encouraged your children to put forward a piece of creative work they are proud of for our International Women's Day, 'Women of the Future' display in school. I was blown away at some of the work the children had created; pieces of art, poetry, story writing and certificates of achievements to name a few. The display went up in the hall on Wednesday morning, and by lunch time that day, nearly every child stopped to look and admire the work. Not only did the display catch the eye of the children and adults in school, but it was also shared with local Councillor, Kadeema Woodbyrne. She was so impressed and inspired by the children's work, she is looking to display all of the pieces in an exhibition at the Islington Town Hall. I will keep you informed as to when you can view this, but until now please see the image below, which is the work of these amazing children, displayed up in the school hall.





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Easter Service

I am delighted to say that this year, we are planning to hold the school's Easter service at Christ Church, and all being well with Covid-19 cases, we will be inviting parents along to join us. The service will take place at 2pm on Wednesday 30th March.

Easter Bonnet Parade

We will also be holding our annual Easter Bonnet Parade in the school playground, weather permitting, on Friday 1st April at 1pm. For the first time in the past two years we will also be inviting parents to join us in the school playground to cheer on the children, as they show off their creations. For new parents to the school, the children are asked each Easter to create an Easter Bonnet at home to share with everyone at school. All classes take their turn in walking around the playground wearing their hats and receiving a round of applause from all of the parents, carers and their peers.

Fundraising for the Ukraine

The children were put through their paces today, in the Endurance Circuit set up on the school pitch, which they completed in order to raise money to go towards helping the people of the Ukraine. As you can see from the images below, the children worked really hard to complete as many rounds of the five circuits that were set up, in the twenty minutes they were allocated.



The sponsor money that the children have raised can be brought into school and handed into the school office, or the money can be paid into an account set up on parent pay. Parent pay has offered a free donation page for parents





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to donate any fundraising to without charge or a percentage taken off their donation.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=7260>

As mentioned in the letter that went out at the beginning of this week, all monies raised will be shared amongst two charities. We have discovered that the British Red Cross will have money distributed to it from the Disasters Emergency Committee, which the government will match-fund all donation to the value of £20 million, so this is the way will be choosing to get money to them. The Voice of Children Foundation, helps to provide psychological support to children to help them overcome the consequences of war. This was one of the charities that the children in St John's were particularly keen to support.

Many of you have also purchased the Peace Ribbons that the children in Year 6 have been making over the past week, and now we are completely sold out. The children have been back in the workshop (my office) this afternoon, making more to go on sale next week. Watch this space!

A huge THANK YOU to Louis Peach and family, for bringing in enough sunflower seeds for every child in the school to take home and grow. The sunflower is the Ukraine's national flower. We are encouraging you all to plant the seeds and share with us the progress of the growth of your sunflower through photographs.



Also, another huge THANK YOU to Daniel Robarts-Burridge, who emptied the entire contents of his money box into the collection bucket this morning. What a wonderful act of kindness.

Thank you for all of your donations so far, you have all been so very generous. I hope you all have a peaceful weekend.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Lindsey Hodgson

Head of School

