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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a brilliant break and managed to get out and about in some of the sunny days we had over the two week holiday.

Whilst we were all on holiday, away from school, Richard certainly was not. He has been here pretty much every day, painting, fixing and overseeing numerous contractors making a number of changes to our school. Over the holidays, the following works have been carried out;

- New fencing around the pitch
- The back wall of the pitch has been repainted
- New flooring in the kitchen
- New flooring in the main hall
- Staff toilet repainted and tiled
- Maberly Hall repainted
- New LED lighting installed
- New gates to the school car park
- Painting of the playground fence

We are so grateful to Richard for all the hard work and the HUGE amounts of money he saves the school in taking on as much as he does. He is a real asset and we know how lucky we are to have him.

Strike Days

I am sure you are aware that the NEU have balloted all of their members again after the recent pay offer made by the government and there was an overwhelming majority vote in order to strike. The next two strike days will be Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May. I have not yet heard from all teachers to confirm if they will or will not be striking. As soon as I know, I will send the information out to you via e-mail. As well as the NEU, all other teacher unions have also rejected the recent offer and are planning on announcing further strikes in the summer term. As soon as we are given the dates, I will write to you and inform you of those also.

School Art Competition Winners

A huge apology to Rosa in Year 5, who was one of the art competition winners, as her sisters name was added into the last newsletter in error. We are currently in talks with the street artists around dates for them to come into school and begin the artwork. We will keep you updated.





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Stephen Lawrence Day

Today has been a wonderful showcase of creativity, talent, remembrance and inspiration all in the memory of Stephen Lawrence. I have been so proud to see the work the children have produced. Our visitors from Islington Council were overwhelmed by the conversations they had with the children and how articulate they were, as well as how clearly they could talk about their hopes for the future.

A massive thank you to you and your incredible team for hosting myself and Molly today. The work the children have done around Stephen Lawrence day is absolutely amazing and it's been a real pleasure to meet the children and observe their hard work and talent.

Sharie Omoragbon - Head of Challenging Inequality and Events

Next week's newsletter will be dedicated to showcasing all of the wonderful work the children have produced.

Golden Book

Well done to all of the children listed below who have made it into the Golden book either this week or last week.

Week beginning 17th April

<u>Year 3</u>	<u>Year 4</u>	<u>Year 5</u>
Zoe	Miss Kirby	Callum C
Izzy		
Julian		



This week I am ending with a prayer written by a Year 5 child as part of our remembrance of Stephen Lawrence.

Best wishes,

Mrs Lindsey Hodgson
Head of School

