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Dear Parents,

As we head into the week before Half Term there is no let-up in the myriad of activities the children are taking part in be they academic, sporting, dramatic or musical. For example, every pupil in Upper School will have been to the Museum of London by this time next week as part of their History studies. Upper Beta went yesterday and the other three sections will be visiting in turn in the coming days.



Earlier today children's author Lotte Moore and her husband, Chris, spent the morning with the children in Middle School. They had a slide show and spoke about their experiences as children during World War II and what it was like to be an evacuee. Chris set up a ration table showing the children the types of food they had during the war, the portion sizes allowed & how they obtained the food through ration books. They also saw and tried on a gas mask, saw a silver hip flask with a bullet hole that saved a life, as well as letters from Sir Winston Churchill and Field Marshal Montgomery. Quite special! The children asked them lots of questions at the end of the talk and shared their own stories they have learnt from their parents and grandparents. Lotte and Chris were very impressed by the questions the children had thought of to ask, the stories they shared and how the children spoke so articulately and eloquently.

Next Tuesday and Wednesday evenings in Founders' Hall Drama is taking centre stage. The boys and girls in Upper Kappa and Upper Delta have been studying the topic of "The Circus of Poems". They have looked at some of the conventions of poetry and the theme of The Circus, and used this as a stimulus to create their own Circus Poetry Performance. The evening will include devised improvisations on their set poem, movement pieces, sight-reading, games, poetry and dance. Both evenings begin at 6.30pm. Upper Kappa on Tuesday and Upper Delta on Wednesday.



Our weekly Assembly on a Wednesday morning is a most important part of the week as it is the only time whole school comes together under one roof. It gives us the opportunity to congratulate and share in the successes of our pupils. This past week we were treated to two quite different but equally splendid pieces of piano playing from Pascal Bachmann and Lucas Evgenev. This coming week we will be giving out more swimming awards to Small, Lower and Middle School. We have massed violins and what is described on our internal calendar as "Lower School Chinese New Year extravaganza". You are all most welcome to this and to every Assembly.

The third and final Swiss course for the girls returned on Tuesday. The snow has been around the house and conditions were excellent all the way up the mountain, of which they took full advantage. After Half Term the boys in Upper Senior School will be going out in three groups.

As is our tradition we have a Mufti Day on the Friday of Half Term. This coming Friday we will be raising money for Winston's Wish. This is a charity that helps children who have suffered bereavement. Attached is some information about the charity. We have been supporting them over a number of years now as it is a charity that has sadly become important to a number of our former pupils. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Best wishes,

*Richard Townend*