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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we draw the half term to a close, we have been reflecting on this month's value of **Peace**. Given the conflicts raging both near and far, it is ever more important that here in our corner of Camberwell, we are doing all we can to foster peace. This week the children have reaffirmed their commitment to our Pledge for Peace and they have been considering the ways in which they can create harmony, build trust and improve each others well-being through their actions. A copy of the Pledge is shared with you so that you can if you wish talk more about this with your child at home.

In other news, today a group of children from **Year Six** have said farewell to the city and they have headed off for a weekend full of fun and adventure in the great British countryside. By the time you read this letter we will (hopefully) have arrived at Marchants House, PGL activity centre and the children will be getting ready for an afternoon of **Balloon Splash** – whatever that entails! If you would like to, you can follow the adventures of our Year Six children on our social media platforms.

### Our Pledge for Peace

I pledge to use my words to speak in a kind way.  
I pledge to help others as I go throughout my day.  
I pledge to care for our Earth with my healing hand and heart.  
I pledge to respect people in each and every land.  
I pledge to join together as we unite the big and small.  
I pledge to do my part to create peace for one and all.

*Below is a summary of the learning that has taken place across the school this week.*

#### Early Years

This week in EYFS, the children have continued to enjoy lots of opportunities to explore through play and discovery. In Maths, we have been practising counting confidently within 10 and comparing objects by size, using mathematical language as part of our learning. As our topic this half term has been "Mini Beasts", the children's indoor and outdoor learning environments have been carefully set up to encourage exploration of mini beasts and their habitats, helping the children to investigate, observe and talk about the world around them. In RE, we have continued thinking about special places and why certain places can hold important meaning for us.

#### Year One

This week in Year One, the children have continued to work enthusiastically as we gear up for the Phonics Screening Check later in June. In Maths, we have been exploring mass and volume, comparing and measuring different objects and containers using practical activities. In English, the children have been re-writing the story of Little Red Riding Hood, thinking carefully about story structure, key events and descriptive language. In RE, we have been exploring what Sukkot means for Jewish people and why it is an important celebration. During our Connected Curriculum lessons, the children have been comparing where we live in England and London with life in Kenya, discussing similarities and differences between the two places. In Science, we have been learning about seed dispersal, exploring the different ways seeds can travel and grow in new places.

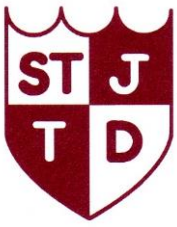
#### Year Two

The children have been working on reviewing each other's work in Connected Curriculum. We have been checking technique and evaluating how well our art projects have gone. We have also been thinking about giving constructive criticism and how improvements could be made. Year Two have also been participating in team games for PE. We have been working on building resilience, team work and listening to our team members; all of which help our sportsmanship. Have a restful half term break Year Two!

#### Year Three

What a fantastic final week in Year Three! In English, we practised annotating longer texts and refreshed our punctuation skills. In Maths, we tackled the challenge of telling the time and made great progress. In RE, we learnt about Dharma and Karma in Hinduism, while in Science we explored the effects of friction and forces. Well done, Year Three, for all your hard work and effort this term, very proud of you!





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## Year Four-Five

This week in English, Year Four and Five children have explored a range of poetry devices and used these creatively within their own writing. They experimented with features such as similes, metaphors, alliteration, repetition and personification to create powerful and expressive poems linked to learning. The children have also evaluated and edited both their own work and the work of others, carefully considering the effectiveness of vocabulary, structure and poetic techniques to improve their writing. To develop their speaking and listening skills, the children prepared poems to read aloud and performed their own compositions in class. They focussed on using appropriate intonation, volume and movement to help convey meaning clearly and engage the class confidently. In Maths, Year Four have been learning about decimals, looking closely at tenths as fractions and decimals, while Year Five have been developing their confidence in multiplying and dividing decimals.

## Year Six





It's been a great, fun week for Year Six as they have had their Themed Week this week. They have been constructing Lego BricQ models which provide hands-on learning experiences of forces and motion in sports. They have also been following detailed instructions to build Lego Spike, hands-on robots which they have needed to code to move. We have had a variety of ski slopes with adjustable heights, swinging figures, catapulting balls, break dancing robots, motorbikes and more. In RE, we have learnt how Abraham was the first patriarch of Judaism and helped Jewish people model obedience and faith.

An excellent well done to all children on this halfterm, and we wish all those off on the Residential a superb time!

**Head Teacher awards were presented to the following children in this week's celebration assembly.**

EYFS	Amarii for showing fantastic reading skills by recognising CCVC words.
Year One	Ava for making a real effort to use full sentences when talking to adults and her peers
Year Two	Ashraf for fantastic effort in his Maths and English this week. Jayden for being super helpful around the classroom.
Year Three	Myles for great engagement during our RE lesson when learning about Karma in Hinduism. Well done! Molly for writing a thoughtful and creative story in English and for showing excellent enthusiasm whilst learning about Ancient Greece. Keep it up!
Year Four & Year Five	Shanel for showing fantastic determination and resilience in class activities. Nataniel for showing fantastic determination and resilience in class activities.
Year Six	To all of Year Six for their wonderful commitment, focus and determination during SATs and especially for their smiles and friendship shown to each other throughout.

The house point totals for this week are:

 <b>GARRISON</b>	20	 <b>AUGUSTINE</b>	21
 <b>FRANKLIN</b>	26	 <b>DICKENS</b>	23

On a final note, I wish you all a happy and relaxing half term break and I look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026.

Kind regards

Mrs Warland  
Head Teacher

