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Hello, 新年快乐 Xīn nián kuài lè or Happy New Year.

Next week the 15 day long Chinese New Year celebration begins. Thank you to the PTA for the wonderful idea of the 'Wishing Tree' in the Learn, Play, Create space.

The Reception class were so excited to go off to the Half Moon Theatre to watch 'Butterflies'. Year 2 and Year 5 had workshops from the Fire Brigade, really important messages were given. We started the week with an assembly about food and what foods are important for different functions in our brains. The children were informed that there will be ramekins behind the counter at lunchtime so that they can try a little of the dishes without it going directly onto their plates. We are also going to have a range of different salads across the week.

I attended a meeting with senior members of the Public Health Team. They feel our Covid peak is over and we are following the pattern of London and Tower Hamlets in particular. We currently have 11 children and two staff members at home with Covid. They do not suggest any further measures, but do say we should keep all those we have. They recommend for at least the next week and probably two, we should continue with masks in communal areas. We will be keeping an eye on the numbers and continuing to report them. Parents should continue to test children who are unwell, and keep them at home. Thanks so much for all your support - I think we are winning!

Thank you for all your congratulations and kind messages regarding me moving on. The advert for a new Headteacher has been posted, but many of the children have volunteered a number of their parents and themselves! There will be quite a competitive market I think... Have a wonderful weekend, Sharon

## **Smart Watches**

A number of children are wearing Apple or equivalent smart watches in school. It has become apparent they are too much fun to ignore and they are distracting the children in lessons. We have decided that, if a child wears one to school, it will be kept in the phone safe during the day and returned at the end of school (with the exception of ones used for medical reasons). Thanks for supporting us with this.

The following children will be receiving a praise postcard this week: Sprouts - Aleina and Ethan Broccoli - Ismaeel and Henry Curly Kale - Georgina and Ollie Beetroot - Esme and Ehsaan Basil - Minhaj and Erykah Thyme - Ayub and Jax Mint - Aneesa and Zayden Lavender - Juwairiyah and Luke Cherry - Tawhid and Sahat Rowan - Leon and Ismaeel Oak - Honey and Zara Willow - Sofia and Harry



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