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Message from Mrs Keep

Dear Parents

Our usual newsletter will follow next week, but I wanted to write this week to outline some of the charitable work in school which is underway or planned.

World Book Day yesterday brought all manner of joyful dressing up and seeing the children and teachers in their costumes couldn't help but bring a smile. The images overleaf offer but a glimpse into the creativity the children showed in their choices of character. All week, the school has also been focused on its Reading Bingo challenge to earn Pride and House Points. Please do keep sending photos to Mr Chilton and Mrs Moulds. Of course, the big charitable challenge has been the **NEAF Readathon**. The challenge for the school to read 5,000 pages within a week is almost at its end and I am delighted that the children's enthusiasm for the project has resulted in this being more than doubled. Their sponsorship money goes to support St George's School in Ethiopia, and we hope that we will be enabling them to significantly improve the children's access to books there. The QR code on the back of the sponsorship form takes you directly to the Just Giving page; alternatively, children can hand the money they have raised to the office in a named envelope.

Next week, on Tuesday some of our Year 4 girls will mark **International Women's Day** by delivering an assembly and talking about women who have helped to change the world. They will reflect on the power of equality and introduce their badge-selling initiative through which they hope to raise funds for **Women for Women International**, a charity which helps support women in Afghanistan.

In school, we also have children whose families are being impacted by the events in Ukraine. We are aware that for many children, whether affected directly or not, there are anxieties and concerns about what is happening there. We are encouraging the children to ask questions when they have them and to talk about what is happening in the news with sensitivity, thoughtfulness and respect. There is a real desire from the children to do something to help those in need, and more information will follow soon about the events below.

Blue & Gold Mufti Day

The children in Reception would like to encourage everyone in the school to dress in the colours of Ukraine in exchange for a donation of £1. The money raised will go to the Lewisham Polish Centre which is delivering essential goods to the Polish border.

Build a Sunflower

The children in Year 3 have suggested that the children in Years 3, 4 & 5 could create their own sunflowers with petals bought by friends and family. The sunflower is the national flower of Ukraine and they would like to create a display of sunflowers stretching from the ground floor to the top of the school.

Year 7 Sleep-Out

The Year 7 children are organising an overnight sleep at school, with no electronic devices and minimal home comforts as a sponsored event. They are planning this themselves and will communicate more when their plans are finalised.

We encourage the children at LPH to look beyond the bounds of school and to consider what is happening in the wider world. They do so with empathy and care, and I am proud of them for their determination to make a difference where they can. Thank you to all parents, families and friends who support and encourage them in their charitable giving.



World Book Day

