

24th June 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Finally we are reaching the end of the summer exam season and I know you will all join me in congratulating our students who have worked so hard throughout this period. The last time we had summer exams was in 2019 so I want to wish our students a more relaxing few weeks ahead.

Last week we had our annual International Day at the Lower School. This is an opportunity to celebrate the countries that our children and families come from. Everyone is able to wear their traditional clothes of the country they are from for the day. The children looked absolutely amazing! During the day, the students found out about countries that children in their class are from and based their learning around the countries, their culture, fashion and food. They also did some work with maps and found the countries, made a postcard from the countries and looked at art and artists as well as famous people and landmarks. Our students then made flag bunting and looked at traditional dress and then carried out research to write a non-chronological report. There was even time to find out about food and what was cooked! The children also brought in a small plate of traditional food from their country to talk to their class about. We were also delighted that parents also joined classes via zoom, and in person, to tell traditional stories and talk about their country. The day was enjoyed by everyone!

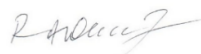
Coming up next is our whole school **International Culture Day** on **Wednesday 6th July** which is going to be an event not to be missed. To see pictures from these events and keep up to date with our daily news, please remember to follow us on twitter. I am also delighted to say that Preston Manor School is now on Instagram! You can follow us here - @PrestonManorSch This is exactly the same handle as our Twitter feed too.

Year 2 also had a successful trip to London Zoo on 9th June to expand their knowledge and understanding of their Science Topic - Animals, including Humans. The Lower School is also currently hosting 11 Year 12 Health and Social Care students from the Upper school for the next 2 weeks as part of their work experience program. This is an amazing opportunity for our students from both schools and a huge benefit of our all-through provision.

On Wednesday next week, we will be holding our leavers assembly for both Year 11 and Year 13 to mark and celebrate their time with us. I know that both year groups will be looking forward to their proms too. It is also that time of year that as well as saying goodbye to some of our students, we welcome some new additions to the Upper School as Thursday and Friday will be our transition days. I know these days will be full of excitement as well as the odd worry as students make the leap into 'big school'. We look forward to welcoming our 'new' Year 7 students then!

I hope you all have an enjoyable weekend and enjoy the summer sunshine.

Yours faithfully



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