



ST JAMES

Preparatory School

Year 5 Newsletter: Spring Term, Week 11

This week in Year 5

On Monday morning, children in the Upper School were treated to a visit from Zohra Nabi, the author of *Deep Dark (A Cassia Thorne Mystery)*. Zohra spoke about her inspiration for the story, her writing process and gave the children some tips on how to go about writing their own stories. We even played an interactive game to see how we would fare on the streets of Victorian London, which the children loved!

There has been a lot of sports happening this week: firstly, St James Senior Boys' School hosted a Cross-Country event for four schools. Eight children in Year 5 competed, and special congratulations go to Laura who came third and Katherine who finished first! We also had House Cross-Country on Thursday afternoon at Kings House, as well as House Football and House Rugby competitions. Well done to Winchester who won the House Rugby and Salisbury who won the House Football.

Finally, well done to Arthur and Eliza for taking part in the Senior Girls' production of *Mary Poppins*. Upper School children got to see their final dress rehearsal on Wednesday afternoon, and I really think that the Prep School children's brief but charming performances rather stole the show!

Have a restful weekend, and for anyone celebrating, Eid Mubarak!



Things to Remember

- We are looking forward to our **Easter Service on Tuesday 1st April**. Parents can reserve a space here: <https://forms.office.com/e/e6RMkx32mu>. There will be light Easter refreshments available from 8.15am in the Courtyard ahead of the main event at St Mary's West Kensington, Hammersmith Rd, London W14 0QL, starting at 9.15am. This will conclude by 10.15am.
- The Spring Term ends on Wednesday 2nd April at 11:30am.
- The Senior Girls' School has asked the Nursery and Prep children to join forces in donating soup for our local charity, *Under One Sky* (UOS). Boxes of 'Cup a Soup' or similar (but not fresh, already-made soup) are being collected from now until the start of the Easter holiday. The seniors have a plan to use the boxes in the lead up to the school's 50th anniversary - and then they will make their way to those less fortunate than us - those living on the streets of the city we all call home. Thank you for your kind and generous support.
- On Thursday 1st May, children will have the opportunity to take part in the Junior Mathematical Challenge in school. This is a challenge aimed at children in Year 8 but we encourage any child who is interested to take part and really stretch themselves! We recommend attempting some past papers, available at: <https://ukmt.org.uk/competition-papers/jsf/jet-engine:free-past-papers/tax/challenge-type:67/#free-past-paper-anchor>
Please contact Ms Foster via Class Dojo if you have any questions.