

This week our older and younger learners have been exploring science with a focus on looking at materials and their properties. Our younger learners in Lower School have been on a materials treasure hunt and were also building robots from the different materials they have found. Upper School students have been learning about which materials float and sink. It is exciting to see all of the exploration and experimentation across the school!



Some of our older learners also visited a local Italian restaurant – Al Parco in Camden. They developed their confidence in the wider community, on public transport, communicated their preferences with the restaurant staff and explored new flavours.



## Sensory Library

This week we opened our new Sensory Library. It is dedicated to Maisie Sammon, our former Vice Principal who retired at the end of the summer after 22 years at Swiss Cottage School. Maisie came to open the new Sensory Library, which was hosted by a group of students. Isobel, Janet, and Imogen have worked very hard on making this space work well for all of our pupils. The space will be used by all classes, and there are also plans to involve a local senior citizens centre so that they can come to the space to read to our pupils.



## Parent Council – New Date

We have had to change the date of the next Parent Council. This will now take place on **Wednesday 29 November** at **10:00-11:30**. Dates for the remainder of the year are:

10 January 2018  
7 February 2018  
7 March 2018  
18 April 2018  
16 May 2018  
13 June 2018  
11 July 2018

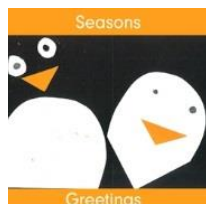
All meetings are from 10:00-11:30, and a parent chairs each meeting with involvement from the leadership team.

## Winter Cards

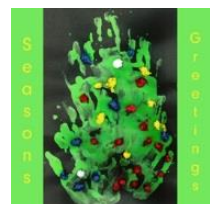
Next week our Winter Cards go on sale! All learners across the school joined in coming up with designs on the theme of what the season means to them. These will be on sale from Monday priced at £3.00 per pack of 5 assorted cards. The cards are available to purchase from reception.



Seasons Greetings



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## **Keeping Your Children Safe at Home**

We have heard from a family this week who had a serious accident at home involving spray cleaning fluids. A child picked up a bottle of spray cleaner and sprayed it in his sister's face – he was being playful and just wanted to get her wet and didn't understand the danger. Unfortunately this caused a chemical burn to her eyes. Please make sure that you are storing chemicals safely at home – if you need any advice about safety in the home or child locks, we are happy to help or you can get further information about accident prevention from the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents.

<https://www.rosipa.com/home-safety/advice/child-safety/accidents-to-children/>

## **Reminder: Term Dates**

The last day of the Autumn Term is Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017 3:30pm.

The first day of the Spring Term for pupils is Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

Best wishes,



Monika Gaweda, Head of School