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Dear Parents,

Despite the wet weather at the end of the week, we have certainly remained in high spirits across Early Years and Primary. I have been absolutely thrilled this week to see how our students are really getting involved with their topics and today we saw a fantastic example of this with our first class assembly led by 5B. Based on their topic 'Existing, Endangered, Extinct', 5B shared with us the learning they have been doing, incorporating all areas of the curriculum, including Science, Humanities, Art, Philosophy for Children and English. In addition to this, it was clear to see that the students have also been developing their social skills as they spoke and presented their work extremely confidently. It was a fantastic start to our class assemblies, and we look forward to Class 2A taking to the stage next Thursday.

In Year 2, students have been bringing in their completed pieces of Home Learning linked to their topic 'Super Human'. Students were asked to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of their topic and this has culminated in a very impressive display of work in our Infant corridor, including a life size outline of a human displaying where the organs of the body are located. Students have also created fact files, books, models and pieces of artwork sharing what they have learnt about the body, a balanced diet as well as the prevention of disease. If you are in school, please take the opportunity to come and read the students' work.

Complementing our topics, our classes have also begun to go on a variety of visits in and around Shanghai to support the learning that has taken place in the classroom. This week saw Year 5 visit the Natural History Museum and Year 6 visit the M50 Art Space. Next week, our Reception and Year 4 students will also be venturing out on visits. Please check our website on a regular basis as we will be posting news about our school visits on there.

Last but not least, we will be hosting Coffee Mornings the week beginning the 9th November, where parents across Early Years and Primary are welcome to come into school and find out more about what happens in your child's relevant class and year group. The dates for these are below. Whilst the first meeting will be scheduled during the school day, we are more than happy to arrange these of an evening in the future, if these are more convenient for parents. Each meeting will be hosted by myself and Mr Scrymgeour as well as the relevant Phase Leader and will last approximately one hour.

Early Years (Pre-Nursery, Nursery, Reception) with Mrs Keenan: Tuesday 10th November - 9am Infants (Years 1 and 2) with Mrs Scrymgeour: Monday 9th November – 9am Juniors (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) with Miss Lawrence: Thursday 12th November – 9am

With best wishes,

Lisa Passante