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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had such a busy and exciting couple of weeks in school!

We were very pleased to host Emma McGrath from London Children's Flower Society to judge our Spring gardening efforts. We were awarded an overall gold certificate for our Spring bulb displays with many classes and children also receiving individual gold certificates. Children across the school planted their bulbs and nurtured them at home before bringing them back in for the competition – there are some very green fingered gardeners amongst our pupils! Emma was extremely impressed with the children's enthusiasm and efforts.

Pupils in our Year 5 and 6 choir sang their hearts out at the Croydon Schools Music Association concert last week which was held at Fairfield Halls. The children all clearly take so much pleasure in singing and their performance was brilliant with Max excelling in a solo piece. It was also lovely to see pupils from a few years ago now performing with Croydon Schools Jazz Band after keeping their musical interests going.

World Book Day gave us the opportunity to celebrate our love of reading. Children dressed as characters from a huge range of books and enjoyed the opportunity to share their favourite books with their friends. We are always keen to link different curriculum areas and this year we managed to weave a Design and Technology project into World Book Day for years 2 and 4. We are very grateful to one of our parents, Charlotte Gowing, who supported the classes to design and make a badge, brooch or key ring to represent their favourite book. Charlotte shared some fantastic pieces from the Tatty Devine company to inspire the children and their results are amazing – checkout the website to see some of them!

Reception children have been taking great care of their eggs with four ducklings hatching last week. It was a great learning opportunity for the children and the ducklings are definitely the centre of attention at the moment! We also have a range of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) learning happening across the school which will be shared at the STEM Fair next Wednesday after school in the main hall.

Red Nose Day has been great fun today! Our Year 6 Leaders have worked hard to sell badges, bake for the cake sale and hold a Joker's Corner Competition. School Council have also got involved with the day as they are holding a Book Swap event after school too! Thank you to everyone who supported the fundraising and joined in the Book Swap.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the STEM Fair next Wednesday and at Parents/Carers evenings the following week.

Have a lovely weekend,

Helen Carvall