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### **"I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles"**

We might have had laughter making bubble sculptures on our first day at school, but this did not diminish the great fun the children had when the school was given some bubble sets by one of the wharf residents recently. Fascination with the colours and reflections was a joy to behold!

It was wonderful to see you all at the various open events. Thank you to those of you who talked positively to prospective parents. We had a number of registrations for future years, a few deposits paid for next September, and an instant joiner called Mia. Mia has settled



well into the school and the children have made her very welcome.

A number of queries came up as a result of our meetings which I thought would be helpful to address in this Newsletter.

**Uniform** – I have attached a revised uniform list, with clearer instructions which I hope you will find helpful. I now have examples of all the uniform on two manikins within the school. Please do not be concerned if you already have non uniform coats, or trousers/dresses. I understand that instructions in the past were not very specific, and I am very happy for you to use whatever uniform you have purchased until it is worn out. However, when your child needs new uniform please could you purchase it according to this updated list? When the children are 'out and about' they are much more easily identified if they are all wearing the same. Book bags and sport bags remain available directly from the school.

**Visiting photographer** – I gather that a few parents have asked for the possibility of hiring a photographer to take a formal photograph of your child. I have been incredibly fortunate, as one of the professional photographers on the wharf has agreed to take photographs of the children in time for Christmas.

## Try the Trombone!



We were pleased to receive a visit from my daughter Lucy who introduced the Trombone to the children. All of them were able to produce a good sound out of the instrument, and great fun was had with the slide! They have also been enjoying composing pieces using percussion.

## They tell me flowers come out of these!



Not only have the children planted daffodils for spring, they have also suspended hyacinths above water, and have watched with awe as the roots have 'just appeared' .

From Isabelle Saleem

Hi Everyone

At the Faraday Families Get-Together on Sunday 8th, we talked about French lessons for the children. There was a general consensus that I should ask our au pair Ami (who is a native French speaker) if she would be willing to give a weekly lesson at the school in return for a small contribution from the parents.

Having spoken to Ami and to Sarah Counter, the plan is to have French lessons on Thursdays from 2.45 until 3.30. The cost would be £1.50 per child per session, and they would start next Thursday (19<sup>th</sup> November). Ami would follow a structured course aimed at Key Stage 1 children, called La Jolie Ronde.

Please could you send in £6.00 with your child next week to cover the cost for the rest of this term (4 sessions). Please place the money in a sealed envelope marked French lessons.

At the end of term we will look at whether the lessons are working well, and make any adjustments that are required for next term.

Thank you

## Looking Ahead

Please remember that term finishes at 12.00 on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December. This will be preceded by the Nativity Play which will start at **11.00**. While the children are changing, mulled apple juice and nibbles will be served to parents.

Sarah Counter