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**“Play us a tune please”**

It was delightful to see you all at the open events two weeks ago. Thank you for all your support and for talking with the prospective parents. You will be pleased to know that we had fifty families (over eighty people) around the school during the three events. We have just a few spaces left for September 2010. Registrations for 2011 are very high and already I perceive we will have to have a two class entry for Reception in this year. Please make sure that if your child has a younger sibling you have completed a separate Registration form for them. We take children into the school in order of registration!

The children enjoyed their ‘Karnival Day’, making masks, showing off their costumes and learning a ‘muscle man lock’ move from one of the Wharf dance students Zainab Martin. (Zainab also is a valuable member of

the school community as she cleans the school after hours for us each evening). During the course of the day we had an unexpected treat from a violinist who was looking for a rehearsal studio. When I noticed he was carrying a violin case I inveigled him into playing for the children! He played a wonderful Early English Gigue.



**“Mix it well”**

I think you probably realized that we immersed ourselves in the traditional story of the Gingerbread Man last week. The highlight was the making and baking of the little men. Amanda from Driftwood cafe kindly baked them in her oven, which meant a few of the children visited her cafe too. I believe some of

you were allowed to share in the eating. (The week's topic in assembly was sharing!)



*"Yummy"*

### NMS School Questionnaire

I have attached an NMS School Questionnaire. It would be helpful if you could return these as soon as possible and preferably by Friday. Thank you.

I have also attached an invitation to hear a guest Montessori Speaker who is coming to the school. I do understand most of you won't be able to come, but I just thought one or two of you might be interested to know what Montessori is all about. The speaker, Chris Mannville, and I inspected a school together earlier in the year. The aim of the whole afternoon is to basically have an excuse to write to the local Nursery Managers/proprietors, and school Heads from Tower Hamlets to introduce myself, and to welcome them to Faraday to hear an entertaining and erudite speaker.

We are very fortunate to have return to us one of the 'third year' students from University of East London Dance Course. Monique Alleyne will be joining us on most days from now until the end of term for her 'work experience' placement. The children are hoping to learn a few more dynamic dance moves to add to their repertoire!

On **Thursday 25th March**, I have booked a very exciting treat for the children and I shall be writing to you about it soon, however I just wanted to forewarn you of the date so that you keep it free and don't book in dental appointments or anything that might take your child unnecessarily away from school on that day - (you would not be popular with your child!).

### Looking Ahead – Calling all Budding Milliners

I thought it would be fun if the children could do a little **homework project** with you over the next two weeks. We would like them all to make a wonderful and extravagant Easter hat/bonnet. These would need to be brought into school on **Monday 29th March** so that they can practice a magnificent parade on the catwalk for you! If this seems a little daunting find an old baseball cap or hat and use this as a base for decoration. It is not a competition but more a riot of fun and in keeping with an old English tradition!

Please remember that term finishes at **12.00 on Thursday 1st April**. This will be preceded by the Easter parade and a dance display to which you are warmly invited. It will start at **11.00**.

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