

Dear Parents

I wish you could have been at school today to see the children clad in their colourful clothes. Bute House Birthday is an important event full of traditions and fun. This year, the girls planned the day. They wanted to be split into groups across year groups with a Learning Powers Theme. How I love the esteem with which they hold their Bute House Learning Powers!

One of our traditions is to invite the youngest and the eldest girls to blow out the candles on the Bute Birthday cake. Such a sweet thing to witness as Ellie, our eldest, took Clara, our youngest, by the hand, and led her to the cake on display amongst many 'oohs' and 'ahs' from the rest of the girls.

We often say here, that if you want some great ideas, just ask the girls - and they didn't disappoint. There has been Lego mascot building, Bute Monopoly board making, outdoor fun sports, Karaoke, storytimes and a Bute House quiz. Do you know how many fish there are in the fish tank?

We had an entire school gather together for lunch in the hall - noisy, yes, messy, yes, but fun, oh yes! Break time was different too today - all of the children were out together for an extended playtime, with pretty much all the staff! I wish you could have seen the older girls take younger ones by the hand and hear the squeals of delight all around the playground - noisy, absolutely, but fun, definitely! Flash Mob singing was the highlight for me with 'Brave' sung at the tops of voices that the whole of Hammersmith must have heard, and was definitely heard by our neighbours, but how could anyone object to the sheer joy radiating from our playground - even the teachers were dancing!

I wish you knew our happy place from the inside out, from the children's view. I wish you could have this insight because in a world where terrible things happen, we need to remember that our children need to be children for as long as possible.

I wish you all a very safe and happy half term.

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