



News Bulletin 7th February 2020



A Message from the Chair of the Board of Trustees

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, and Friends of the school,

As we approach half term I wanted to share some thoughts on the progress the school is making, the interest which we are seeing grow in the work of the school, the appointment of an Admissions and Development Manager for the School funded with the support of the Ruskin Mill Trust, the strengthening of the Board of Trustees, and a decision by the Finance Committee not to raise fees again this year other than the required inflation rate of 3.1%.

I hope you will have seen how we are raising the profile of the school with editorials and advertisements being featured alongside other Independent Schools in Bristol in all the major publications. We feel it is important to share with potential parents our unique offer of education in the city which emphasises a human scale setting where children are nurtured and supported. We are not a testing factory but a community where children can thrive.

With funding from the Ruskin Mill Trust and their active support and advice we have been able to appoint an outstanding Admissions and Development Manager, Vishwa Wijedesa who has in just the last few months made an astonishing difference with increased numbers of families attending Open Days and Classroom Tours. We are also attracting interest from parents in Wiltshire and North Somerset – our school is getting known beyond the City with our ‘Good’ Ofsted Rating across all areas from Governance, School Management, Teaching and Learning, Safeguarding and Wellbeing attracting wide interest in the school. Our emphasis on relationships and creativity and a ‘Screen Free’ environment during the school day are winning over hearts and minds.

We are particularly pleased at the increased numbers in our Parent and Child provision and the opening of a third Kindergarten Class. These are all good signs for the school’s future growth.

As an Independent Waldorf School we are seeking to provide a progressive and contemporary education – looking to see how we can build resilience in our children, strengthen their mental health and wellbeing and enable them to make a contribution to a greener and safer planet.

I would like finally to welcome two new members of the Governing Board who are joining us this month. They are: Jo Taylor, an experienced teacher with a strong commitment to the philosophy of the school and a professional understanding of Teaching and Learning; and Jan Coles who will join the Board as the lead trustee for Early Years and Kindergarten as this area of the school expands.

We aim to be a vibrant and progressive school where the ‘children’ are our central concern.

Do spread the word that here is a school where children can be happy and are eager to learn.

With all best wishes to all who are associated with the school community.

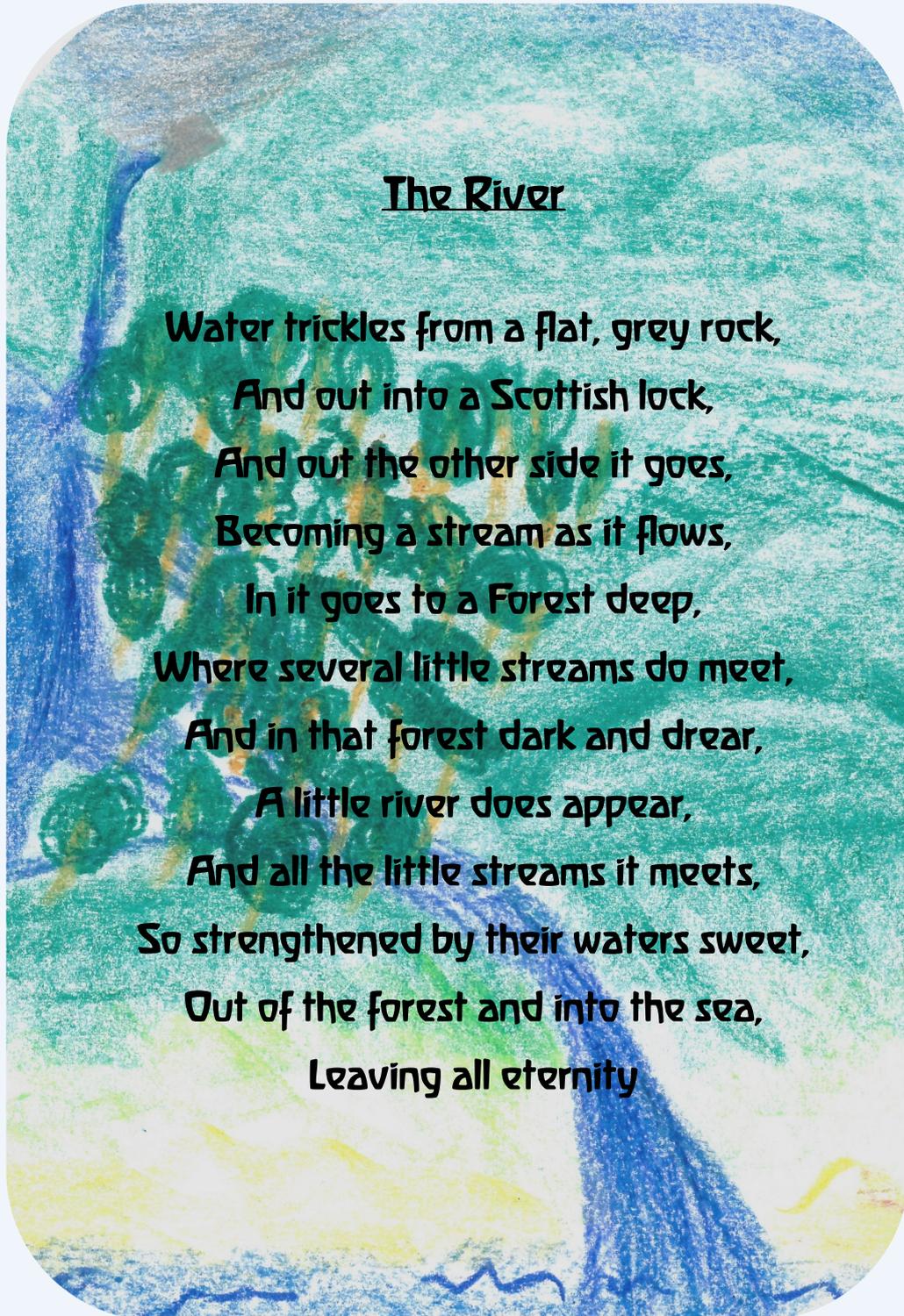
With many thanks to all the staff who make all this possible every hour of every day, all week long.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees

James Wetz (Chair of Trustees)

Diary Dates

Celebration of Work	Friday 14 th February 12:00 noon
End of term	Friday 14 th February 3:15pm
INSET DAY	Monday 24 th February 2020
INSET DAY	Tuesday 25 th February 2020
Pupils Return	Wednesday 26 th February 2020
Kindergarten Spring Fair	Saturday 14 th March Time TBC



The River

A lovely poem
created by Daisy
in Class 4

Water trickles from a flat, grey rock,
And out into a Scottish lock,
And out the other side it goes,
Becoming a stream as it flows,
In it goes to a Forest deep,
Where several little streams do meet,
And in that forest dark and drear,
A little river does appear,
And all the little streams it meets,
So strengthened by their waters sweet,
Out of the forest and into the sea,
Leaving all eternity

Head Lice Reminder

Please be aware that we have at least one case of head lice in school (under treatment), so please can you check your family's hair for signs of eggs or lice, and treat appropriately this weekend. Please check your child's hair regularly using a special nit comb and treat if necessary and keep long hair tied back.

Head lice and nits are very common in young children and their families and are picked up by head-to-head contact. Further information from the NHS can be found [here](#).

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