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To all Parents/Carers,

26/1/18

It's finally finished...the first of our three new murals being painted around school! Part Two and Three have already been started so watch this space. Coincidentally, the mural around the serving hatch was noted by the Food Audit Team who visited us earlier in the week. They said it really promoted a healthy lifestyle and got the children to engage with what different fruits looked like. In case you missed it, the Food Audit Team awarded the Markeaton Kitchen 100% - a first of its kind in Derby City by this inspector! They particularly recognised that their approach to children's allergies and how they were managed was excellent and the amount of meals made from fresh ingredients was very impressive. All in all, a brilliant result. Well done to everyone involved.



On Monday, which seems like a very long time ago, we were visited by Leigh Timmis, a round-the-world explorer who performs inspirational speeches up and down the country (in between cycling thousands and thousands of miles!). He raised lots of important points with the children and made links between what he does and his own happiness. He then did a bit of Q&A with some of our Y5 and Y6 children and they asked him lots of great questions. In other news, but on the same kind of theme, we've had Y5 children doing mindfulness sessions in class this week and we have two members of staff, Mrs Edge and Miss Jeffers, attending mindfulness training in a few weeks (including a staff meeting a week on Monday). We've also had some great Science experiments in Y1 and Y5 (see Twitter) so another jam-packed week!

And finally, in response to the Summer Questionnaires, a whole host of clubs are starting over the next few weeks and months, including: Art, Scratch (Computer Coding), Singing, Gardening, Dance, French and Journalism – details to follow!

Have a good weekend,

Mr I. Johnson

PS here is the link for our Sponsored Snowdon Climb:

<https://www.sponsorme.co.uk/ianjohnson/markeaton-midnight-snowdon-challenge.aspx>