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Dear Families and Colleagues,

I am not sure, how we have already arrived at the half way point in the academic year! This half term has been a really busy yet a successful one; both in the classroom and beyond to ensure our pupils get a fantastic learning experience. Highlights include:

- Pupil Parliament voted to introduced Meat Free Mondays.
- Year 4 have completed their swimming lessons.
- Road safety campaign, we launched some new characters on our zig zags lines outside the main gate, to help keep our road safe.
- 15 children from Hoxton Class were given the opportunity to take part in some cycle training.
- Reception celebration Chinese new year.
- Year 3 visited The Natural History Museum.
- Year 6 Pupil Parliament members attended the Holocaust Memorial Day event in Stratford.
- The new Portway Digital Leaders from Year 6 starting supporting in Reception.
- 15 Head Teachers from Reykjavik in Iceland visited Portway to look at our Outstanding practice.
- Year 6 have been rehearsing in violin lessons in preparation for forthcoming performances.
- All children have been celebrating Children's Mental Health Week by talking in class about their own mental health.
- 2 Lucky pupils visited Number 10 to interview the Prime Minster!
- ...And many more!!!

We were also delighted to receive a letter from Nick Gibb, Minister of State for School Standards. In it, Mr Gibb recognised the excellent progress scores of our children across reading, writing and maths. We are pleased to be able to share this achievement with you; it is also available on our Twitter feed - **@PortwayE13**. Do follow us for up to date news about school life.

Finally, I wrote to you earlier this year about the proposal for Portway to open at 2 year old provision. We are still working on this exciting adventure and will keep you updated on our progress. We now have a waiting list for our 3 year old provision so please sign up today! Speak to Carly Lockwood in the office for more information.

I would like to wish the children, staff and families a restful half term break, and look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Tuesday 25th February 2020.

Best wishes,

Scott Chudley
Head teacher



