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Dear Cuddington Families,

We have had such a busy week this week – full of collaboration and success!

Last Friday afternoon our Year 5 and 6 children competed in the Weaverham Cluster Indoor Athletics. We finished in first place, so now go on to compete in the Northwich Finals – wish us luck!

On Thursday, Viv from 'Bollywood Dancing for Fun' joined our Year 5 children for the morning and created some 'Bollywood' dance moves to perform to our Year 6 children. Thank you, Viv! Year 5 had a wonderful time.

On Tuesday, three of our Year 3s took part in a 'Day of Dance' at Brio Leisure Centre with other Year 3s from the Northwich schools – they spent the day creating, practising and polishing their performances. Mrs Henderson, Miss Michiels and I were so proud of them – well done to Hamish, Alfie and Sophia 😊

Also, on Tuesday, an external leadership consultant spent the day with us looking at aspects of our School Development Plan – he focused on our curriculum work where Miss Michiels (History), Miss Cowie (Science), and Mrs Austin (Art) shared their work and visions for curriculum designs in their subjects with a real focus ensuring that our children remember even more in these subject areas. Mr Hutchinson was able to share the progress all of our children have made in Maths through his work in curriculum design and assessment. A busy day and a successful one. It is always a proud moment for me when external visitors identify the strengths of our school.

Yesterday (Thursday) Miss Norris from Little Leigh Primary (a school in Create Learning Trust) worked alongside all of our teachers to identify where writing progress is good and how it needs to continue to develop. She was particularly impressed with the handwriting and improvements in spelling across the school.

**Staff News:** Mrs Davies (one of our cleaners) has decided to step aside from this role, which means we have a vacancy for a cleaner; 12.5 hours per week and holiday cleaning also. The hours would be either 3pm – 5.30pm or 3.30pm – 6pm. If you are interested in this role, or know of anyone who may be interested, then please call the school office and arrange to speak with me. Please join me in thanking Mrs Davies for helping to keep our school clean.

**Create Learning Trust News:** Our trust colleagues came together at Cuddington yesterday to complete their Basic Awareness Safeguarding training. There were various roles represented; governors, mid days, kitchen assistants, teaching assistants and teachers.

Mr Glover (our Operations Director) has organised for new signs to be created and erected across the trust schools. Cuddington's signs are now in the design process – so watch this space!

..... **and finally**, please see attached a letter we have received from Damien Hinds (Government Minister for Schools). The outcomes for Phonics teaching have placed us in the top 4% of schools nationally – something to be incredibly proud of. Huge thanks to Mrs Hall and the team of teachers and teaching assistants in Reception and Year 1 who work hard to support the effective teaching of phonics alongside our parent community who follow school's advice on how to help their children at home too.

Have a wonderful weekend when it arrives,

Kind regards, Sue Mills (Head Teacher)

