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Dear Parents & Carers

Re: Canalside Classroom Update

As you know, we have a grand vision for a obtaining and developing a canal side barge classroom which we can use as a learning space. This would be an amazing addition to the school facilities and be a unique educational feature for the children, the local community and Camden itself. The **Canalside Classroom** would allow us to further explore the Science curriculum, and in particular the local environment. It would also allow an in-depth focus on the canal system as a whole; as a means of transport, its history and its contribution to the economy as well as being such a pivotal aspect of the local community. The Primrose Hill Floating Classroom would also provide a space to further develop our links with parents, using it to host workshops, mobile reading sessions or to give families who do not normally have access to enrichment activities, a space to use creatively to develop learning and a love of the waterways and the environment. And taking trips up and down the canal itself!

We are moving ahead with the plans. We have established a Working Party made up of myself and several of our Governors. I have met with representatives from the Canal & Waterways Trust, the Canal & River Trust Navigation, the Pirate Castle and even the editor from Towpath Monthly! We've also talked to Paddington's Electric Barge, the St Pancras Cruising Club and the Kings Cross Canal Museum. We have even got to the point where we have a vessel in mind that is potentially perfect.

The stumbling block is being allocated a mooring outside the school. We are trying all of our persuasive skills, but due to the Regent's Canal being such a busy waterway, the Canal & Waterways Trust are at present refusing to give us a space.

This is where we need your help. It would be really helpful if we could have some letters of support from our families and members of the community, so when I next meet with the Trust, the argument will be stronger.

Also, if you know of any other local people who like to lend their support to this initiative, can you pass this on!

Please let me have your support letters as soon as you can!

Many thanks

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Robin Warren'.

Robin Warren
Head Teacher

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