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*'Silence is God's first language'* – St John of the Cross

This week, the Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of St John of the Cross, one of my favorite Saints. His suffering brought him nearer to understanding God as he learned the need for stillness and quietness to hear His message.

It is though, a noisy time of year and the noise in the school this week has been the sound of children's voices joined in song celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. The Christmas Nativity 'Children of the World' was a beautiful illustration of how this community can come together to celebrate the beauty of Christ's love and witness of the Gospel. It needs parents; pupils; staff and community to all gather with common purpose and it is in the coming together that we grow stronger in our faith.

There is, as ever, a lot to be thankful for and not least, the opportunity to return to full time education with much less interruption than we have had to tolerate for the past two school years. Our drive to develop and grow the type of school that can provide the best opportunity for all children to aspire by accessing learning that will support them through life has been allowed room to prosper this term. The highlights to less restrictions have been welcoming dinosaurs, scientists and actors into our classrooms. And we are also amazed that alongside our academic focus, the charitable and compassionate expectations have continued to be well supported by your overly generous contributions to those in need. Thank you.

This Christmas, my wish is that, in all the noise and excitement of Christmas, you may find the quietness to hear God's message, *'Be still, and know that I am God'* – Psalm 46:10

Wishing you all a Happy and Holy Christmas and a safe passage into 2022

Nicola O'Neill – Chair of LAC

Joyeux Noel

Maligayang Pasko

Buon Natale

Nollaig Shona Duit

Wesolych Swait

Gezur Krishtlindjet

Cracium Fericit

Feliz Navidad

Krismasi Njema

Merry Christmas

***'O Blessed Jesus, give me stillness of soul in You. Let Your mighty calmness reign in me. Rule me, O King of Gentleness, King of Peace.'***

St John of the Cross

