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Inspiring minds through opportunity

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FORMER NEW YORK TIMES EDITOR PRAISES CULTURE OF CJ

On 22 October, Cyril Jackson was visited by Edward Fiske, a former New York Times editor. He came to London to see for himself the characteristics that have underpinned the improvements in Tower Hamlets' primary schools over the last fifteen years. He thoroughly enjoyed his visit and gave us some very positive feedback.

> 'I had a wonderful and quite productive time seeing all the special things that you are doing with your children. I learned a lot. You have a wonderful school with a marvellous culture. Keep up the good work'.
>
> Edward Fiske

WELSH HEADTEACHERS' VISIT

On 22 and 23 October, a group of head teachers from Wales came to visit CJ to see the school in action. They spent time in classrooms, in the playground and spoke to staff and children. They said that high expectations and consistency is what makes an impact here, with high quality teaching and learning. Thank you everyone for representing Cyril Jackson so well.

FUN ROAD SAFETY SESSION

On 11 November, children from Nursery to Year 2 were visited for a special road safety workshop. It was a fun and interactive session which taught the children the rules of the road and how to stay safe as it gets darker. Characters such as Mr Speedy, Ms Make-up and the White Van driver appeared on the make believe road and children learned how to be safe in different situations. Ask your children what they remember.

PARK SAFE, DON'T RISK A TICKET!

If you drive into school, please park safely and make sure you do not park on the yellow zigzag line. Tower Hamlets has warned that parking enforcement teams will be issuing penalty charge notices via CCTV cameras.

Let's work together to keep our children safe as they arrive at school and make their way home at home time.

ATTENDANCE WATCH
97.4%
Well done let's aim higher!

NEWS & INFORMATION

STAFF NEWS

Meet our new staff members who you will have seen in school since September. Here we introduce them formally.

Mr Staples
Nursery
Teacher

Miss Russell
Nursery
Teacher

Miss Groome
Reception
Teacher

Miss Dennan
Reception
Teacher

Miss Khan
Year 1
Teacher

Mrs Win
Year 2
Teacher

Miss Mahfouz
Year 2
Teacher

Miss Maling
Year 3
Teacher

Miss Begum
Y1 Teaching
Assistant

Miss Saima
Y2 Teaching
Assistant

Miss Maria
CG Teaching
Assistant

Miss Keir
Teaching
Assistant

As usual feel free to say hello and introduce yourselves. We welcome them all into the Cyril Jackson family.

MATHS WEBINARS

Last month we held parent maths workshops and introduced calculation webinars. View the below link to see webinars explaining how you can help your child with maths at home.

www.cyriljackson.towerhamlets.sch.uk/calculation-guides

YEAR 5 TO PERFORM AT BOOK AWARD

On 27 November, Tower Hamlets will be hosting its annual Book Award. Eight children from Year 5 will be going to perform their favourite book from the competition which is 'Smart', by Kim Slater.

The Year 5 team are rehearsing very hard and will perform with twenty other schools. The event will take place at Swanlea school.

We wish them luck.

STAFF BABY NEWS

Mrs Cobb had a baby boy named Edward on 10 October.

Rukeya had a baby boy named Amaan on 5 October.

Mrs Sanji had a baby girl named Asiya on 12 October.

RECENT TRIPS & INFORMATION

A LIDL PORRIDGE FOR GOLDILOCKS!

On 13 November, Communication Group went on an adventure to the local Lidl supermarket to buy some porridge as Goldilocks had eaten all theirs up! The children picked the products themselves and took them to the till to pay. They then came back to school to make the yummy porridge.

PARENTS' GREAT BRITISH LUNCH

On 11 November, parents of children in years 1-4 were invited in for a special Great British Lunch. Mary the school cook, with help from Mrs Kemp and Ms Thompson, served up a delicious lunch of roast lamb, potatoes, vegetables and a choice of apple crumble, ice-cream or fruit for dessert. Children were happy to be spending lunch with their loved ones. South building children will get this opportunity next week. Thank you for coming parents.

VIEWS FROM ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

As part of their History topic this term, Year 5 went to the iconic St. Paul's Cathedral in the City of London. They had a fantastic tour and talk inside the cathedral and enjoyed amazing views of London from the top of the building. A great trip enjoyed by all.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

The whole school stood silent for two minutes on Remembrance Day to show respect for those who have died in war.

NEWS AND INFORMATION

OPEN DAYS

If you have a child who will be Nursery or Reception age in 2016/17, or know families who do, come along to one of our Open Days and see why we are an outstanding school. Reception applications go to Tower Hamlets and Nursery applications come back to Debbie in school.

All applications for places must be received by 15 January 2016.

HOW MANY WORDS?

sing
king
thing

How many smaller words can you make out of Thanksgiving?

hat
sigh
sit

You can do this as a fun activity with family or friends. Challenge yourself! How many words can you make in five minutes?

PREVENT SESSION

On 10 November, CJ hosted a 'Prevent' session for parents with a professional from Tower Hamlets. Prevent aims are to protect children from radicalisation. They discussed the Prevent agenda and how it is being implemented in the borough. It was an informative talk where parents gave their views on specific issues and discussed how we can protect our children. For those who missed the session or would like further information, please see Mr Ripper. There are also leaflets in the stands in both buildings.

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL

We will be supporting the ACE Charity Christmas Shoebox Appeal again. These photos show children receiving the boxes we sent last year. Please send in all donations by **Monday 30th November**, and let's put smiles on less privileged children's faces this festive season. New items only please!