



## NEWSLETTER, SPRING 2022

### MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



It has been a great half term. Our pupils have had great experiences both in school and on trips which have enriched their access to our curriculum.

We have been working hard this half term to develop our pupil leadership further, following our School Improvement Plan questionnaire analysis. We have taken pupils views on improving our school further. This began with the recruitment process of a range of school jobs, led by the School Councillors who have successfully recruited for the following jobs:

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|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Assembly Ushers | Journalists     | Library Monitors    | Recycling Monitors |
| Gardeners       | ICT Technicians | Playground Monitors |                    |

Congratulations to all the pupils who were successfully appointed, we very much look forward to using your innovative ideas and skills set to improve our school.

Pupils also took part in tasting and critiquing our school menu for next term. They effectively evaluated the quality of each dish and recorded their views using rich language to describe and justify their viewpoints. Their views were taken into consideration when designing our school menu for next term. A huge thank you to Sue, our amazing cook, who prepared all the new dishes whilst managing the smooth running of the kitchen.



I would like to take the opportunity to thank our entire school community: pupils, parents, staff and governors; for your incredible hard work, dedication and support.

### CONNECTING COMMUNITIES

Pupils at Cyril Jackson Primary School received free laptops thanks to the school's partnership with a local digital inclusion project that will give them access to otherwise unavailable learning opportunities.

Connecting Communities, which brings together resources from leading community cohesion organisations, including Tower Hamlets Local Authority, Poplar HARCA and the East End Community Foundation, provides disadvantaged children with a high-quality internet connection, a device and IT training for parents.

We are delighted that our pupils will now be able to transform their digital learning:

*"Our vision is to inspire minds through opportunity, and I am thrilled to be working with Connecting Communities to make this a reality."*

*We want our pupils to be confident in the digital world and technology paves the way for them to be global citizens. The school has been providing devices to families to assist learning at home, but this initiative also empowers parents to play a critical role in supporting their children."*  
Hodo Dirir, Headteacher.

Long-term school leader in Tower Hamlets and UST CEO, Gillian Kemp, spoke passionately about the initiative's impact:

*"Finding ways to bridge the digital divide that so many of our families face has become even more vital during the pandemic. We are incredibly grateful to Connecting Communities for helping us to close the gap."*

Fifteen families, who have received training on the new laptop, will now benefit from a year's worth of free internet access.



## NEWS AND INFORMATION

### TOP TIPS FOR COLLECTING YOUR CHILDREN

- Be on time
- Show them a smile
- Ask how your child's day was
- Ask them if anything made them laugh today
- Listen and ask questions
- Tell them about your day
- Keep your mobile phone in your pocket

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



|             |                                  |
|-------------|----------------------------------|
| Mon 21 Feb  | First day of Spring 2            |
| Mon 21 Feb  | Book Week                        |
| Fri 04 Mar  | World Book Day                   |
| Tue 15 Mar  | Y2 SATs Parent Workshop          |
| Thu 24 Mar  | Parents and Carers Evening       |
| Tues 30 Nov | Nursery & Reception Open Morning |

#### END OF SPRING TERM:

Friday 01 April 2022

### STAFF NEWS



A huge congratulations to Debbie Vincent who is retiring this Spring. Debbie has worked at CJ for over 23 years and we are deeply sorry to see Debbie go but so excited that she is retiring!!! In Debbie's own words: she has 'done it all at CJ' and she really has! Starting off as Mr Read's TA and then proceeding to

join the admin team and running the North Building office like clock work. Debbie will be sorely missed by all as is loved by staff, pupils and parents alike.

Working at CJ for so long, Debbie has touched thousands of pupils lives and watched thousands of pupils progress throughout the years.

Debbie has even seen some pupils grow up to become mums and dads, sending their own children to Cyril Jackson.

We send a gigantic thank you to Debbie for her 20+ years of service and commitment to Cyril Jackson and wish her all the luck in the world. We hope you enjoy the Spanish sun and your new home as much as possible



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## CURRICULUM

### Y6 SCIENCE

Y6 closely observe the heart for science. They dissected sheep hearts to identify chambers, arteries and valves.



### Y2 ENGLISH

Y2 have been learning a story map for the fable, The Lion and the Mouse. They ordered a jumbled up version by identifying the beginning, problem, resolution and ending. Finally they took turns retelling the story to their partner.



### ELM LEARNING

Sensory learning in English. #CrunchyCaterpillars.



### Y2 SCIENCE

For Science Week, Year 2 decided to investigate whether they could use plants to conduct electricity. The children chose different fruits and vegetables and connected them to a lightbulb as part of a circuit.



### Y6 D&T

Y6 are having an interior design exhibition for D&T focusing on soft furnishing. Pupils sketched their favourite pieces.



### STEM CLUB

STEM club had lots of fun preparing for their chocolate heat shield contest:





## EVENTS

### Cyril Jackson Science Week 2022 Theme: Growth



### DRESS UP AS A SCIENTIST DAY





## TRIPS

### CORINTHIA LONDON

Y2 children took part in an Enrichment Trip to Corinthia London. First they had to navigate the London Underground and master the escalator (a first for some) at Bank before a short walk to the hotel. It wasn't difficult to spot! The children took part in a treasure hunt tour. They followed clues to find the Spa, the florist, the restaurant and the kitchen. The final clue led pupils to the concierge who gave them the keys to the penthouse! The children enjoyed spotting landmarks from the terrace, ate delicious Victoria sponge cupcakes and relaxed on the comfy chairs.



Y2 met a patisserie chef. He had baked some shortbread biscuits to decorate. Pupils used piping bags to create patterns with different coloured icing and added sprinkles and chocolate balls. They tried different finger sandwiches, fruit and juices. What a feast!

### CENTRE OF THE CELL

Y6 visited the Centre of the Cell: Pupils had an exciting heart workshop where they learned lots of things about the circulatory system! Pupils learned how many cells on average are in the human body (37.2 trillion!) They also learned how exercise affects our heart rate and why through doing some short but intense exercise





## WHAT'S ON AROUND TOWER HAMLETS

### HEALTHY HABITS FOR THE FAMILY

For 6 weeks, we will explore healthy habits for the family, routines and organisation, bonding, and learning through play!



**Starting Wednesday 23 February,  
10:00 AM to 11:30 AM  
Ocean Children's Centre E1 OND  
with FREE creche facilities**

This group is female only and will be delivered in English with a Bengali translator.



Call or text 07944 966141  
for more information!



### COOKING ACROSS CULTURES

Join our new **FREE** cooking group and explore food from four cultures



**Starting Wednesday 23 February,  
1:00 PM to 2:30 PM  
Olga Children's Centre E3 5DS  
with FREE creche facilities**

For 6 weeks, we will cook and eat food from Bangladeshi, Somali, Chinese and British cultures.

This group is female only and will be delivered in English with a Bengali translator. All ingredients and utensils will be provided.



Call or text 07944 966141  
for more information!



### Half term fun at Mile End Play Pavilion - Winter arts and crafts

#### Location

Mile End Children's Park Locksley street E14 7EJ

#### Category

Ages 5-12, Family and children, Free to attend, Half-term, Workshops and activities

#### Date(s)

Friday 18th February 2022 (12:00-15:30)

#### Free activities at Mile End Play Pavilion

Come and join the Mile End Park Team for a winter arts and crafts session

Suitable for ages 5-15. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

No need to book this free activity but places are limited.

For more information contact:  
[parks@towerhamlets.gov.uk](mailto:parks@towerhamlets.gov.uk)



### Adventure play session 3 at Whitehorse Road

#### Location

E1 ONZ, Whitehorse Road, Whitehorse Road Adventure Playground

#### Category

Ages 5-12, Free to attend, Half-term, Parks, Workshops and activities

#### Date(s)

Thursday 17th February 2022 (11:00-16:30)

#### Free Activities at Whitehorse Adventure Playground

Join the parks team for adventure play, outdoor sports, and a variety of arts & crafts.

No booking required but places are limited.

Suitable for ages 5-15. Ages 5-8 must be accompanied by an adult. Children 8+ need to have a completed consent form to take part in activities.

