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NEWSLETTER, AUTUMN 1 2022

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

What a great start to the year! It has been a pleasure to see that, from the very start of the year and in both buildings, learning has been buzzing in every classroom, corridor and space. Pupils are not just working hard in all aspects of their learning, they are also practising their 'Six C' learning competencies - *Character, Citizenship, Collaboration, Communication, Creativity and Critical Thinking* - to get even better. However, it is not just the pupils who are developing their skills...over recent weeks, our brilliant teaching team members have been working in duos (pairs) to develop their subject pedagogy and to put in action all the CPD (continuous professional development) they have received.



During this half term, it has been inspiring to see all the photos and to speak to pupils about all the rich experiences they have received whilst on trips outside school and during experiences brought into school. Opportunities such as Year 6 visiting Sky Studio or Year 3 being transported to a Stone Age settlement demonstrate how our 'Six Cs' are invaluable for pupils when presented with completely new experiences. And what better way for Year 5 to start their English unit on *Macbeth* than to watch an incredible production of this famous Shakespeare play in school - a real treat!

I am delighted to say that the Art and DT Modular in the North Building is finally complete. Mr Desai, our amazing Art Specialist, has been working with all pupils to further develop their knowledge and skills. This half term he has been working with Year 5, Year 3 and Year 2. Walking around both buildings, I am in awe of the art portfolios of our talented pupils - which demonstrate how they represent, interpret, connect and analyse their work as young artists.

Thank you to all the parents who attended my coffee morning last week. Over 100 parents attended and it was lovely to see familiar faces as well as new faces who have joined our CJ family. I went through our school priorities (pictured right) as well as share the results of the school improvement plan questionnaires from last year (June 2022). The parent questionnaire outcomes were unanimously positive, however as always we look for areas we can develop further. One key area raised is support with homework, which we have looked into at the end of the summer term. This year every year group from Year 1 to Year 6 has a homework club once a week. We will not have capacity for all pupils to attend, so teachers have identified key pupils who will benefit from attending this club. This is not a fixed group so there is room to adapt the list based on the needs of the pupils. We will review this at the end of the autumn term.

Finally, a special thank you to our entire school community for all the support and hard work this half term - it really does take a village to raise a child. Have a lovely, well rested break. Wishing our families who celebrate Diwali a happy Diwali, may the festival of light bring joy and prosperity to you and your family.

IN MEMORY OF MARY DAVID

It is with great sadness that we report the news of the passing of Mary David.

Mary worked as a head of kitchen for a significant number of years and was very much an integral member of the Cyril Jackson community. She left CJ a number of years ago for retirement and to spend time with her family. I know many people will be affected by this tragic loss.

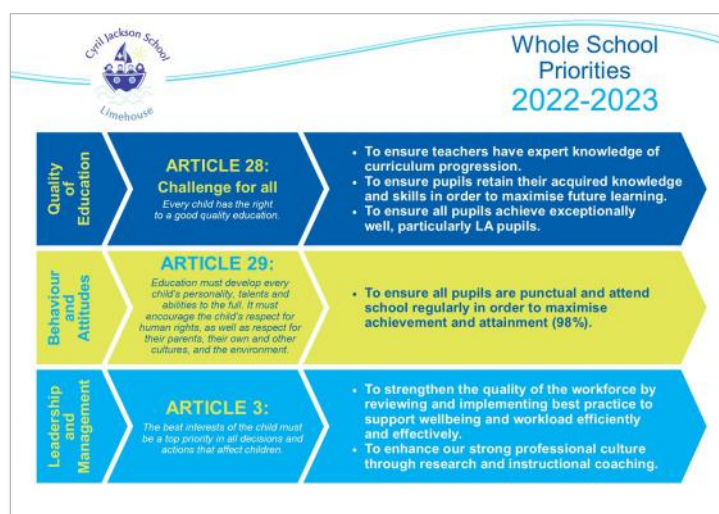


As a community we celebrate her life and commitment to our incredible school - of which she was very proud. Everyone at CJ extends our sincerest condolences, thoughts and prayers to Mary's family and loved ones at this difficult time.

Memories of Mary...

'One of my special memories of Mary is when we would bump into each other on the DLR coming to work. We would talk about family, health and any recent news. I would walk with Mary to the NB and we would depart with a strong hug and she would always say "God bless you" with her biggest smiles. She will be missed dearly!'

Arifa Sanji



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ATTENDANCE WATCH
94.55%
Keep going everyone!

NEWS AND INFORMATION

STAFF NEWS

We extend a very warm CJ welcome to all the new members of staff who joined our team this term.



Jahanara Aktar
Teaching Assistant
Year 6



Rowshanara Begum
Teaching Assistant
Elm Class



Jurell Campbell
Teaching Assistant



Prenash Desai
Art Specialist



Ayse Pembeli
Teaching Assistant
Year 5



Shopna Rani
Data Officer



Chloe Gee
Higher Level
Teaching Assistant
Years 5 & 6

Please note the following internal staff changes:



Leah Pulman
formerly Phase Leader
is now
Assistant Headteacher
for Inclusion



Marium Qureshi
appointed
Assistant Headteacher
for Professional
Development and
Learning



**Leonie
Stafford-Williams**
is now Induction and
Mentor Leader



Joy Stannard
is now
Office Manager



Linda Downs
is now Receptionist
and Office
Administrator

Join us in wishing all these staff members every success and happiness in their new roles.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



24 - 28 Oct	Half Term
07 - 11 Nov	Year 6 - Magdalen Farm Residential
16 Dec	Last day of autumn term
19 Dec	INSET Day - school closed
20 Dec	INSET Day - school closed
21 Dec - 2 Jan	Christmas Holiday
3 Jan	INSET Day - school closed
4 Jan	INSET Day - school closed
5 Jan	Spring term starts
13 - 17 Feb	Half Term
31 Mar	Last day of spring term

For future dates, check our online calendar, at:
www.cyriljackson.towerhamlets.sch.uk/calendar



And...don't forget to follow our Twitter feeds for all the latest updates on life at CJ!

QUALITY OF EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: CHRISTIANITY



Year 1 pupils were welcomed at St. Anne's Church on Friday 14th October. We learnt so much about how Christians worship and come together as a community. We also saw some fabulous stained glass windows.

Special thanks to Kate for taking the time to speak to us and to welcome us to this amazing landmark of our local area!



BAKING WITH THE LITTLE RED HEN



In Nursery we have been reading *The Little Red Hen*. We made bread just like the Hen in our story. We thought our bread tasted yummy with jam!

JEAN-MICHEL BASQUIAT INSPIRED SKETCHES



In preparation for Black History Month, Year 3 learnt about, and produced sketches inspired by, Jean-Michel Basquiat.

Basquiat was an influential African-American artist who rose to success during the 1980s. He gained celebrity due to both his striking art and his electrifying personality. He was fearless, creative and driven, quickly becoming a cultural icon embodying the New York City art scene of the 1980s and beyond - a real inspiration for our pupils at CJ!



QUALITY OF EDUCATION

SAYED H. RAZA - INSPIRED PAINTING

In Year 2, children have been learning about the work of renowned artist, Sayed H. Raza, one of India's most important 20th-century painters.

Pupils have been exploring 2D shape, which Raza used to inspire his work.

Children also learnt about one-line symmetry, as well as how to use watercolours with colour separation.

We think you will agree, the results are stunning!



BUMPER JAPANESE RADISH HARVEST!



What magnificent radishes! They were grown from seeds planted in July in our vegetable garden and harvested this half term by our Year 4 gardeners.

Wow!



SOUND VOLUME EXPERIMENT



In Year 4 we have started our Sound unit in Science. We conducted an experiment where we measured the volume (decibel level) of the DLR trains from different distances on the playground. We measured the sound using a decibel metre.

SENSORY CIRCUITS



Elm Class has been working very closely with Mr Campbell our new P.E. teacher. The children are learning to travel and navigate themselves around the apparatus and it is a pleasure now to see them participating in most of the activities!

Every morning we go outside to undertake a sensory circuit, which aims to facilitate sensory processing to help children regulate and organise their senses in order to achieve the optimum level of alertness required for effective learning.

When we first introduced the sensory circuit, some children found certain areas very challenging, such as walking on the stepping stones or going through the tunnel, but now most children can join in with very little support. An excellent result!



QUALITY OF EDUCATION

TRANSPORTED BACK TO THE STONE AGE



As part of their Stone Age History topic, Year 3 travelled back in time to the Celtic Harmony Camp in Hertfordshire to experience life as a Stone Age Hunter Gatherer.

Rowan and Hawthorn classes, which were renamed Boar Tribe and Owl Tribe for the day, enjoyed a fully immersive day of activities which helped them discover all the secrets of Prehistory!

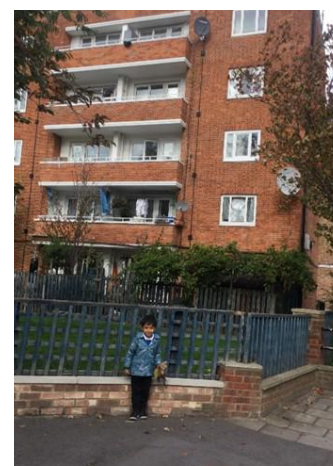
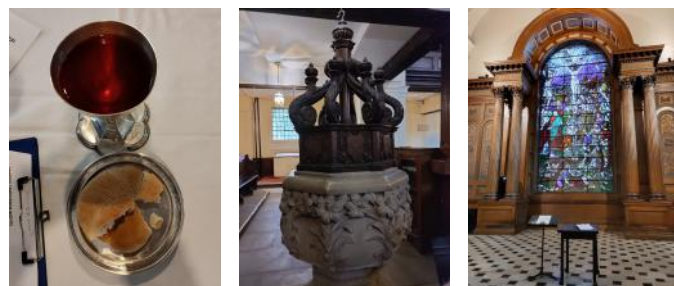
Pupils watched a friction fire lighting display, gathered food in the forest and cooked with prehistoric herbs, built their own woodland shelters, watched a flintknapping demonstration, viewed stone tools and honed their spear throwing skills on a woolly mammoth! What an amazing day!



ST. ANNE'S CHURCH

In RE, Year 5 are learning about places of worship and why they are important to believers. To speak to someone who could tell us about why their place of worship is important, we went to see Kate McNab at St Anne's Church in Limehouse.

Kate told us why she and other people in the community attend church; and we were able to take a walk around, looking at the different features that were important to the community.



RECEPTION LOCAL AREA WALK

Reception pupils went on a local area walking trip around Limehouse as part of our 'Homes, Foods and Festivals' topic.

We looked closely at different types of houses in our local area.



ENRICHMENT

JUNIOR CITIZENSHIP AT SHADWELL FIRE STATION



Year 6 visited Shadwell Fire Station as part of the enrichment curriculum at school. We took part in the Junior Citizenship scheme where we learned about how to stay safe on the tube as well as how to put someone in the recovery position. We had exciting and informative talks from lots of different professionals: paramedics, fire fighters, policemen and community volunteers.

LULLINGSTONE ROMAN VILLA & OLDBURY HILL FORT, KENT



A group of pupils from Years 3 and 4 enjoyed a Celtic and Roman history field trip. First stop was Lullingstone Villa, one of the most outstanding Roman villa survivals in Britain, dating from around AD 300. Children were able to see how wealthy Romans lived and furnished their homes, including spectacular mosaics, rare wall paintings and heated baths. This was followed by a visit to Oldbury Hill Fort, one of the finest Iron Age hill forts in the Medway, with substantial earth ramparts 2 miles in length!



SKY TELEVISION STUDIOS



Cedar Class visited Sky Television Studios where we learned about Social Media. We wrote, produced and filmed news reports on the pros and cons. We all had different parts to play including: directors, editors, script writers, camera people and reporters. We worked in teams to write, produce and edit our news reports on social media. An amazing opportunity!

ENRICHMENT TRIP TO GREENWICH



To start the year off with enrichment experiences, Year 6 took the Thames Clipper from Canary Wharf to Greenwich. Whilst there, we took in some of the sights, including the Cutty Sark and the National Maritime Museum. We then walked through the Greenwich foot tunnel back to the north side of the river and returned to school on foot. It was a long walk back, but we completed another enrichment passport activity: walking a stretch of the Thames Path!

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

CROCHET CLUB



Pupils are learning the basic skills of crocheting and building their confidence. Over the past 7 weeks, the pupils have been working effortlessly to learn how to 'chain' and 'single crochet'. Pupils will be working together on an exciting group project after the half term break.

D.J.: *I really enjoy crochet club because it helps me with stress relieving. It puts me in my own world of fun and enjoyment.*

A.W.: *I love crochet club because it is a nice way to relax myself and encourages me to get off my phone.*

S.A.: *I enjoy crochet club because Miss Shumaiya shows me the steps even if she is not left-handed.*

D.S-W: *I like crochet club because it got me in the creative mindset. I doubted myself but I got it because I was starting to understand.*

KNITTING CLUB

Pupils are learning the fundamentals of knitting. They are focusing on different stitches and the patterns they create. They have started on a group project recently. Keep an eye out!

A.W.: *Knitting club is an amazing experience which could broaden my horizons and give me life long skills.*

D.J.: *I like knitting because it teaches me to be confident and to never give up. It is cool and really fun.*

YOGA & MEDITATION CLUB



Pupils are learning simple yoga poses. They are learning different breathing techniques and using it while they are meditating.

P.M.: *I enjoy doing the chakras. I learnt how to be a shark.*

B.E.: *Last week, my favourite was the lion and squid pose. I like lying down because it makes me calm and relaxed.*

Z.A.: *My favourite part was when we were swinging around with the snakes.*

N.K.: *Yoga helps our body stretch and also makes me feel relaxed.*

DRAMA4ALL WORKSHOP HOSTED BY THE PERFORM GROUP



Todd from the Perform Group visited CJ to run a workshop with Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils. The workshop was called 'Castles, Princesses and Knights' and it was very interactive for the children.

J.O.: *I liked eating all the cake. The teacher pretended to make a cake. I like the dragons.*

W.C.: *I liked when the dragon came and looked at the statues. I ate his cake.*



Y5 & Y6 GIRLS LUNCHTIME FOOTBALL CLUB RUN BY SUPERSTAR SPORTS

Omani from SuperSports has been coming in every week for the past 6 weeks to train the Year 5 & Year 6 girls. He has developed their skills by getting pupils to take part in different activities. The girls really enjoyed themselves!

A.A.: *What I like about football is that there are lots of things to learn and that it is very competitive.*

A.W.: *I enjoy football because it keeps me active and it's very fun to play with my friends.*





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USEFUL INFORMATION



Annual Review Workshop for Parents

The Tower Hamlets & City SEND Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS) are offering workshop for parents to discuss key issues about an EHCP Annual Review, including:

What should happen before, during and after an Annual Review

What key questions / topics should be covered during the review meeting

Ensuring a child's EHCP is ready for transferring to secondary school.

Date: Wednesday 16th November 2022

Time: 10am – 12pm

**Venue: Parents Advice Centre, 30 Greatorex Street,
London E1 5NP**

**For more information or to
book a place please contact Tower Hamlets & City SEND IASS
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