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NEWSLETTER, SPRING 2 2023

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Spring term has been another joyously busy term for us at CJ with our rich curriculum - enhanced by trips, experiences and three themed events, Book Week, World Book Day and Science Week - showcasing how we strive to *inspire minds through opportunity* for our pupils, parents and school staff! We had a wonderful World Book Day celebration this year. It was lovely seeing the range of creative, homemade costumes our pupils and staff wore - the variety of favourite books and characters continue to develop year on year. Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our 'Kidnap your Child' event - the warm snuggles whilst enjoying rich literature with your children was simply a sight for joy! During Science Week, we were thrilled to welcome the renowned Royal Institute to hold workshops - which certainly created awe and wonder for pupils, staff and parents alike! The parent and child workshop after school was very well attended; the fun explosions, rockets and various other experiments were an absolute treat.

A huge thank you to the English team - Mrs Stevens, Ms Nizami and Ms Hall - for organising another great Book Week and a memorable whole school assembly celebrating World Book Day. Special thanks also to Ms Parvin for organising an inspiring Science Week where pupils were able to conduct a range of experiments using their investigative skills. Parents' evening was very well attended, as always. Thank you to all our parents and carers for attending the meetings. We sent reports home before parents' evening so that all parents and carers could read reports before the meeting to have a more meaningful discussion. We are so

proud of the progress pupils have made so far and staff have highlighted key next steps for you to support your child at home, so that they continue to make accelerated progress. Please keep an eye on your child's attendance as this is a whole school priority for us at Cyril Jackson. Our whole school target is 98% and we have rigorous systems in place to track pupil attendance.



Your child's attendance is published at the top of their report. Any attendance below 90% will result in weekly meetings with myself, Shamim (Attendance and Welfare Officer) and the Inclusion team. We work very hard at CJ to create a culture where attendance is everyone's responsibility, so please know that our aim is to offer all the support required to ensure that pupils are in school, every day, accessing our rich curriculum offer.

I was delighted to meet with the School Council and Rights Respecting Guardians, all of whom demonstrated excellent leadership. Both pupil leadership groups were articulate, confident and able to explain what is going well in our school and shared some 'even better if...' suggestions. They have been very strategic in mapping out a plan of action, whilst thinking about cost implications. We have some great ideas that we very much look forward to sharing with our PTA soon! Watch this space...

I would like to wish our entire school community a happy Easter break and to our families and staff continuing to observe the month of Ramadan, I hope you have a peaceful break as well.

WORLD
BOOK
DAY
2 MARCH 2023

WORLD BOOK DAY CELEBRATION

We had a fun-packed day of events and activities across the school celebrating books and reading for World Book Day this year. See page 3 for highlights.



YEAR 6 VISITS THE MOON!

Find out more on page 2



ATTENDANCE
WATCH
94%
Keep going
everyone!

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QUALITY OF EDUCATION

SUMMER TERM KEY DATES



First day of summer term	Monday 17 th April
Eid Al-Fitr (SCHOOL CLOSED)	Friday 21 st April
Eid Al-Fitr parties and non-uniform day	Monday 24 th April
Eid Al-Fitr parent lunch (South Building) <i>Advance booking required</i>	Wed 26 th April
Eid Al-Fitr parent lunch (North Building) <i>Advance booking required</i>	Thursday 27 th April
Early May bank holiday (SCHOOL CLOSED)	Monday 1 st May
Bank holiday for the coronation of King Charles III (SCHOOL CLOSED)	Monday 8 th May
INSET day (SCHOOL CLOSED)	Friday 26 th May
Half term break	Monday 29 th May - Friday 2 nd June
INSET day (SCHOOL CLOSED)	Monday 30 th June
INSET day (SCHOOL CLOSED)	Monday 3 rd July
Last day of term	Friday 21 st July

OUT OF THIS WORLD VISIT TO HSBC'S INNOVATION SUITE



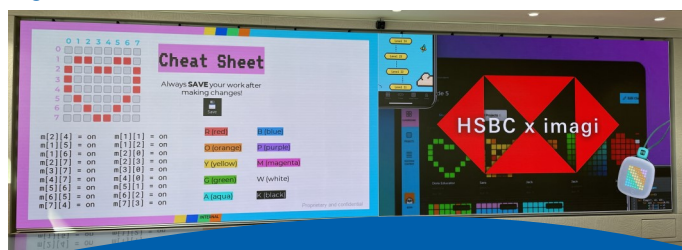
Students in Year 5 and Year 6 had the amazing opportunity to visit HSBC's Innovation Suite on the 42nd floor of their Canary Wharf head office. Pupils took part in a coding challenge using imagi charms, writing their own python code.



Next, they explored the moon in virtual reality and used all the latest technology in the suite to learn more about the future of the industry.



HSBC said: "Thank you so much for bringing such a great bunch of students. We were all really impressed with how much they already knew, how quickly they grasped a new concept around coding, and how creatively and collaboratively they worked together and with us."

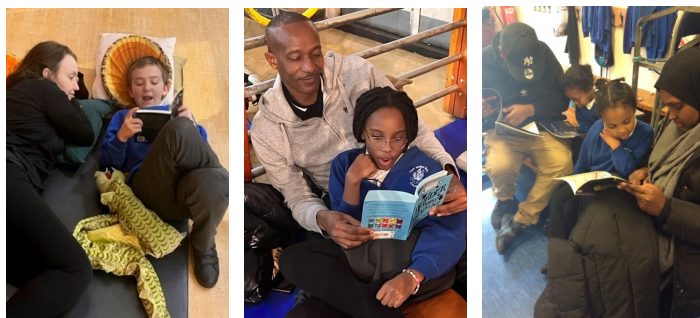


WORLD BOOK DAY

A collage of five photographs showing children in various costumes. From left to right: a child in a white space suit with a blue visor; a child in a brown animal costume with a large headpiece; a child in a green dinosaur costume; a child in a black and white penguin costume with a red bow; and a child in a blue and orange animal costume with a large headpiece. The background of the photos shows a classroom setting with tables and chairs.



KIDNAP YOUR CHILD AND READ



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SCIENCE WEEK 2023



We had a wonderful Science Week where pupils used their investigative skills to conduct a range of experiments. A wide range of events, activities and special assemblies were held to inspire a love of science and to enrich our science curriculum.

Pictured is a special assembly where pupils learned about food science!

ELM CLASS EXPERIMENT

As part of Science Week, the children in Elm class were excited to see what would happen to a bottle of Coke when Mentos were put inside... anticipation at its best!



HATCHING CHICKS IN NURSERY



Nursery children have been learning about life cycles this term and pupils have been able to watch our very own eggs hatch into chicks. We loved looking after them and holding them. We even built our own houses for them!



SCIENCE WEEK: ROYAL INSTITUTE WORKSHOPS



We were delighted to welcome the Royal Institute to CJ which delivered a range of incredible workshops for all year groups, ran staff continuous professional development and held an after school parents and children workshop. They certainly created awe and wonder in science and inspired our pupils with rich, memorable experiences to see science everywhere in everything that they do.



The Royal Institute, located in Mayfair, is renowned as the home of scientific research and communication for more than 200 years. It is the proud home of 14 Nobel Prize winners as well as the discovery of 10 chemical elements - the perfect way to inspire our future scientists at CJ!

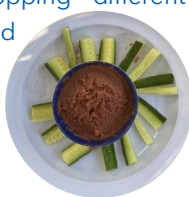


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YEAR 3 COOKING WORKSHOP



During the week before the spring half term break, some children in Year 3 took part in a fantastic cooking workshop with School Food Matters. The organisation teaches children about food and improves children's access to healthy, sustainable food during their time at school. The children learnt some new knife skills, including the bridge hold pictured here, and put them to good use chopping different ingredients to make beetroot hummus and Waldorf salad. Pupils put their collaboration skills to the test when mixing and blending the hummus and they got to dig in and taste the delicious food they had made!



ELM CLASS BAKE OFF!



Elm Class has been busy baking this term! Pupils made gingerbread linked to the English sensory story and delicious fairy cakes, topped with butter cream and chocolate sprinkles! These were followed this week by some delicious choctastic Easter bird's nest cupcakes, topped with Mini Eggs and sprinkles. Eggcellent!



YEAR 6 DT: MAKING BIRD BOXES

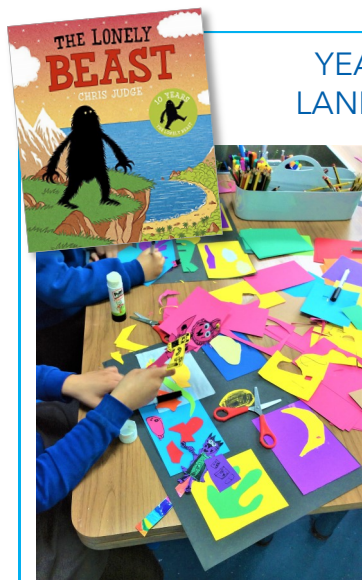


Just before the spring half term break, Year 6 pupils worked with Mr Paul to create some bird boxes. They learnt to saw and drill and a range of other very useful skills!



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YEAR 2 MECHANISED LANDSCAPE COLLAGES



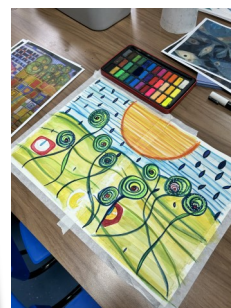
In DT, Year 2 has been learning about mechanisms. They have been designing wonderful landscapes inspired by the book, 'The Lonely Beast'. They also learnt how to use scissors when creating these colourful land/scape collages and used both lever and slider mechanisms, to make their imaginative characters move! Well done Year 2!



PARENT WORKSHOPS



Our parents have been studying artists Paul Klee, Joan Miró and Friedrich Hundertwasser. They have been learning a variety of drawing and painting techniques, before responding with their own stunning outcomes! Parent Workshops are held every Tuesday morning between from 9am and 11:30am in our new Art Modular. If you would like to take part, please ask our office staff for details.



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YEAR 6 PORTRAIT PAINTINGS



In Art, Year 6 pupils have been creating fantastic self-portraits using watercolour. Once painted, the children will embellish them using POSCA and felt tip pens, to make them 'pop'! They have been responding to artist 'Bob and Roberta Smith' and Shepard Fairey who both use powerful slogans in their art to promote positive change. Pupils have also created slogans, which will be added to their work.



YEAR 3 PNEUMATIC TOYS

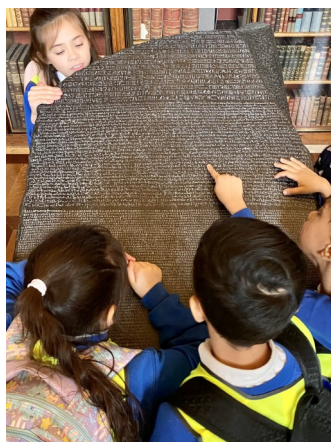


In DT, Year 3 made these wonderfully weird pneumatic toys from coloured card! Children used their maths skills to cut out rectangular and cubed nets, before assembling into their 3D shapes. Once assembled, they created our creatures by making a mouth, adding teeth and using 'googly' eyes to make them come alive! Then we added our pneumatic mechanism using a balloon and plastic pipe. Blow up the balloon and watch the mouth open and close, frightening!



TRIPS AND VISITS

YEAR 3 TRIP TO THE BRITISH MUSEUM



Year 3 enjoyed exploring the British Museum as part of our History learning about Ancient Egypt. We explored the different amulet symbols and were fascinated by the replica of the Rosetta Stone.

YEAR 1 VISITS THE TOWER OF LONDON



On 23 February, Year 1 visited the Tower of London where they explored and learnt more about 1666. We met a lady from the time who told us all about 2nd September 1666 and the big fire that started in a bakery and gutted most of the city!

YEAR 6 TUDOR EXPERIENCE AT THE TOWER OF LONDON



As part of Year 6's learning about the Tudors in History, pupils visited the Tower of London for a special experience. During their visit, they learned about the Wives Behind Henry VIII in a fun workshop led by Henry's 6th wife - Catherine Parr! They visited different parts of the Tower of London to learn more about the Tudors and also saw a memorial at the place where Anne Boleyn is believed to have been beheaded (pictured left).

RECEPTION VISITS DINOSAURS AT THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM



Reception have been learning about dinosaurs this term. We wrote a letter to the Natural History Museum, and they kindly replied and invited us to visit! We had a wonderful trip!



HOLIDAY FUN & FAMILY WELL-BEING

Everyone at Cyril Jackson
wishes you a
restful Easter holiday!

Detailed on the following pages are some fun events and well-being information we thought you might find useful over the holiday and the coming months.

*Need some more inspiration to
occupy the children
and to support their learning
during the holiday? ...*

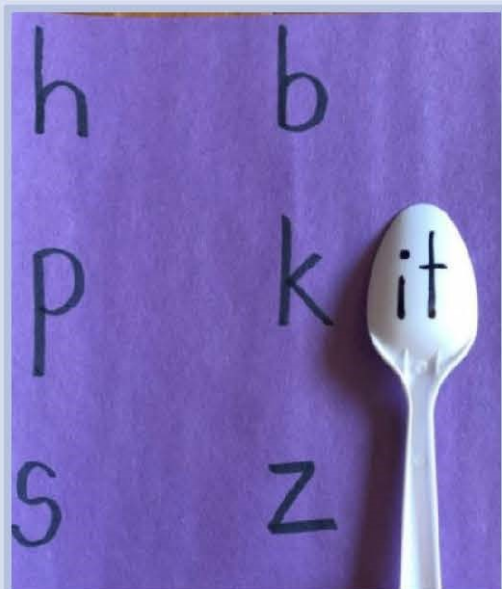
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East London for Free leaflet,
packed full of fun, free, and local
activities you can enjoy together.

Available [here](#) on our
website - or click on this image.



Family Fun!

Tips & Ideas to help your child develop their phonics skills!



Make Magic Spoons

Pick up plastic spoons from the pound shop, then use them to practice building words by combining initial sounds with word endings.



Toss and Blend with Plastic Cups

You will need some plastic cups and ping pong balls. Label the plastic cups with some letter blends and set them out (tape them down if they tend to fall over). Your child will toss a ball into a cup and then come up with a word that uses that letter blend to earn a point.

Instrumental Sounds

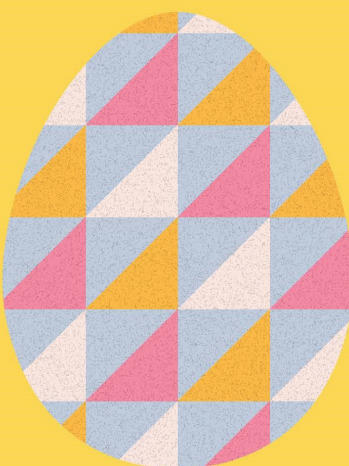
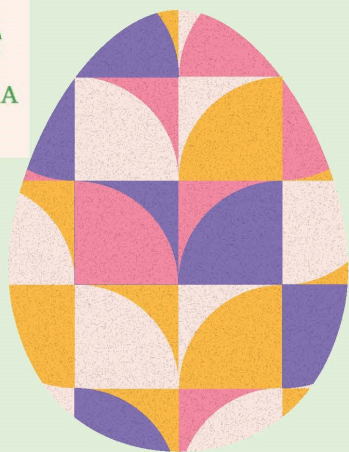
Make sounds with a range of objects
Play an echo game where children have to copy a rhythm
Guess the instrument game
Make shakers and explore the sounds



Walk the Word

This will keep active learners interested and engaged. Write a word on the ground using chalk in various colours. Ask your child to walk, skip or hop along the letters, sounding the word out along the way. Simple but fun!





JOIN THE VICTORIA PARK RANGERS
FOR

EASTER IN VICTORIA PARK

TUESDAY 4 APRIL 2023
ARTS AND CRAFTS

At the Hub Building
10:30am-12:30pm

WEDNESDAY 5 & THURSDAY
6 APRIL 2023
STICKER HUNT

Collect Maps/worksheet from the
Hub lobby between
10:30am-2:30pm

WEDNESDAY 12 APRIL 2023
POND DIPPING

10:30am-12:30pm
Location: Model Boat lake, behind
the playground with the big slides

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These events are free.

No need to book, just drop in.

For enquiries please contact:  
[victoriapark@towerhamlets.gov.uk](mailto:victoriapark@towerhamlets.gov.uk)



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Discover how to kick-start your child's confidence in the water at  
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## WHAT'S MORE, YOUR CHILD WILL...

- Develop social skills whilst having fun with new friends
- Feel motivated as they progress through stages
- Improve their confidence with every stroke
- And most importantly, learn a life saving skill

Better Swim School offers affordable lessons for all ages and abilities taught by qualified teachers with our own industry leading swim school programme. Our safe and friendly environment will ensure your child enjoys life long fun in and around the water.

Book now to secure your child's place at [better.org.uk/swim-school](https://better.org.uk/swim-school)

Simply enter code 'Treat50' at checkout to claim 50 % off your initial payment when you sign up before 31st March 2023.

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# THAMES Music Centres and Ensembles

## **Saturday Music Centre**

Saturdays, 9.00am-12.30pm

## **Wednesday Music Centre**

Wednesdays, 4.00-5.45pm

## **Soundbox Inclusive Ensemble**

Saturdays (fortnightly), 10.30am-12.15pm

## **Children's Choir**

Mondays, 4.30-5.30pm

## **Youth Orchestra**

School holiday courses



For young people aged 7-18 who live or go to school  
in Tower Hamlets



For more information and to register visit  
[thames.towerhamlets.gov.uk](https://thames.towerhamlets.gov.uk)

If you have any questions, contact the THAMES office: 020 7364 0431  
[THAMES.admin@towerhamlets.gov.uk](mailto:THAMES.admin@towerhamlets.gov.uk)



# THAMES

# Music Centres and Ensembles

## Saturday Music Centre

Orchestras, choirs, chamber groups, bands – the SMC develops students' musicianship and technical skills through playing with others. Open to musicians aged 7-18 who are Grade 1+ and have instrumental/vocal lessons.

## Wednesday Music Centre

The WMC is for children in the elementary stages of learning. It features a range of ensembles including strings, wind, brass, orchestra and choir. Open to beginner musicians aged 7-11 who are having weekly instrumental/vocal lessons.

## Soundbox

Soundbox is an all-ability inclusive ensemble that brings together disabled and non-disabled musicians aged 11+ to make and create music using a mix of traditional instruments, music technology and singing. No prior experience necessary.

## Children's Choir

The Children's Choir is for singers aged 7-11 and offers an opportunity to learn new songs, develop vocal technique and sing together as a choir. No prior experience necessary.

## Youth Orchestra

Tower Hamlets Youth Orchestra is the borough's leading youth ensemble. The orchestra meets for intensive rehearsals during school holidays, has recently toured Germany and also held residential courses outside of London. Open to musicians aged 11+ and Grade 5+ standard.





# SCHOOL'S OUT

3RD - 14TH APRIL



Get ready for an egg-citing Easter break as we've got a basketful of fun and quirky activities to keep the whole family entertained.

## Every day

- Soft Play (indoor adventure playground)
- Swim for All (family swim sessions)

## Weekdays

- Junior Gym (11-15 years old) 11am - 1pm and 4pm - 7pm
- Sports short courses (football, gymnastics, trampolining and athletics) 1 hour each day

## Monday – Thursday

- Holiday club (5-16 years old) 9am - 5pm

## Thursdays

- Table tennis drop-in 2pm - 3pm

## Weekends

- Junior Gym (11-15 years old) 11am - 1pm and 4pm - 6pm

Book your child's place at  
[better.org.uk/mile-end](https://better.org.uk/mile-end)



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# EASTER JUNIOR SHORT COURSES

**3rd-7th April & 10-14th April 2023**

## WEEK 1

3rd-7th April

- Athletics: 2pm-3pm
- Trampolining: 11am-12pm

## WEEK 2

10th-14th April

- Gymnastics: 11am-12pm
- Football: 2pm-3pm

For more information please email: [mileendparkleisurecentre@gll.org](mailto:mileendparkleisurecentre@gll.org)

To book: [www.betterlessons.org.uk](http://www.betterlessons.org.uk)

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# EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB

## MILE END PARK LEISURE CENTRE AND STADIUM

Looking for something to keep the kids entertained this holiday? Why not spend it with us. Our holiday club activities include:

- Trampolining
- Football
- Swimming
- Arts and Crafts
- Under 8 indoor adventure playground
- Plus much more

Free funded spaces are available for children on Free School Meals. Children must attend a Tower Hamlets school, be aged 5-16 and be in receipt of free school meals to access this offer.

To register your interest please email:  
[mileendparklc@gll.org](mailto:mileendparklc@gll.org)

3RD - 13TH APRIL  
5-16 YEARS  
£21.20 PER DAY



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## KEEP THE KIDS ENTERTAINED THIS EASTER HOLIDAY

Our holiday club runs Monday - Thursday during each school holiday between the hours of 9am - 5pm (including bank holidays). Free funded spaces are available for children on Free School Meals. Children must attend a Tower Hamlets school, be aged 5-16 and be in receipt of free school meals to access this offer. Each day, children will participate in a number of different activities, ranging from sports to arts and crafts.

- Standard day: 9am - 5pm
- 4 day week: 9am - 5pm (Monday - Thursday)

Let the kids enjoy a range of activities, including:

- Trampolining
- Football
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Arts & crafts
- Gymnastics
- Bouncy Castle
- Athletics
- Basketball
- Plus much more

To register your interest please email: [mileendparklc@GLL.ORG](mailto:mileendparklc@GLL.ORG)



# Easter

at St Anne's

**Easter Day Celebration**  
Sunday 9 April 10.30am

Service of Holy Communion  
with Easter egg hunt

**Maundy  
Thursday**  
fellowship meal  
6 April 7pm

Traditional Passover and  
gospel readings, book a place:  
[enquiries@stanneslimehouse.org](mailto:enquiries@stanneslimehouse.org)

**Good Friday Service**  
7 April 10.30am

Interactive service of  
reflection for all ages

**St Anne's  
Limehouse**

Three Colt Street E14 8HH [www.stanneslimehouse.org](http://www.stanneslimehouse.org)



## Family fun this Easter...

Check out the Local Offer for  
information on family fun  
activities this Easter break.

Why not join a music and  
movement workshop or family  
yoga Easter camp at Rich Mix?  
You can take part in an Easter  
sticker hunt or try pond dipping  
at Victoria Park.

The Local Offer is being  
updated with activities for all  
the family to enjoy over the next  
two weeks so do check the  
website's special Easter holiday  
page to find out more.

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