



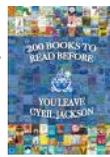
NEWSLETTER, DECEMBER 2019

MESSAGE FROM THE ACTING HEADTEACHER



As we come to the end of an incredible term, I would like to take this opportunity to look back at some of the highlights of the autumn term.

We launched the 200 Books To Read Before You Leave CJ challenge with great success. We spent a great deal of time choosing the perfect books to stimulate your child at every age and the children are now whizzing through books.



We also launched the CJ Passports which list a range of fun and engaging activities for each year of your child's primary education. We offer lots of opportunities for your child to tick them off at school however this is the perfect way to learn at home too, why not visit a castle, practice some leaf rubbing, learn a poem off by heart or watch the sun set with your family this festive season. Click here for a peek.

We held an open evening to showcase our outstanding Early Years provision. Over 40 professionals from schools across Tower Hamlets attended the session where our staff were able to share skills, experience and best practice so that children around the borough can have similar opportunities as our children. Well done to the early years team!

We are also very proud of Ms Islam and Mrs Stafford-Williams who shared our English learning journeys and the planning, resources and strategies we use with children that result in high quality creative outcomes at the Year 6 conference.

Lastly, thank you to all parent and carers for your continuous support, it is very important to work, together, in partnership to achieve the best outcomes for all our children.

ACADEMISATION UPDATE

We are writing to inform you that the process of due diligence has been put on hold in light of the General Election. During a general election, all government departments cease operating on matters that are not deemed essential. This process is called Purdah. Therefore the school's application for the academy order will not be considered until the new year. We will update all parents/carers in due course.

FAREWELL TO GILLIAN KEMP

Gillian Kemp has been Head Teacher at Cyril Jackson for 15 years. Due to her inspirational leadership, relentless drive, integrity and commitment to the community, she has improved standards dramatically at Cyril Jackson. Her strong moral purpose has always placed the children at the heart of every decision. She has built great relationships with staff, children, parents and all stake holders. Gill now embarks on an exciting new journey of being the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for University Schools Trust. We are so incredibly proud of her achievements and wish her all the best for the future.



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STAFF NEWS



We welcome two new members of staff to the CJ family: Veronica Charles, Data, Marketing & Finance Manager and Farzana Begum, Administrator/Learning Resources Manager. Ms Charles and Miss Begum joined the team at the end of October 2019.



We welcome back Alice Tomlinson who has returned from a sabbatical, we hope you had a wonderful year down under!



Lastly, Gillian Kemp has resigned as Executive Head and our Head of School, Hodo Dirir, has stepped in as Acting Head Teacher until a new appointment has been made.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Throughout Anti-Bullying Week the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors took to Twitter to run a campaign where they were highlighting respectful behaviour in the playground, which fits in very well with this term's theme: respect.



The Ambassadors also hosted a Respectful Rounders' game where children from across the school played with their parents.

The Rights Guardians organised a non-uniform day to showcase what makes each child unique and also raise money for **World Children's Day**. To support this, they also planned an afternoon of lessons for every year group to enjoy and think about what makes us unique and why being unique is important. Look out for more exciting events from the Rights Guardians!



ARTY-ABI

We are incredibly proud of one of our talented year three children who organised her very own 'Art by Abi' exhibition at Three Colt Gallery. Well done!



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

October was Black History Month, and our pupils engaged in activities that included dance, art and music. On Friday 1 November, the pupils held an exhibition, where their parents were invited to view their artwork, books by black authors, and to try their hands at African drumming.



EXTRACURRICULAR CLUBS

Origami club has been a huge success. Well done to one of our talented pupils who created the club herself and now has lots of very dedicated members. Not only have the club created a display board in the South building, but they are now trying to create 1000 cranes so that they are able to make a wish. The children have also been exploring woodwork DT and have made some beautiful bird feeders. Other after school club opportunities for our children include parent and child choir practice, chess club and fencing!



TRIPS & INFORMATION

YEAR 6 DANCE



Year 6 have been very lucky to work with a professional dancer from the Sadler's Wells theatre group. They have been learning a dance routine that is based on their book 'The Village that Vanished' which they have been using in English and is linked to Black History Month. The children will be working towards a performance at the end of the term.



ROYAL INSTITUTION SCIENCE FUNDAY

The Royal Institution held some fantastic science workshops with the children during the school day and then presented a phenomenal evening show for the parents. The sessions gave the children an opportunity to discuss science theories for weeks! The children loved the explosions and watching food be digested.



YEAR 4 VISIT TO THE RITZ HOTEL

As part of CJ's new enrichment curriculum, our year 4 pupils visited The Ritz for an exclusive peek into the world famous hotel.



As you can see, they thoroughly enjoyed themselves!

VISIT TO THE IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM



A selection of Year 5 children visited the Imperial War Museum in Duxford, where they learnt about D-Day and the lives of people who fought through it.

PTA MOVIE NIGHT—ANOTHER SUCCESS!

On the evening of November 22 our pupils settled in the South Building Hall for another movie night. Our pupils had a great time and the event was another huge success. A big thank you to the PTA for their continued support.



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ACTIVE TOGETHER - FREE SESSIONS



The Active Together Programme is delivered by the Bromley by Bow Centre and is funded by Sports England. The programme works with families with children aged 5 - 11 years, offering 10-12 weekly sessions of physical activity and behaviour change.

The participating families have been provided with free physical activity taster sessions of: badminton, yoga, table tennis, football and many more activities. In addition, they are offered fruit snacks each week, a family action folder containing useful information about different aspects of the program and also as supporting information for topics covered.

For more information, or to book your free session, contact Jolanda Gjoni, the Active Together Coordinator, on 07741 332 619 or email:

jolanda.gjoni@bbbc.org.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Back to school Tuesday 7 January 2020

6 Jan	Inset Day
7 Jan	First day back
7 Jan	Nursery & Reception Open Morning
10 Jan	Parent Pay Workshop
13 Jan	SIP Questionnaire Parent Workshop
15 Jan	Nursery Maths Parent Workshop
28 Jan	KS2 Reading Parent Workshop
29 Jan	EYFS & KS1 Reading Parent Workshop
03 Feb	Child Mental Health Week
04 Feb	E-Safety Workshop
10 Feb	Science Week
11 Feb	Safer Internet Day
14 Feb	Last Day of Term

MILE END JUNIOR PARKRUN

This is a 2K event for children aged 4 to 14 years old and is held every Sunday at 9:30am – arrive at 9:20am so that you can join in the warm-up.

The event takes place in Mile End Park, 190 Burdett Road, London, E3 4HL – just outside Mile End Stadium.

It is a **free** event. But please register before your first visit and then bring a printed copy of your barcode when you run on Sunday.

You can register here: <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/register/> You only have to do this once.

LIMEHOUSE PROJECT EUSS WORKSHOPS

The Limehouse project is delivering information workshops on European Union Settlement Scheme applications. These may be of interest to parents and staff who are from Europe and need to make the application if they wish to settle in the UK after Brexit

