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Vicarage Primary School awarded Model School Status for *ReadWriteInc* (RWI)

Vicarage Primary School has been appointed as a *ReadWriteInc*. Model School for the fourth year running as a result of our excellent literacy teaching.

The 60 *ReadWriteInc*. UK Model Schools in the country vary hugely in their demographic and size. All have transformed their teaching by implementing the whole school approach advocated in *ReadWriteInc*. Phonics, a reading and writing programme created by Ruth Miskin and published by Oxford University Press.

As a Model School we have hosted visits from teachers from local schools to observe lessons to see first-hand the impact *ReadWriteInc*. has had on results, behaviour and pupil engagement.

Ruth Miskin, says "I am so thrilled that the children in **Vicarage Primary School** are making such fast progress. Model Schools are vital in our drive to help children in other schools make the same progress."

Oxford University Press Educational Consultant, **Wendy Lewis** says "I am delighted that **Vicarage Primary School** has become a *ReadWriteInc*. Model School for another year. It has been fantastic to see the school develop and flourish, it's great that other schools in the area can visit and see their brilliant *ReadWriteInc*. lessons in action."

Attendance Matters

A polite reminder that Newham's Attendance Management Service require medical evidence if children are absent from school immediately before or after a termly break. Medical evidence is also required for absences in excess of three days and where attendance slips below 96% in any half term period.

You can be fined up to £60 by Newham Council for taking term-time holidays, for poor school attendance from your child or for a range of other school non-attendance reasons.

As a parent/carer it is YOUR legal duty to ensure your child attends school every day on time.

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Dragons Den at Vicarage



This term our Year 6 children have participated in a regional competition called City Pitch. 60 children were chosen to participate in a 'Leadership Day', during which they generated ideas to help with a problem they feel affects their community. The pupils discussed ideas, finances, created a brand and even advertised their products to help get their social enterprise idea running off the ground. Each group pitched their ideas to their peers and #NObesity was born. #NObesity is a one off event designed to help the community become fitter, make healthier choices and grow to love fitness. Following this, a video pitch was created for the judges. We are pleased to confirm Vicarage Primary School has been chosen to pitch their idea at City Hall with a potential of winning a generous £1500 from the Mayors fund for London to bring their idea to life. In the forthcoming weeks, the group will be finalising their pitch ready to blow away the competition on the 7th December. Good luck to the pupils with their exciting venture.

Curriculum Enrichment

At Vicarage we are very fortunate to be able to host a wide variety of workshops to compliment the curriculum we teach. Here we would like to share some of that work with you.

During Black History week, all Year groups enjoyed a storytelling workshop with Pid'or (Maximum Dance and Design), who is from The Democratic Republic of Congo.

In their Term 1 topic on significant historical figures in history, Year 2 took part in a workshop from The Hilary Wood Historical Characters company. They had fun being nurses during their workshop on Florence Nightingale

Year 4 had great fun on their Roman Day. One of their activities saw them marching alongside their General during their Roman soldier training, led by Stephen from the company Victrix.

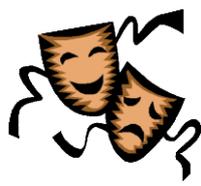
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During their Term 1 topic on Ancient Greeks, Year 5 faced and battled mythical creatures during their workshop, led by artists from the Rainbow Theatre company.

Sven Longlegs helped Year 6s embrace their inner Vikings during their workshop from the Hilary Wood Historical Characters company.



Shakespeare for Schools Project

On Monday 30th October, eighteen Year 5 students nervously paced up and down backstage at the Barking Broadway Theatre waiting to perform William Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, as part of the Shakespeare for Schools Project. This journey began way back before the summer holidays when cast members had to prepare for an audition to secure their part in the play. Since then they have supported and encouraged each other through the rehearsal process, which included many after school sessions and a special workshop with a professional director, to create a fantastic version of this well-known classic. The cast performed at their very best and did Vicarage proud. Keep an eye on the school website to see some wonderful photos of the performance. Our thanks go to Mrs Mears and Miss Sam for all their hard work in preparing the children for this wonderful opportunity.

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Diverse City Fair



The school PTA and staff organised our very first Diverse City Fair on the 18th October. This was a great success and really helped to bring the school community together for what was a really enjoyable event. Our thanks go to Mrs Ali, our Family Support Worker, for all her hard work in organising the fair. Also, thank you to all the parents and the local community who made donations and attended. We raised £430 which will be used for our next fair to be held during the Summer term.

Harvest Festival - School Council in Action - 'WE Scare Hunger' Campaign



Harvest was a brilliant occasion to collect and share food with those less privileged. Our donations reached the local food bank and the RAMP Newham Refugee and Migrant Project, with Reverend Susan Lucas from East Ham Parish Church donating them on behalf of the school. Thank you all for your generosity!

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Vicarage Teachers Cycling Success



Two of our teachers Miss Begum and Miss Bhuta have taken part in a highly successful 'Cycle Skills Training' on Friday the 20th October. The day was a combination of theory and practical activities. It has equipped them with all the necessary skills to run a Bike Club in future.

The theory took place in the Olympic Velodrome and the practical activity outside on the Road Circuit. During the day, they covered:

- How to create a programme of cycle skills or bike club sessions, allowing pupils to develop skills week by week.
- How to plan for potential risk and create a risk assessment document.
- Practical learn to ride skills
- Games and practical activities
- How to check pupils bikes are safe to use and basic bike maintenance skills

Dates for your Diary



Friday 24th November - Parents Coffee Morning @ 9:15am

Wednesday 20th December - Last day of Term 2

Thursday 21st December - Tuesday 2nd January - Christmas break

Wednesday 3rd January - Teacher Training Day

Thursday 4th January - Back to school for all pupils - Term 3

Friday 9th February - Last day of Term 3

Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February - Half Term

Monday 19th February - Back to School - Term 4



Mrs S Khan
Head Teacher