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### New Vision MAT Launch



On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June, Elmhurst, Nelson, Vicarage and Gallions Primary Schools came together to celebrate the launch of the New Vision Multi-academy trust.

"Becoming an academy means that we work much more closely together as a family, to support and learn from each other to provide an even better education for our children," We'll get even better teaching, even better schools, and overall better futures for the children." Shahed Ahmed, CEO of the Trust.

Talks to begin New Vision Trust began two years ago, with the schools converting officially in March this year.

For the launch, choirs from Gallions and Vicarage performed, followed by the unveiling of a cake and ribbon-cutting ceremony. There was a Shakespeare performance from Elmhurst pupils, a windpipe band from Nelson, and Gallions closed the show with their school orchestra.

Councillor Quintin Peppiatt, Chair of the Board of Trustees for New Vision, said: "It's taken two years of bringing together the schools. We built the Trust around a model of collaboration and working together from the ground up.

The event which was held at Gallions Primary School was attended by staff, pupils, parents and governors from all four schools.

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### SUMMER FAIR



We held our first PTA Summer Fair on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June. Even though it was an extremely hot day, the turnout was fantastic. There were bouncy castles, face painting, a smoothie maker bike, performances from the local cadets, visits from the local PC's and Fire Brigade as well as numerous food and activity stalls. We managed to raise over £2,000.00. The event was organised by the PTA and Mrs Ali, our Family Support Worker, who have all worked tirelessly to organise the event. Our thanks go to everyone who organised and attended on the day.

### Healthy Schools Week

We have had another successful Healthy Schools Week, with our focus this year on eating healthy and staying fit. A variety of events took place which included the following:

Children in Reception and Nursery learned about the importance of eating fruit and vegetables. Years 1 and 2 learned about healthy eating, exercise, and sustainable energy through a smoothie making bike workshop. Every child filled a blender with fruits of their choice and by peddling on a stationary bike with fitted special blenders that span as you pedalled, mixed up delicious fruit smoothies in an instant. The children were then able to taste their healthy pedal-powered fruit smoothies.

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Years 3 and 6 took part in a dance mat competition led by staff from Cumberland Secondary School, with 6Z scoring the highest points. The children really enjoyed the activity and learning about how it can improve fitness levels and co-ordination.

Years 4 and 5 took part in skipping workshops, where they learnt a variety of techniques such as: double dutch, side to side, two feet jump, criss-cross hands, side rope swings and many more. The event concluded with a whole school assembly in the sports hall where many of our children demonstrated their fantastic skipping skills to the rest of the children. Our thanks go to all the staff and in particular Mrs Begum, our PSHE lead, for organising the events.



### Vicarage Tuck Shop

At Vicarage Primary School we are keen to promote healthy living and are very pleased that our new tuck shop 'The Healthy Hub' is up and running, providing a choice of healthy snacks for KS2 children during break times.

Please visit our school's website to find out more about our Tuck Shop, including the list of snacks on offer and their nutritional value.





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### History Club Trip

This term Miss Burchett and Ms Main took children who have attended History After School Club to the Imperial War Museum to learn more about World War 1 and World War 2. The children had a brilliant time exploring some of the original artefacts from the two wars. The children were very moved whilst reading about the experiences of soldiers and people who lived through these major world events.'

'It was so much fun. I learnt that children put money in a piggy bank to help their fathers come home from the war.' Meja Yr. 5

'We explored an actual trench. It was felt like it was real and it smelt foul. The tank above us felt very terrifying. The soldiers were very brave.' Sehzib Yr. 5



### Green for Grenfell



On Friday 22nd of July, Vicarage came together in a show of solidarity for the victims of Grenfell Tower fire. Pupils, staff and even parents wore the colour green to show how our communities unite in times of need.

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### ECAM Success Stories

At Vicarage we are very proud to have all our Year 5 and 6 pupils learn a musical instrument as part of the ECAM (Every Child a Musician) programme. Performance awards and graded Examinations- or PAG's for short- were first piloted in Vicarage Primary School during the Academic year 2015-2016. That year forty Year 6 children took the PAG's exams on keyboard or guitar. All of the children who entered passed the exam. 12 of those children passed with more than 85% giving them a Distinction, 18 passed with marks between 74% and 84% giving them a Merit, and the rest achieved marks of more than 65% but less than 74% giving them a pass.

Since those initial exams many more year 5 and 6 children have taken their PAG's 1 and PAG's 2 exams with great success. This year the following children have passed their keyboard or guitar PAG's 1 exams :

With Distinction - Rumaisa, Mariam, Zaynab, Joshika, Kawsar, Tanvir, Jarell, Flavia, Sumia, Kibir, Nasima, Destiny, Duwa, Zara, Paige, Asma, Khalid, Joslyn and Amarissa,

With Merit - Sajeeha, Zahra, Saniya, Grace, Adrian, Zavian, Benita and Rebecca,

With a Pass - Moin and Imad

These children took their PAG's exams on Keyboard or Violin during the Easter Term 2018 and passed:

With Distinction - Carlos and Dasani (Darsani took two exams, PAG 's step 1 and PAG'S step 2 gaining distinction in both)

With Merit - Jenna, Princess, Madinah and Sam,

With a Pass - Maymuna, Talha and Santhiya

We are very proud of our pupil's achievements and wish good luck to each and every one taking music lessons and exams in the future!

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### Summer Music Concerts

At the end of June there were two concerts at Vicarage Primary School. We celebrated the huge amount of talent across the school with whole class, small groups, duets and solo performances. Some children played their ECAM exam pieces on a variety of instruments including the keyboard, violin and guitar. Year 3 and 4 children shared the skills they have developed on the ukulele and the recorder. We also heard pupils who have been learning to play the flute, clarinet and piano. The Younger Voices Choir and the Junior Choirs also performed. The biggest surprises came for two year 4 classes, 4C and 4U. This was when Linisha and James both performed fantastic solos, which shocked and amazed their class friends. Linisha sang a song called 'Stay', and James performed 'Für Elise' composed by Beethoven.

A huge WELL DONE to everybody who took part. They were all amazing!!



### Festival of Youth

Year 4 children have also attended Stratford Theatre Royal to sing with hundreds of other children from across Newham to celebrate the Festival of Youth. Those involved had been practicing for a few weeks to memorise songs, including one in the Arabic language. This special song called 'Wherever we go' was written by children in Newham and children in a choir in Syria and is about their hopes and dreams for the future. They sang songs with many other children and then heard musicians and older children play as part of the event. The children made a beautiful sound together and we were proud of having them represent our school at the Festival.

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### End of Year Celebrations

The end of year class parties will be held on the afternoon of Thursday 19th July for Nursery to Year 6. Children can choose to come to school in their party clothes. This year we will be holding the parties together outside as a whole school. We request party/finger food/snacks that are easy to be shared amongst pupils without needing utensils. Please speak to your child's teacher if you have any queries about this matter.



### Farewell

We will be saying goodbye to all our Year 6 pupils who will be leaving us at the end of this term before joining secondary school in September. We wish the children all the best for the future.

We will also be saying goodbye to two long standing members of staff who will be retiring at the end of this academic year. Mrs King, our teaching assistant, who also oversees breakfast club and has played a key role in the Newham Carnival every year, has dedicated many years to this school. Mrs Watts, our senior admin officer, who has worked at the school for over thirty years will also be retiring. Miss Burrows, class teacher in Reception, will also be leaving to take up a position at another local school.

On behalf of everyone at Vicarage we want to thank them for all their hard work and years of service to the pupils and staff at the school. They will be greatly missed by everyone and we wish them the very best as they move on to the next phase of their lives.

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### Thank You from the Head Teacher

I would like to thank staff, pupils, parents and governors for all their continued support this year. It's been a very busy though enjoyable year with lots of highlights to be proud of.

I hope you all have a lovely summer break and I look forward to working with you in the new academic year.

### Dates for your Diary



Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July - Class Parties pm

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July - Last day of Term 6

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>/Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September - Teacher Training Days

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September - Back to school for pupils from Years 1-6

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September - Back to school for pupils in Reception classes

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September - Back to school for pupils in Nursery

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October - Last day of Term 1

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>-Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October - Half Term

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October - Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October - Back to School - Term 2



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