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Be the best we can be



Vicarage Primary's Poetry Festival

Following on from the success of last year's event, we held another Poetry Festival to coincide with the First World War Centenary and our current theme of Living History. We welcomed back the author and poet, Paul Delaney, who ran various workshops and highly engaging assemblies for our pupils. The children then created emotive poems in lessons and performed them in our poetry recital assemblies.

The Poetry Festival or 'Poetry Buzz' as it was called, involved a number of schools in Newham. They were:

Vicarage Primary School
Gallions Primary School
William Davies Primary School
Sir John Heron Primary School

Elmhurst Primary School
Nelson Primary School
Scott Wilkie Primary School

We invited Yvonne Collyer, a retired Literacy Advisor for Newham and an ex- governor and also Shahed Ahmed, the CEO of New Vision Trust, to join Paul Delaney on the judging panel. Below are the names of the children who represented Vicarage:

Amelia Zielinska Y3
Habib Abubakah Y5

Robert Stefut Y4
Ambreen Aktar Y6

The standard of performances this year was phenomenal and our four pupils received high praise from all three judges. I am proud to announce that Ambreen in Year 6 won the competition with her emotive performance of her poem-Just a Poster on the Wall. Well done to Ambreen!



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Health & Safety

We are experiencing an increasing quantity of litter, such as wrappers and food items being dropped and left on the playground when pupils are collected at the end of the school day. This is causing health and safety problems for the school. We kindly request that you dispose of litter in the bins provided in the playground.

After School Clubs

Please note that after school clubs running this Autumn Term will finish on Friday 7th December. This does not include Morning Booster Clubs. These will finish Friday 14th December.

ECAM Lessons

This week (6th December) is the final ECAM sessions of the term. Lessons will begin again on Thursday 10th January 2018. It has been a successful term for many of the children who attend. A number of children have collected enough progress merits to earn their first badge and some have made such amazing progress that they have already taken their first PAG's exam. The results will come through in the New Year. We are confident that there will be lots of merits and distinctions as in previous terms. Please encourage your children to practice their instrument through the holidays so they don't forget their new skills.



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End of Term/Christmas Celebrations

We have lots of exciting things planned towards the end of term.

- **Christmas Lunch - Wednesday 12th December**

As part of the festive season, staff and pupils will be having a Christmas lunch on Wednesday 12th December. As usual, there will be a meat and vegetarian option available.

- **Christmas Jumper Day - Wednesday 12th December**

Wednesday 12th December, staff and pupils will be able to wear their favourite Christmas jumper to school to raise money for two charitable organisations: Save the Children and Crisis. We request a donation of £1 for these worthy causes.

- **Christmas Performances**

Nursery, Reception and Year 1 pupils will be having their Christmas performances. These will be held as follows:

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| Christmas Carols | - Nursery am - Wednesday 12 th December at 10.00am |
| Christmas Carols | - Nursery pm - Wednesday 12 th December at 2.30pm |
| Christmas Carols | - Reception RS/RM classes - Thursday 13 th December at 10.00am |
| Christmas Carols | - Reception RK/RD classes - Thursday 13 th December at 2.30pm |
| The Little Star | - Year 1 - Wednesday 19 th December at 2.30pm |

For safeguarding reasons, please make sure you arrive on time, as anyone arriving late will not be permitted to attend.

- **Christmas Parties**

Class Christmas parties will be held on Thursday 20th December. Children can come to school in their party clothes, but please make sure the children are wearing sensible shoes

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Parents Curriculum Meeting – Spring Term

We will be holding Parents Curriculum Meetings in January to inform you of the topics children will be learning in the Spring Term. These will be held in the Blue Sports Hall on the following dates/times:

Tuesday 8th January 2019

9.10am - Year 1

2.45pm - Year 2

Wednesday 9th January 2019

9.10am - Year 5

2.45pm - Year 6

Thursday 10th January 2019

9.10am - Year 3

2.45pm - Year 4

The Power of One Anti-bullying workshop

Our Anti-bullying workshop, The Power of One, was delivered by Soren Bennick Productions on 31st October 2018. As the theme for this term was Peer on Peer issues, the children explored different types of peer on peer bullying scenarios, bystander behaviours and solutions to deal with bullying. The children have been given the 'Power of One' message which empowers them to report and deal with bullying when they see it. This message was then reinforced further during class sessions.



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Food Bank

We are collecting food for The Well Food Bank - please donate any unperishable foods you may have to the office.



I would like to wish all our staff, governors, pupils and families a wonderful Christmas and best wishes for 2019.

Dates for your Diary



Friday 21st December - Last day of Term 2
Monday 24th December - Friday 4th January - Christmas break
Monday 7th January - Back to school for all pupils - Term 3
Friday 15th February - Last day of Term 3
Monday 18th - Friday 22nd February - Half Term
Monday 25th February - Back to school for all pupils - Term 4



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