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NEWSLETTER

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It has been a long and very busy half term, the children are a credit to Calshot as they have settled down well and engaged in their learning. It has been wonderful to see the normal activities resume throughout school whether it be INSPIRE workshops, schools discos or assemblies. I wish everyone a very peaceful, healthy holiday and I look forward to seeing you on Monday 1st November. Keep safe and remember the firework code!

Safe Parking

Many parents have expressed their concern and outrage at the irresponsible way that some parents are parking before and after school. I have been in contact with some local residents who have experienced some concerning behaviour. One gentleman phoned me to say he missed a medical appointment as a car blocked his driveway, when he asked the driver to move she was very rude to him, instead she continued using her phone and didn't care about the distress she caused to an elderly member of our community. One parent informed me that her child was nearly run over by a parent who unbelievably decided to mount the pavement and park their car there! Earlier this week a letter was sent home on behalf of West Midlands Police outlining the dangers that dangerous parking causes. Please ensure that you obey the following rules which form part of the requirements of the Highway Code, DO NOT stop or park:

- Near a school entrance, anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services
- At or near a bus stop or taxi rank
- Opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space
- Near the brow of a hill or hump bridge
- Opposite a traffic island or (if this would cause an obstruction) another parked vehicle
- Where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and powered mobility vehicles
- In front of an entrance to a property
- On a bend
- Where you would obstruct cyclists' use of cycle facilities except when forced to do so by stationary traffic.
- You **MUST NOT** stop or park on a pedestrian crossing, including the area marked by the zigzag lines.

Secondary School Places - Sept 2022

If your child is due to start secondary school in September 2022, please remember to apply online by 31st October 2021 by visiting www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions. If you have any questions, please contact Children's Services on 0121 303 1888.

Black History Celebrations

On Monday we celebrated Black History Day, we discussed and researched about black role models that have made a difference and helped shape a fairer society for everyone. I would like to thank Miss Harris (Y2) for organising the day.

'In Black History we learnt about Martin Luther King. We drew a picture and learnt about all the amazing things he did. He led many protests and even went to prison to fight for equality.' - Shaya (4T)

'I loved learning about Serena Williams. I heard that she is a world champion at tennis.' - Cole (2H)

'We learnt about a footballer called Marcus Rashford. My favourite part was when we coloured his football t-shirt.' - Aryan (3B)

'On Monday we learnt about Martin Luther King and had to design a poster on him and what he achieved. On Friday we will find out who won the competition for the best picture.' - Jai (4T)

'We learnt about Serena Williams, who is really good at playing tennis. She is an inspiration to us all.' - Ella (2H)

'I enjoyed making Marcus Rashford a new colourful t-shirt. He has helped people get school dinners during school holidays.' - Tanveer (3B)

Tickled Pink!

I wanted to say thank you to everyone that brought in cakes to sell at the Tickled Pink coffee morning last week. It was wonderful to see so many parents coming in for a chat and the children loved eating the cakes at playtime. We raised a fabulous £179.71 for Tickled Pink, a charity that supports women diagnosed with breast cancer.

Thinktank Trip

Last Thursday Year One went on their trip to Birmingham Thinktank and discovered 'Mini Birmingham', the scientific water garden and much more. I know the children really enjoyed themselves as they told me what they got up to and how much fun it was. Thank you to the teachers Mrs Broome and Mrs Jagroo for arranging this educational visit.

'I saw a red aeroplane and I liked playing in the science garden with the water.' - Tamsyn (1B)

'We saw a huge deer in the museum. I liked looking at the elephant skull too, it was so exciting!' - Yahiya (1J)

'I liked looking at the animals in the gallery. I also liked playing in the mini Brum, especially going down the slide.'
Kobe (1B)

'We went to the Thinktank and we met 'Tommy'. He helped us learn about the body. I really liked playing in 'Mini Brum' and the science garden.' - Liona (1J)

Virtual Authors

Over the last two weeks, the children have been meeting a famous children's author online for a question and answer session via the internet. It meant children were able to meet the author and explore a range of her books, which was very exciting.

'We had a virtual meeting with Tamzin Merchant. She wore some of her magic hats and read some of her stories to us. We heard her read a story from a book that hasn't even been released yet. Tamzin answered our questions which was really fun.' - Hebe (5M)

'Last week we met the author of the 'Hatmaker'. We got to design and make our own colourful hats.' - Layla (4T)

'Tamzin Merchant is an author who wrote 'Hatmakers'. We had a virtual meeting with her and it was really fun. We first heard how she wrote the book and then we designed our own hats on paper. We asked her what she does to help get ideas for stories and she said she sleeps so her dreams inspire her.' - Carmen (5D)

'Last week we had a video call with Tamzin Merchant, the famous author. She told us all about different hats she wears and we wrote about hats we designed. She also read us some of her book she wrote called 'The Hatmakers'. We had so much fun!' - Scarlet (4 J)

Asda Collection

Last year we collected wool for Asda that was used to support several charities including 'Help the Homeless, Cradle Charity and Hospital Prem Unit', all of which are very worthy causes. They have asked if we can collect more knitting wool, balls of wool or ends of wool that are surplus to requirements. If you have any wool the children can bring in I will collect it and store it in my office for Asda to collect. Thank you for your support.

Individual Photographs

The Tempest photographer will be in school on Tuesday 2nd November. All children will have an individual photo taken and you will also be able to book a separate family photo, a letter came out earlier in the week.

School Fund

This week £17.50 was collected in School Fund this week, which is superb! May I take this opportunity to thank all the parents who have paid. It does mean we can buy those 'extra' things for the children.

We break up for half term today.

Children return to school on Monday 1st November.

Mr. M. Wingrove

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