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NEWSLETTER

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It has been a long and busy half term, the children are a credit to Calshot as they have settled down well and as always have been keen to engage in their learning. I wish everyone a very peaceful (quiet) holiday and I look forward to seeing you on Monday 4th November. Keep safe and remember the firework code!

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. In a special assembly we focused on how proud we are that we are a diverse school, steeped in difference, but at the same time all equal. I would like to thank Miss Harris (Y2) for organising the day.

'Did you know that Serena Williams is a famous tennis player, she has won lots of tennis championships?' -
Charlie (2H)

'It doesn't matter if you are black or white. It doesn't mean you can't play with each other.' - Juwairiyah (2H)

'Today we had an amazing assembly that told us about the Windrush. It was a boat that brought people from the Caribbean to England to help us after the war. Mr Wingrove told us about two men that came here and the struggles they and their families had to be accepted.' - Amrit (4B)

'In the assembly we learnt about the Windrush arrival that started in 1945. The Windrush was a ship that sailed to Birmingham to bring people to do jobs such as teachers, shopkeepers, butchers and pilots in the RAF. In London there is a special town called Brixton and there is a place called Windrush Square that celebrates 50 years since the Windrush period.' - Arayah (5D)

'We know that it doesn't matter what colour your skin is. It's what you are like as a person that matters.' - Benjamin (2H)

'Today we learnt about a famous tennis player called Serena Williams who has won lots of trophies.' - Saarah (2H)

On Thursday we gave out prizes for the best Black History Poster Competition winners, the children researched many wonderful and inspiring people including Dina Asher-Smith, Serena Williams, Mary Seacole, Martin Luther King, Katherine Johnson, Garrett Morgan and Madam CJ Walker. Over the holiday period

children could continue finding out and researching about other inspirational people that have changed the course of history.

Reception INSPIRE Workshop

Thank you to all the parents that came to the Reception INSPIRE Workshop to learn about Phonics. The children told me how much they enjoyed watching their mums and dads learning how to sound out and spell words. Well done Miss Smith and Mrs Buck.

'We learnt about a new letter it was sss! Mummy helped me find pictures that began with sss!' - Clara (RS)

'Mummy and Daddy came and helped with my snake!' - Henry (RS)

'It was good, I learnt the sss with mummy.' - Mia (RW)

'I did my sss with my daddy, I worked hard.' - Amaan (RW)

Year 5 - Blakesley Hall

Last week Year Five went on a trip to Blakesley Hall to discover what life was really like during Tudor times. Thank you to Miss Harris (Y5) and Miss Dolan for making it such a special day for the children.

'At Blakesley Hall we had to dress like real Tudors and got to explore a real Tudor house. After dinner we went into a barn and had to do lots of different activities.' - Logan (5D)

'We had lots of fun seeing all those wonderful old things about Tudors and learnt all about kings and servants.' - Avipsa (5D)

'When we arrived we traced people from Tudor times, made a Tudor house out of wood and wrote things with ink and a feather. We went into an actual Tudor house and I got to play Richard Smallbrook and had Mrs Nandra as my servant.' - Kaynan (5H)

'When we got there we did four activities on a table; brass rubbing, made a model farm house, drew Tudor pictures and wrote with a quill. I picked lavender and rosemary from the Tudor garden. It was a spectacular day, thank you to the teachers and Phil our tour guide. When we arrived back at school guess what? We were late!' - Amirah (5H)

Indian Celebration!

Year Four have been researching the Topic 'India' and have found out lots of interesting things and had an 'Indian Celebration Day'. Well done as your colourful, vibrant assembly was wonderful to watch and it also told us all about the story of 'Rama and Sita' and Diwali. I could tell Mr Mitchell and Miss Buttler really enjoyed exploring India particularly the food tasting on Wednesday. Happy Diwali celebrations to everyone!

'Year Four had an assembly about India. I did the introduction and the end, which I enjoyed. I hope the Christmas production is as fun! The weirdest part was when Sita's garland got stuck!' - Angad (4M)

'On India Day we had lots of fun! We ate lots of food and drink, my favourite drink was mango juice. We also coloured in some Indian pictures, while drinking delicious tea that is called Chai.' - Evie (4M)

'What a wonderful day we had to finish off our India Topic. The children looked lovely in their Indian clothes, so bright and vibrant. The assembly was amazing, I am proud of every child as it is not easy performing in front

of such a large audience. We have tried lots of Indian food and even made our own Roti with the help of Mrs Kaur. Lastly the Indian sweets and Chai tea were divine, a great way to finish off the day.' - Mrs Waring (4M)

'On Wednesday it was India Day! We also had our superb class assembly about Rama and Sita, the story of Diwali. We also got to taste some Indian food, my favourite food was the poppadoms and chapatis. I had a great day and hope I get to try the food again.' - Kyo (4B)

"On Wednesday it was Year Four's Assembly, it was about Diwali the story of Rama and Sita. I was a poem reader for the first letter I. The poem spelt the words 'INDIAN ADVENTURE'. My mum and dad came to watch me!' - Amrit (4B)

Reception Applications - Sept 2020

To apply for Reception places for September 2020, parents must visit www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions and submit an online application by 15th January 2020 (final closing date). If you have any questions, please contact Children's Services on 0121 303 1888. Please note, **all parents** need to apply, even if your child is currently in our Nursery.

Secondary School Places - Sept 2020

If your child is due to start secondary school in September 2020, please remember to apply online by 31st October 2019 (**next week**) by visiting www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions If you have any questions, please contact Children's Services on 0121 303 1888.

School Fund

This week £27.50 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.

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(Head Teacher)

