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NEWSLETTER

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It has been a 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 have so many events taking place around school such as INSPIRE workshops, Trips, Harvest Festival, Discos and Assemblies. The children have really enjoyed using the outdoors and benefited from learning beyond the classroom. I wish everyone a very peaceful, healthy holiday and I look forward to seeing you on Monday 31st October. 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. I would like to thank Miss Harris (Y2) for organising the day.

'We learnt about Serena Williams, who is an amazing tennis player.' - Leo (2H)

'We learnt about Tessa Sanderson. I enjoyed having a go at throwing a javelin.' - Aydan (1J)

'We have been learning about Martin Luther King, because he stood up for people's rights. He did a famous speech called 'I have a dream!' - David (4J)

'I made a poster about Serena and wrote facts on a pretend tennis ball.' - Hayley (2H)

'I watched Tessa Sanderson winning a gold medal for throwing a javelin. We threw a javelin in the playground, it was fun!' - Aurora (1J)

'We learnt about Martin Luther King. We did some art and designed a poster of him.' - Millie-Joan (4J)

Reception INSPIRE Workshop

On Wednesday, we had our Reception Phonics INSPIRE workshop for parents and it was lovely to see how many of you who were able to come in and join the children doing their work. The children were wonderful and I want to thank Mrs Buck and Mrs Aldridge for organising this informative workshop.

'Mummy came, I liked cutting the pictures out. I cut the 'mmm' pictures out.' - Isabella (RS)

'I liked working with my mummy.' - Isla (RW)

'Mummy helped me, I cut out the monkey and the milk. They begin with 'm.' - Ratan (RS)

'I liked cutting the 'mmm' pictures.' - Oscar (RW)

'Nanny coloured with me, then I stuck the pictures. I was happy.' - Troy (RS)

Year 6 Parents - Secondary School Places

At this time of year, many Year 6 parents will be busy attending secondary school open days, which is a wise thing to do. Just a reminder that applications for secondary schools can be made online by visiting the Birmingham City Council website www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions and the deadline for applications is **31st October 2022**. If you require assistance, please ring the Admissions and Appeals Department on 0121 303 1888. If you live outside of Birmingham, you have to apply directly to the Local Authority that you live in.

Reception and Nursery Open Days

The Reception and Nursery Open Days for prospective pupils for September 2023 are being held on **Wednesday 2nd November 2022 (9:30am - 10:30am)** and **Thursday 3rd November 2022 (4:30pm - 5:30pm)**. Please ring the school to confirm your attendance.

Diwali Celebrations

Many of our families are celebrating Diwali and I wish them all a wonderful time with friends and family. There is a link to various celebrations around the city over the next few days, which look like a lot of fun and are free!

Diwali on the Square - Hosted by Consulate General of India in Birmingham and WMCA, curated by Sampad South Asian Arts. Saturday 15th Oct, 11.00 - 16.00. Information can be found at <https://www.wmca.org.uk/what-we-do/inclusive-communities/diwali/>

Sharing the Light - Welcome Diwali

Birmingham Hippodrome in partnership with Bullring & Grand Central

Friday 21st Oct - Saturday 22nd Oct. Information can be found at

<https://www.birminghamhippodrome.com/calendar/sharing-the-light-welcome-diwali/>

Midday Mantra: Diwali Family Special - Presented by Sampad and B:Music at Symphony Hall, Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space. Saturday 29th Oct, 11am. Information can be found at

<https://bmusic.co.uk/events/midday-mantra-diwali-family-special>

Happy Diwali Everyone!

Individual Photographs

The Tempest photographer will be in school on Tuesday 1st 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 last week.

School Fund

This week £23.10 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 31st October.

Mr. M. Wingrove

(Head Teacher)

