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NEWSLETTER

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I hope everyone has an enjoyable and restful Easter holiday with friends and family. I know that the staff in school have worked tirelessly over the term and need a break. I want to thank them for all their efforts. We are still waiting for the final Ofsted report, I will send out the Ofsted parent letter when it finally arrives.

Easter Celebrations!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the children and family members who fully engaged in the Easter Celebrations. Nursery had a wonderful Easter Bonnet Parade, which was extremely well attended; Reception and KS1 took part in the Bunny Hop to raise funds for the John Taylor Hospice; KS2 used their design skills to create some fantastic 'egg inspired' models and the 'Grand Easter Egg Raffle' raised valuable funds for school. The combination of all these events made Easter a very special time at Calshot.....thank you!

Whitemoor Lakes

This week the Year 5 pupils have been attending their residential trip to Whitemoor Lakes. I know how excited they have been and how much fun they have had whilst there. They have been taking part in a multitude of outdoor activities, which have been wonderful. The children have had a great time and been a credit to the school. I want to thank the teachers Miss Secker, Mrs Jones, Mr Colling, Mr Mitchell and Mrs Waring who stayed with them and made sure everything went smoothly (they can now have a whole 2 weeks to recover).

Year 5 - Greek Day

On Friday, the children in Year Five celebrated their topic 'Greeks' by dressing up, completing class activities and sampling Greek food. The children had a wonderful day and really enjoyed themselves, although the olives were not to everyone's taste. I want to thank Miss Secker, Mrs Waring and Mrs Wedderburn for making the day so special for the children.

'On Greek Day we had a wonderful time making clay pots and designing them. We also tried nice Greek food such as pitta bread, olives and Greek yogurt.' - Logan (5S)

'On Greek Day, we ate pomegranate seeds, hummus, pitta bread, green and black olives, and yogurt with honey. We also listened to Greek music and watched a Greek film. We also made a Greek pot out of clay. Thank you to the teacher who organised it. It was a great day!' - Emilia (5D)

'On Greek Day we did lots of things like eat Greek food; olives, hummus and pitta bread. We also coloured pictures and watched a movie. The bit I liked best was dressing up in our costumes. I loved Greek Day!' - Harper (5S)

Year 3 & 4 Author

This week, Years three and four took part in a 'live lesson' with an author called Nazneen Ahmed Pathak, who is the author of 'City of Stolen Magic.' Editing writing is a crucial part of developing our writing journeys and it was great to hear from a real author about how important editing is.

'We did a live stream with an author and learnt that we should check our work twice. We should use more similes and read our work aloud, so we can check that our spellings are correct.' - Syeda (4J)

'We went onto the internet with Penguin Books to learn different tips on how to edit our work. Best Tip- read your work aloud.' - Grace (30)

'We learnt about how to edit our work. We did lots of activities about a book and looked at how we can make our sentences better. I will now use lots of similes.' - Taiyo (4J)

'We made an activity booklet for all the things we learnt about editing our work, which I enjoyed. Best Tip- always check your work once you've finished.' - Ella (30)

Governors- Book Fayre

Last week, members of the Governing Body team took over the Book Fayre during parents' evenings as a way of meeting and speaking to more parents and children. It was wonderful to meet so many of you and to see the children's love of reading (and finger pointers)! We had some lovely conversations and enjoyed meeting proud parents and children and we look forward to doing it again at the next parents' evening. The purchases will help to fund new books for the school and I hear Mrs Jones is ready and eager to purchase books for the school, which will be a huge benefit to all of the children - so thank you all! Here's what some of the governors had to say. - Dharmesh Rajput (Chair of Governors)

'It was wonderful to see how much children enjoyed choosing and reading books.' Jon Hunt (Local Authority Governor)

'In a world of technology, it was great to see so many children still excited by books. Speaking to parents and children about their purchases and about how they had done this term at school was lovely, and just proves how hard staff, parents and children work each day. It was an absolute pleasure to be there and it must be said that the item on sale that caused the most interest was the plastic finger pointer! Although I am still unsure what you do with it.' - Gail Hipkiss (Co-opted Governor)

'It was wonderful to hear so many positive things from parents about their meetings with teachers, and how happy their children are.' - Yazmin Joyce (Staff Governor)

'There was a range of books, stationery and even toys for sale, the hand pointers were an unexpected hit. It was great to see so many parents talking to the children about their choices and for us to have the opportunity to connect with parents.' - Anna Olatokun (Co-opted Governor)

Date Amendments

I want to let you know of some date changes. Birmingham are not holding local election so children **will** be in school on **Thursday 4th May**. Also Monday 1st of May and Monday 8th of May are national Bank Holidays.

Online Safety Resources

Some parents have asked me where to find information about online safety, so they can find out how to best support their children whilst using the internet and playing games. I have included a variety of online websites that I have used to help me understand gaming and online parent controls for my own family.

Common Sense Media- A site that's good at explaining up and coming games, books, films and gives realistic opinions on how safe they are. <https://www.common sense media.org/>

Internet Matters- A useful website that explains about internet usage, parental controls and videos explaining how to manage social media. <https://www.internetmatters.org/>

Parent Zone- A parent guide to using various popular internet sites. <https://parentzone.org.uk/advice/parent-guides>

Reception Places for 2023

A reminder that Birmingham Admissions Team will inform parents of their Reception places for next September. The official date when parents must be notified is on Monday 17th April. We will be informed the following week.

School Dinner Price Increase

A reminder that Dolce are putting up the price of school dinners from 1st April 2023. The cost of a paid school dinner is to go up to £2.50. The price increase will not affect pupils that receive universal free school meals.

School Fund

This week £19.50 was collected in School Fund. May I take this opportunity to thank all the parents who have paid, as this means we can buy those 'extra' things (like Easter Eggs) for the children.

CHILDREN RETURN ON TUESDAY 18th APRIL

HAPPY EASTER & HAPPY VAISAKHI DAY!

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