

# THE EARLSMEAD NEWSLETTER

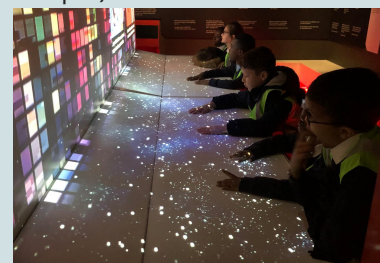
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## Year 5 Royal Observatory Visit

Year 5 enjoyed an out-of-this-world trip to the Greenwich Observatory this half term. Without leaving the comfort of their reclining chairs, they were taken on an interactive tour of the solar system where they learned about the different planets, the moon and sun. During lunchtime the children explored Greenwich Park and even stood on the Meridian line. Later in the day, they took part in a workshop where they looked closer at the relationship between the Earth and Sun and developed their understanding of night and day, seasons and years. It was a great day and here are just a few of the children's thoughts on the trip:

*'A magical place to learn about space. Best trip ever!'* (Jeziah, 5 Purple).

*'A great place to be educated by real life experts! An amazing space!'* (Bilal, 5 Purple).



## Happy Holidays

You may have heard that a new Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) curriculum will be compulsory in all primary schools from September 2020.

You might also have read or heard about the way that some pressure groups have objected to it.

I have read the proposals in detail and will be sharing them with you in the autumn term. I can however assure you that the learning at primary school level is to simply acknowledge that there are many different types of families and that they need to be tolerated, included and respected.



This approach is completely in line with our values as a very diverse school community made up of multi faith families, families of mixed heritage, families where members have disabilities and families where parents are of the same gender. I am aware that some families may have their own views and values and that these are not always the same as ours. Parents are free to express these to their own children but as a school community we will always uphold the values that guide the learning in our school and which makes our school the very special place that it is.

Any discrimination against any part of our community will never be tolerated. This month's value that we are exploring as a school is, 'Creativity' and how important it is to be able to explore, develop and express this part of ourselves. We will be looking at the many ways we can do this at school including

through Writing, making things, Art, Music or Dance.

It is always lovely to celebrate our children's creative accomplishments.



Sianna won first place for her solo dance at the United Dance European Championship in the Netherlands and the first place trophy for her duo with Savannah. Congratulations to you both! There was much excitement at school as our Year 3 classes were photographed as part of the Year 3 Project by Artist Steve McQueen, together with Tate, Artangel and A New Direction. More details will follow.



Please also make sure you pop into the Bernie Grant Theatre where our children's work is being exhibited until the end of May.

Year 2 and Year 6 children have completed their SATs testing and I was pleased to see how confident they appeared - before and after the assessments. We will not get their results until July but well done to all of them for approaching them so positively. Finally, enjoy what is promised to be a warm and sunny half term break.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH?

**3rd - Children return to school 8.55 a.m.**

**11th & 12th - School Nurse leading puberty focus workshops For Year 5 & 6**

**4th - Money Sense Workshops for Year 6**

**6th - Games Cub starts for selected Year 2 & 3 (3.30-4.10 pm)**

**10th - Phonics screening week for Year 1**

**12th - Well Being Workshop for Parents 9-11 am**

**14th - Special Eid-UI-Fitr lunch**

**14th - 5 Orange class assembly (9.10)**

**15th - Parent Governors holding 'Walk & Talk'**

**18th - KS2 Sports Day at Markfield Park**

**20th - Reception Open Day for families starting Reception in September**

**21st - School closed for children - INSET day**

**25th - Junior Citizens Day for Year 6**

**25th - EYFS & KS1 Sports Day at school**

**26th - Year 1 Jade trip to Woodberry Wetlands**

**27th - Year 1 Lavender trip to Woodberry Wetlands**

**28th - 2 Amber class assembly (9.10)**

**28th - Junior Citizens Day for two Year 6 classes**

## Quad Athletic Championships



8 children from Year 6 (4 boys, 4 girls) represented our school in the Haringey Inter-schools Quad Athletics Competition at the New River Stadium. After what was an extremely competitive afternoon, we managed to achieve 13th place out of 26 schools in the overall standings. We were very proud of our children, especially their effort, determination and good humour throughout.

## Healthy Eating Workshops in Year 4

Year 4 took part in a healthy eating workshop to better understand how to stay healthy. Children had the opportunity to see ways they could swap unhealthy foods for a healthy option.



## Woodberry Wetlands

Year 3 went outdoors for a science lesson on plants to see how they grow and spread their seeds in Woodberry Wetlands in Hackney. As we walked around the reservoir, we also saw many bird species - from parakeets to Egyptian geese! We were lucky too to have many parents come along and support us.



## Earlsmead Families Summer Stroll and Picnic in the Park

On Saturday 15th June, our Parent Governors Corrine Roberts and Michelle Eastmond have organised a walk through Markfield park through to Springfield park where families will have a picnic to celebrate the end of SATs and the academic year as well as the beginning of summer. We will be meeting up at 2pm at the Junior Playground entrance on Wakefield Road. Please do come and join us!

## Year 6 London Walk

This week the children from Year 6 had the exhausting but fun experience of a walk around Central London, taking in the sites and visiting several iconic landmarks. First stop was Green Park where Ms. Horbury explained that this was where the dead bodies from the Black Death were taken to be buried. Then onto Buckingham Palace. Guess what? Queen Elizabeth was in as the Royal Standard flag was flying. And even more excitingly, Blue Class actually saw her in her car leaving the palace! St. James Park was next and the Horse Guards Parade before ending up at The Tate Modern. We had lunch and then climbed to Floor 10 to take in the views. After a final crossing at The Millennium Bridge we got the tube back to Seven Sisters. We all want to take this opportunity to say 'Well Done!' to Sokaina who had never walked so far.



We recently met with Pastor Tonye from Freedoms Ark Church. He told us about the very good work they are doing in the community to support families in financial difficulty. This includes a Food Bank. If you or anybody you know would like their support please speak to either Ayesha in the office or one of our Learning Mentors. It will be in the strictest confidence.

### Ramadan Mubarak

We welcomed a special guest to our assembly to talk to us about Ramadan. Imam Sabir from the Whiteman Road Mosque spoke to the children about what happens during the month of Ramadan and the practices followed.



**CONGRATULATIONS!**  
**Congratulation to Ms Shenelle Burnett, who went on Maternity leave last month. She has given birth to a healthy baby boy (Nasir Edwards) on Tuesday 21st May. Both mum and baby are in good health. We send them our love and best wishes.**

### May half term activities

For fun activities, courses and events for children and young people in Haringey during the May half-term, visit

[www.haringey.gov.uk/holidayfun](http://www.haringey.gov.uk/holidayfun)



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