



NEWSLETTER, NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2014

5 JANUARY INSET DAY CANCELLED

Inset days are vital for a school's success and at Cyril Jackson we secure the best training possible for teachers to help the school to develop. On this occasion the trainer is now unavailable meaning the 5 January 2015 Inset day is being postponed to a later date. All children are expected to return to school on Monday 5 January. A new Inset day will be arranged and communicated. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

Gillian Kemp

FUN AT LULLINGSTONE ROMAN VILLA

On 29 November gifted and talented children from Years 3 and 4 went to Eynsford for their trip to Lullingstone Roman Villa, one of the most outstanding Roman villa survivals in Britain. Activities of the day ranged from climbing Oldbury Hill, wading in the river and dressing like Romans.

'This trip was to enrich the curriculum for these children, bringing learning to life'.

Mr. Read



"BE NOT AFRAID OF GREATNESS"

On 3 November the curtains went up at the Greenwich Theatre where the Year 6 cast performed Shakespeare's Richard III to an audience of hundreds. Parents and staff went to support and it was great, they made Cyril Jackson proud. A massive thank you to Miss Hall and Miss Chan-Bell for their commitment.



Quotes from some of the cast:

'I never thought it would be such a wonderful experience'. **Sajid**

'When the whole cast appeared onstage I felt extremely nervous but when everybody started to perform the play it felt reassuring and I knew I could do it.' **Fabiha**

'It was a tough challenge, going on stage. There were many people at the theatre. My most favourite bit about belonging to the Shakespeare group was coming into school in the holidays to practice. I will never forget this'. **Mahsin**

'I thought that the Shakespeare Schools Festival really boosted our confidence. It showed what us children can really do'. **Farhana**

'I thought that being part of the Shakespeare play was such an amazing experience. It gave us self-confidence and boosted our courage. Learning Shakespearean language was so cool. It was really great that so many children were involved. We really showed our inner selves'. **Lamiha**

RECENT EVENTS & INFORMATION

STAFF WELCOME

We have appointed two teaching assistants and we welcome Catarina Vasconcelos from Place2Be.



Masuma Khanom
Teaching
Assistant



Catarina Vasconcelos
Place2Be Project
Manager

We also welcome Katie White - Teaching Assistant and SEN.

LOOKING FOR VOLLEYBALL STARS

Tower Hamlets Youth Sports Foundation are starting a **volleyball club** from **Friday 28 November** at Central Foundation Girls' School, Bow Road, E3 2AE, 4-5pm. It will continue every Friday during term-time. The club is inclusive, and welcomes all 8-11 year olds in the borough. This is a great form of exercise, a great way to meet new friends and it is free.

Ocean Stars U11 Volleyball Club
Central Foundation School, Bow Road, E3 2AE
Every Friday 4.00-5.00pm, Ages 8-11

Your Mentors

- Shukri Age: 17
- Ayan Age: 16
- Khadra Age: 16

Mo Silli
THYSF Volleyball Dev. Officer

Tower Hamlets Youth Sport Foundation's Ocean Stars Project is aimed at bringing more young people from Somali backgrounds in Tower Hamlets into community-based sport.

Come ice skating with the Ocean Stars in Canary Wharf
Date TBC

Free t-shirt for Ocean Stars team members!
For more information, contact George Wells at THYSF on george.wells@thysf.org

FULL HOUSE IN THE HOUSE

On 18 November the Communication Group held a successful sign along session for the first time. The aim was for parents and carers to come and learn nursery rhymes with their children using some sign-along singing. They learned Baa Baa Black Sheep and Twinkle Twinkle Little Star. It was a full house and teacher Miss Bush encouraged parents to practice at home to strengthen the home, school partnership.



"A very special thank you to all of the parents who came to support". Miss Bush

"It was interesting and fun".
Nathan's mum

"I loved it and want to learn more. I think it would be good for mainstream children too".
Na'il s mum

Try some signing words yourself



NEWS

MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Place2Be is a national charity working in over 200 UK schools to help improve the confidence and emotional wellbeing of children. Place2Be works with children one-to-one

and in small groups, offering regular time-tabled support for those who will benefit most. Consent is always obtained from parents or carers before working with children.

Cyril Jackson has a Place2Be room where all children can go to express and think about their worries, through talking, creative work and play. A School Project Manager supports this process, helping children to find new ways of coping with difficulties so they don't get in the way of friendships or learning.

Our School Project Manager is **Catarina Vasconcelos** who works with us on **Tuesdays and Friday mornings**. You can contact her via email on Catarina.vasconcelos@place2be.org.uk

To find out more about Place2Be and the ways that they are making a difference visit their website: www.place2be.org.uk

ACE CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL

In total we donated over 65 shoeboxes to the ACE Charity Christmas Shoebox Appeal. The shoeboxes will be sent to a primary school in Nigeria for less fortunate children. As always your generosity is amazing. A very big thank you to everyone who donated, staff, children and parents.



'I made my shoebox for a special 7 year old girl'
Anam, Yr 4



CHARITY CORNER



In support of Poppy Day we raised £160 for The Royal British Legion.

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Save the Children
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Join in the fun with a £1 donation

follow us on
twitter

A LITTLE BIRD HAS SOMETHING TO SAY

At Cyril Jackson we love to keep you informed of what is going on in the school and highlight any special news. We communicate through a number of ways, one is through Twitter. If you are not signed up already, you can sign up today at www.twitter.com and follow the main Cyril Jackson account which is: @cyriljacksonsch. You will be instantly up to date with what is going on across the school as soon as we tweet. Sign up today, and make the little bird happy.



INFORMATION

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

10 December	Parents/Carers evening
12 December	Christmas Jumper Day
16 December	FS Christmas performance
17 December	KS1 Christmas performance
18 December	KS2 Christmas performance
19 December	Class Christmas parties
19 December	Last day of Autumn term
05 January	Children return to school
08 January	Parent Workshop - FS & Communication Group
08 January	Parent Workshop-Year 1 & AEN 1
09 January	Parent Workshop-Year 2
09 January	Parent Workshop-Year 5 & AEN 2
12 January	Parent Workshop-Years 3 & 4
12 January	Parent Workshop-Year 6

SEASONS GREETINGS

The staff at Cyril Jackson wish all our families a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. We look forward to seeing all children back at school on:

MONDAY 5 JANUARY 2015

HOW MANY WORDS?



See how many smaller words you can make out of the words above.

GOVERNOR FOCUS



Helen Taylor

Every month we interview a school governor to learn what motivates them to lead our school. This month we focus on Helen Taylor, Teacher Governor.

How long have you been a Governor?

I was a governor in my previous school for two years and at Cyril Jackson since September 2014.

What does your role involve?

I attend meetings and discuss school business as a teacher representative. As a teacher governor, I can provide the details of daily school life.

What motivated you to be a Governor?

As well as being a teacher, I quite like to have an insight into what happens behind the scenes. By being a governor I get to know what is going on and can discuss in an open forum what is best for the school, and make key decisions.

Name a strength/something you like about CJ?

Our leadership team are amazing and our pupils are brilliant and keen to learn. The children have a lot of different experiences and cultures, which helps me to learn from them too. CJ drives pupils needs first, the children are always at the heart of what we do, and I love that.

What did your school report say?

It said, 'good at sports, needs to concentrate more in lessons'. I loved sports, I did swimming, running and hockey and still run marathons today.

What advice would you give to parents?

Bring your child/ren to school on time, support them at home and find time to read with them daily. These three things are key to academic success.