



JUBILEE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

December 2009



HAPPY CHRISTMAS and (a belated) EID MUBARAK to you all

INTERNATIONAL EVENING



What a **huge** success our International Evening was! It was a really good evening – full of laughter, music and chat. Many thanks to Melissa and Friends of Jubilee for all their organisation but also to all those who came and took part; whether running a stall or eating the food and just being a part of our amazing International Community you are all brilliant.

And I'd really like to say a special thank you to Jaheda and her family for the fascinating insight into life in Bangladesh, so interesting - and now that I know how to **make** samosas I will eat them with even more relish!



WINTER FAIR

This year's Winter Fair is on **Friday 11 December at 3.30 - 5pm in the Old Hall**. There'll be lots of fun for everyone! Visit Santa's Grotto, win prizes and enjoy the delicious food, cake & mince pie stalls. Children can also have face painting and henna art & enjoy doing fantastic festive crafts!

We need your **nearly new** toys and books, bric-a-brac, and **clean** glass jars with lids on. Any donations of cakes and small prizes will also be gratefully received. Please bring to the office.

Lastly, if you'd like to help in any way, please contact **Cheryl Gray on 07833 924 606** or leave a message at the office. Thank you for your support and we hope to see you at the fair!

MAKE 'EM LAUGH... MAKE 'EM LAUGH! HO, HO, HO!

Well, my call to be entertained has been truly answered! I shan't need crackers to entertain the family at Christmas this year! Thank you so much to so many brilliant jokers: Jalil (Y1), Isaac L (Y2) Alfie (Y2), Alexandra (Y4), Alec (Y3), Lauren M (Y4), Usmangani (Y4), Ancha-Jean (Y1), Uma (Y2) and Ruby (Y2) – House points to all of you. Alexandra's was VERY long but two shorter ones from Uma and Ruby go like this:

Q: What did the inflatable teacher say to the inflatable boy who brought a pin to the inflatable school?

A: You've let me down, you've let the school down, but worst of all you have let yourself down!

And

Q: Why did the boy eat his homework? A: Because the teacher said it was a piece of cake!

Please send your jokes to Nick Cannon. There will be house points for the ones that make me laugh the most and extra ones for those that are in the newsletter.



DRESS UP DAY:

What a wonderful dress up day we had on Friday 13th! It was very funny to see so many Alice's in school...while our one true Alice dressed as Rosie from Rosie's Walk! I hope you are all enjoying studying the books and learning lots of Maths as well as developing your reading skills. There were so many wonderful costumes but special mention must go to Anna-Deva's Red Queen, Eogan's brilliant Caterpillar, Harvey's Bacon Carrying Boy and Lesley's extraordinarily scary Mad Hatter!

INCREASE CHARGE FOR SCHOOL DINNERS

Unfortunately the increased national cost of food and transport has had an impact on our catering costs and the last time we raised the price of our school meals was January 2008. Therefore, from January 2010 the price of a school dinner will rise to £1.70 (£8 per week).

And on the subject of money...have you paid your £5 trip money this term? We do need the contributions if we are to carry on with our brilliant extracurricular visits.



NUMBER SUPERSTARS REMINDER

This is just a quick reminder for all parents and children in Years 4, 5, and 6 that we have a Number Superstars times tables challenge every Friday at the beginning of Maths! It's an opportunity for the children to consolidate their understanding of times tables and related division facts. It is important that the children are practising their times tables at home, as the Number Superstars challenges are timed! Year 3 children can look forward to starting Number Superstars in January.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

If you want to send Christmas Cards to children or staff in school the post box will be going into the front entrance very soon. But please remember to put the person's name and Class – **VERY CLEARLY** on the envelope – we don't want any going missing!

OCEAN MATHS

And on the subject of Maths... thank you to all the Year 2 and 4 parents that came to the Ocean maths workshop – it was good fun and everybody seemed to have such a good time. By taking part in the workshops and playing the games at home the children should really begin to make even more progress. If you didn't manage to come to the first one there are some more dates coming soon. Keep an eye out for posters and letters from your child.



JUBILEE'S GOT TALENT

Jubilee girls' football team will be representing Hackney in a London wide football competition in the new year. Good luck to the girls and enjoy the experience. Amy Ella, Emily S and Julian (from Year 6) are all off to Florida to take part in a huge International Tennis tournament. Good luck to them! Bring home some trophies!!!

AND PLAYED HOSTS TO SOME MORE...

Jubilee had a visit from two Leyton Orient Players, Charlie Daniels and Loick Pires, who took part in a healthy and active sports assembly along with Stephen Cousins (Sports science PhD) from the University of East London. The players tested their fitness levels against two pupils from the school: I wonder who was fittest?

A BOTTLE FULL OF PENNIES

Classes are still collecting loose change for **Mary's Meals**, the charity which runs the Backpack Project. We have learned the most extraordinary fact that **just £8.40 will feed a child in an African country for one year**, enabling them to go to school.

If you have any spare 1ps, 2ps or 5ps, please drop them in the bottle in your child's class. Some classes are on their second bottle – do keep searching for those pennies, they can make a difference. Many thanks!



GOODBYE...

We are very sad to say Goodbye to Ciarra who is leaving to have her new baby! We are also very sorry that Karolina and J-P will be leaving to pursue other projects and Che is returning to Ireland: we shall miss them all very much and wish them all the best for the future. Please keep in touch.

ASSEMBLIES

Parents/Carers are invited to attend our Friday Celebration Assembly. This is a great opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our children and staff. Awards are presented and each week a different class performs their assembly for the school. **Keep asking your child when their assembly will be, it may change – due to unforeseen circumstances:**

Friday 4 th December	Violet Class	Christopher Duriez
Friday 11 th December	Gold Class	Melissa Davies Oliveck

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 15 th December	Christmas Lunch	
Tuesday 15 th December	Dress Rehearsal of Christmas Play (for KS1)	11 am in New Hall
Wednesday 16 th December	Foundation Stage Christmas Play	10 am in Old Hall
Wednesday 16 th December	Christmas Play	2pm in New Hall
Thursday 17 th December	Christmas Parties	
Friday 18 th December	Carol Concert	2pm in New Hall
Friday 18 th December	End of Term	

Spring Term 2010

Start	Half Term	Finish
Tuesday 5 th January 2010	Monday 15 February to Friday 19 February 2010	Thursday 1 April 2010

Always remember you can get an overview of what's happening through the school website; www.jubilee.hackney.sch.uk or check the parents' notice board: we are always interested in **your views**; there is a new parental involvement policy in the office, so check with Jill or Kerry if you'd like to see it.



Joe to win? Who are you backing?