

JUBILEE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

January 2009



WELCOME BACK

We hope you have had a good rest and enjoyed the holidays. Welcome to all the new children starting in Orange Class this term – and to some new members of staff:

Seda Gok (Nursery Officer in Orange Class covering for Caroline McGuinness while she is on maternity leave)

Bhavana Rawat (Nursery Teacher who is covering for Sarah Warner while she is unwell).

We are looking forward to getting to know you and working with you.



BOUNCING BABY GIRL!

Wonderful news to start the New Year, Jo Jackson (Red Class teacher) gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, called Sylvia May, on 31st December. Both are doing well and we look forward to seeing them in school very soon!

LONDON PRIDE and FILMING

This term we are studying London and all the amazing things to do and see. We will all be making trips to support the work we do in class and making short films about the work we are doing – very much looking forward to the premiere of these films. Whilst we aim to keep the cost of the trips to a minimum we would like to ask for **£5 per child per term** to help with these costs. **Please send any contributions to the office as soon as possible.**

Some examples of trips in January:

Year 3 will go to the British Museum, Year 4 to the Globe Theatre and Year 2 to the Tate Modern.



CURRICULUM NIGHT

And talking about the topic, have you ever wondered what on earth your child is studying this term? On **Wednesday 14th January** teachers will be available after school to talk about the Topic Web for this term – please come along and find out what they will be learning and how you can support your child.

BOOKS FOR ALL



The Times and the Sunday Times have launched a great new **Books for Schools** promotion that I didn't want you to miss out on! From January and throughout 2009, they'll be giving away hundreds of thousands of books to schools to help encourage children to read for enjoyment, to broaden their knowledge and to develop their imaginations.

Simply collect tokens from the newspaper and exchange them for books from **a list of 170 titles selected by Times Newspapers and Scholastic Book Clubs**. Anyone can collect tokens for the school and there's no limit to the number of books you can order. With some titles on offer for only ten tokens and at least one token in the paper every day, it won't take long to boost the library's resources!

BEING CREATIVE

As a School of Creativity we are once again at the cutting edge of thinking! We are piloting a new scheme this term, with Lauriston Primary School, which involves working with children *and* parents on arts workshops with follow up trips to places of interest. The whole process will be filmed (Hollywood here we come!) by Eelyn Lee – a brilliant documentary film maker. We are very excited to be working with the group and if it is successful we are looking to see how we can make the model available for a wider group at school – and also make it available nationwide! So watch this space! Our first workshop is a Camera Skills workshop – followed by dance!!

BEING GREEN



Have you got 1000s of Christmas or Eid cards lying around at home and you are desperate to get rid? Well, before you throw them in the bin just stop for a moment..

The Christmas Card Recycling Scheme needs your cards! If everyone recycled just one Christmas card this January, the Woodland Trust would be able to plant **15,000 trees**. So imagine what the charity could achieve if every Christmas card was recycled with the Trust!

Cards can be recycled in participating stores of:

WHSmith high street stores (not WHSmith Travel stores) selected Express stores and M&S Food stores



COMING IN TO SCHOOL

When you are bringing your child in or collecting them, **please** don't walk through the school – use the appropriate classroom doors, children who are working in small groups are very easily disturbed.

WINTER FAIR

I just wanted to say a great big thank you to everybody involved in the Winter Fair – it was lovely to see everybody filling the hall and joining in with all the stalls and activities. It is always a pleasure to see Irene recreating her role as Santa’s little helper – I do hope you managed to get your picture taken with her! Everybody’s hard work helped to raise a magnificent £700! Many, many thanks to all of you!



FRIENDS OF JUBILEE

Speaking of those who help us...the Friends of Jubilee (FOJ) raise money to support activities at Jubilee. For example, they have recently paid for some extra play equipment, art materials and a puppet show. They produced the Jubilee art calendar, and gave all classrooms and governors a free copy.

FOJ is open to all parents, carers and staff. Anyone can come along to our meetings or events.

The next meeting is at **3.30–4.30pm on Wed 21 Jan in the community centre.** For more information about FOJ, visit <http://friendsofjubilee.googlepages.com/home> or look out for updates on school noticeboards. Come and join us!



SING OUT...JUBILEE’s GOT TALENT!

Have you heard your children singing songs that they’re learning at school and really want to join in? Well, now’s your chance...all the lyrics and backing tracks can be found on www.singup.org as well as lots of other information about music and singing. There’s nothing like a good old fashioned sing to lift your soul and we could all do with cheering up at the moment.... And there must surely be at least one future X Factor finalist out there?

AND EVEN MORE TALENT

Khadija Hibbert won £50 in a competition to write about Social Issues and how they affect society – in less than 300 words! I’m not sure that I could manage that...but she did and her writing about Gangs and how to stop them taking over the streets is a very powerful piece of work. I see a great future in journalism if she keeps this up! Have any of you won competitions recently? I’d love to know, please come and tell me all about it.

CLUBS

All clubs will start again this week (w/c Monday 12th January). Children received their club letters last week. All clubs fees should be paid by the first session. Please contact Melissa or Charlotte in the office if you have any queries. Some clubs are continuing from last term, for example basketball. Cross country will resume in February.

PILATES

A new Pilates class is starting for adults this Friday from 2pm to 3pm at Jubilee, costing £1 a session. There is a free crèche available, although places are limited and need to be booked in advance. For more information call Carmen on 078814 739976.

FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES: 10.15 – 10.40

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:

Friday 23 rd January	Violet Class	Christopher Duriez
Friday 30 th January	Turquoise Class	Jenny Eyre

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 14th January	Curriculum Meetings about Topic Webs
Thursday 15th January	Kench Hill Meeting for Year 5 parents
Wednesday 21st January	SATS meeting for Y6 parents

Spring Term 2009

Start	Half term	Finish
Tuesday 6 January	Monday 16 February to Friday 20 February	Friday 3 April

Always remember, you can get an overview of what’s happening through the school website; www.jubilee.hackney.sch.uk
Please check the parents’ notice board where there is more information about things that are happening out of school:

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.