



Whitehorse Manor Junior School - Brigstock

Newsletter Friday 23rd October 2015



Dear Parents and Carers, It's been a very busy half-term, with lots of exciting learning going on and there is a lovely 'busy buzz' on the ground floor at Brigstock Road. The children enjoyed their trip to The Crystal Palace Museum to learn more about the Great Exhibition and to see the foundations of the palace itself. We celebrated a fantastic Black History Month this October, which kicked off with a steel pan concert and workshop with Junior and Marcella from 'Iriesteelpans'. We also enjoyed listening to stories about Anansi the spider. The main Whitehorse site was visited by Her Excellency Aloun Ndombet-Assamba, the Jamaican High Commissioner, during her tour of Croydon and she was very impressed with the children, their work and our school. I hope you have a fantastic break. Stay safe.

Charity and giving: A big thank you to everyone who has supported our charity events this half-term. Across the Whitehorse schools we raised £586 for 'Jeans for Genes', whilst our 'Macmillan Coffee Morning' raised £380 for this worthy cause. We received a great many donations for Harvest Festival and these donations have been passed to the Salvation Army to be distributed within our community.

New house and vice captains: As usual, there were some very strong contenders for the roles of captain and house captain on the main site this year. To be honest, there were no losers in this contest, as all the children who stood for office presented themselves exceedingly well and we now have a great student leadership group, comprising house and vice-captains and monitors, all of whom are members of our school council. The house captains and vice captains are: Henry Quartey (HC), Romy Gordon (VC) (Olympia); Aaron Odofin (HC), Tiah Morrison (VC) (Corinth); Nia Edwards-Williams (HC), Tyler Snowsill-Henry (VC) (Sparta) and Mariyah Ali (HC), Dee Dee Brittain (VC) (Athens). We will arrange a chance for house captains and vice-captains to visit the Brigstock site to meet their house members.

Snacks at break-time: Your children are welcome to bring a piece of fresh fruit to have as a snack at break-time. It's a long time between breakfast and lunch and, unfortunately, the government does not provide children in Junior schools with free fruit and milk like they do in the Infant school. Don't forget, but please remember: fresh fruit only.

Mathletics homework: Mathletics still works during the holidays, so encourage your child to spend some time on this over the holidays. Mathletics Live is particularly good at building mental maths skills. If your child has any problems accessing Mathletics, please let their class teacher know so we can see if this is an admin issue that we can fix.

Goodbye: You might be aware that Mrs Soggee will be leaving us after the half-term. She has been a longstanding and well-respected member of our Whitehorse staff team for a long time and we are sorry to see her go, but happy that she is moving on to work with the fantastic charity 'Values vs Violence' in a senior role. Thank you so much for all your hard work.

Monday 2nd November: Return to school
Wednesday 11th November @11 am: Remembrance Day
Thursday 17th December @ 1.45pm: Christmas Production
Friday 18th December: Last day of term

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