



Whitehorse Manor Junior School

Newsletter Tuesday 1st November 2016



Welcome back. I hope that you enjoyed your break. The first half of this term was action packed indeed. The Romans arrived to spend some time with Year 4 and the Vikings invaded Year 5! In both cases, the arriving forces were friendlier than their historical counterparts were, and the children really enjoyed working on a range of activities. Year 4 launched an English/geography project when they released helium balloons with tags on: one side had a letter to a fictional character from their book, Krindlekrax, the other a message to contact the school if the balloon was found: the race is still on to find the balloon that has travelled the furthest! Year 6 made their annual trip to Broadstone Warren for some outdoor PE learning and team building to develop that 'can do' ethos and Year 3 enjoyed a trip to the Crystal Palace Park and Museum. I know that the teachers have a lot of exciting learning planned between now and the Christmas break and hope that we have a productive end to the autumn term.

Black History Month: We were joined by Andrew Muhammad, who came to speak to the children, inspire them, and teach us a bit more about black history, in this case The history of the Kingdom of Mali and it's ruler, Mansa Musa – the wealthiest person who has ever lived. Andrew is such an inspirational speaker, motivator and historian. It was lovely to see the children so involved in learning something new.

House Captains: The votes have been counted and verified, the results are in and Whitehorse Manor Junior School has a new set of House Captains, Vice House Captains and Monitors to steer us through the year. All the children who stood for office presented themselves exceedingly well and could only do so having already been nominated by the children in Year 6. Our new 'House Leadership team' is : Mya Silverstone (HC), Sulaymane Elvin Fatty (VC), Shanice Magonya, Makan Zorkot, Shania Grey-Areben (M) for Olympia; Ashleigh Dowie (HC), Charlotte Skrzypczyk (VC), Afrah Yacoob, Benjamin Boateng, Vanessa Sam (M) for Corinth; Shania West (HC), Danushant Krishnaruban (VC), Benjamin Gambah, Cameron Morris, Nathaniel Goodridge Downer (M) for Sparta and Sophie Barbe (HC), Adan Bhatti (VC), Mark Johnson, Moises Serna Gil, Livvy Meaden (M) for Athens. Very well done.

Charitable work: A huge thanks for all your charitable giving last half term. We raised £460 for Jeans for Jeans across the Whitehorse schools and £102 for MacMillan in the Juniors alone. We had a vast mound of Thanksgiving gifts which have now been delivered to the Refugee Centre in Croydon.

Fri 4th Nov 11 am	New Forest Class Assembly (3S)
Fri 11th Nov 10.50am	Remembrance Day Service
Fri 18th Nov 11am	Connemara Class Assembly (4B)
Mon 21st Nov	Scrooge Pantomime for pupils
Mon 5th Dec 1.45pm	Christmas production Yr 3/5
Tues 6th Dec 7.00pm	Christmas production Yr 3/5
Wed 7th Dec 1.45pm	Christmas production Yr4/6
Thurs 8th Dec 7.00pm	Christmas production Yr 4/6
Tues 20th Dec 2-4pm	Crafts and Carols
Weds 21st Dec	Last day of term

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