

Friday, 23rd February 2024

# VJS NEWS



*Proud To Be Me, Proud To Belong*

**Mrs S. Barham - Upper Phase Leader**

The children have returned from the half term break with a great attitude towards their learning, ready for the busy half term ahead.

To start the busy half term, a team of girls from Year 5 and 6 attended a girl's football tournament at Gunnersbury Park on Thursday. Despite the miserable conditions, the girls did a great job in representing our school and performed really well. Well done to Lily, Jodie, Anna, Hanna, Riya, Evie-Rose, Ezgi, Aliyah, Alisha and Daisy.

During our celebration assembly this week, it was lovely to celebrate achievements in reading by giving out lots of certificates for the number of nights children have been reading, and for playing TTRS which many children even used over the half term!

The celebration assembly was also a chance to acknowledge Varsitha Vel in Holly Class who won the Young Writers Creativity Award 2024. She spoke to the children in assembly about entering the competition and winning a certificate. Her story will also be published in a children's anthology. Well Done!



Thursday,  
7th March

# Dates for the diary...

**Coffee Morning on Tuesday, 27th February - Garvin Snell - Director of the Re-NGAGE project and founder of No Shame In Running (NSIR)**

Garvin has lived and grown up in the local community for over 35 years and is dedicated to making and creating a safer environment for young people, parents, carers and all members of the community. His talks and workshops are focused on making people aware issues within the community, such as gang violence. He also aims to raise aspirations and motivate the wider community.

**Friday, 1st March - 9am - PSHE Information session for parents**

Parents are invited to attend a session relating to PSHE and Science. The focus will be on Relationship and Sex Education and upcoming topics on Human Reproduction and Ageing. We have taken into account the feedback given from parents/carers and hope to discuss issues that have been raised at the meeting.

## It's Pizza Time - Timetable!

### Class and Date

Year 4 Ebony: 29/2

Year 4 Rowan: 7/3

Year 5 Holly: 14/3

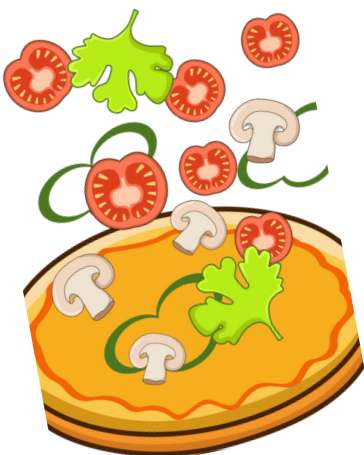
Year 5 Magnolia: 21/3

Year 5 Willow: 28/3

Year 6 Cherry: 18/4

Year 6 Chestnut: 25/4

Year 6 Laurel: 2/6



# Sail to Hope Project

Mrs Begum - Family Support Worker

This week, some of our children took part in the Sail to Hope workshop. They worked with artist and composer using mix media (drawing, painting with acrylics, collage, oil pastels, even origami) to explore expressing what HOPE means to them.

It was an very uplifting, creative workshop. All participants created an origami boat to be a part of an art installation piece for Sail To Hope Exhibition as well as some of their own artwork. Some of the artworks will be chosen to feature in a video funded by the Arts Council alongside music by Grammy winning composer Tim Garland.







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