

Friday, 9th June 2023

VJS NEWS

Proud To Be Me, Proud To Belong

Mr David Lee, Headteacher



This week I am going to focus of safeguarding and how we can work together to ensure the children at Victoria Junior School are kept safe in these key areas:

- 1) Please look at a weather forecast for the day ahead and apply sunscreen to your child before they leave for school. The sunscreen should be SPF 30 or higher and protect against UVA and UVB rays.
- 2) Please make sure your child brings a water bottle to school each day. Water is the best drink for hot days as it reduces the effects of dehydration more than any other. Some of the signs of dehydration can be quite subtle in children and in a busy environment can be easily missed and persistent dehydration can lead to urinary and kidney problems.
- 3) It is vital for the health of children that we keep nuts and nut related products out of our school. Today an empty tube of Nutella biscuits was left in the lunch hall. We have several children who have nut allergies and bringing in nut related foods puts them at a serious health risk.

Thank you to those volunteers who are coming onto the school grounds on Saturday to help improve the grounds of the school and support our Feltham in Bloom competition entry ahead of the judging day in July.

DIARY DATES

13th June 2023 - Upper Phase Sports Morning - 9:00 meet for Parents/Carers. Please see letter that was sent home today!

13th June 2023 - Coffee Afternoon (instead of morning) on "Stepping Up to Year 7 Transition" hosted by School and Family Works - 1:30pm

W/b 19th June 2023 - Careers Week

19th June 2023 - INSET day - School closed for pupils

21st June 2023 - Lower Phase Humanism Workshops

28th June 2023 - Upper Phase Humanism Workshops

17th July 2023 - Whole School Dance morning



My Money Week is a national activity week for primary and secondary school aged children and young people, providing a fantastic opportunity for them to gain the skills, knowledge and confidence in money matters to thrive in society.

Next week, our pupils will be participating in a range of activities related to money - the history of money, managing and budgeting money and the importance of money.

PROBLEM- SOLVING STARS

Remember to see
your class teacher
for a merit!

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Year 3

Elm: Jai and Henil

Oak: Anik and Ava

Ash: Hazel and Myra

Year 4

Beech: Avleen and Aiza

Rowan: Indie and
Emerald

Ebony: Amia and
Leighton

Year 5

Magnolia: Finley and
Claire

Holly: Aaliyah and
David

Willow: Ezekiel and
Samiksha

Year 6

Cherry: Karthik
and Sajeetha

Chestnut: Azlan and
Evelyn

Laurel: Hadi and Omar

Lower Phase Sports Day

by Mr. Tavey, P.E Lead

On Tuesday, 6th June at Springwest Academy, the Lower Phase Sports Day took place with incredible success. The event was enjoyed by all and was a true testament to the excellent teamwork and participation of the pupils.

Throughout the morning, children worked together in their teams to compete in various races and challenges. There was a real sense of camaraderie as every child encouraged their team members to give their best effort.

The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and parents played a crucial role in the success of the Sports Day. They provided help in chaperoning the children to and from the event, compiling the scoresheets and cheering the children on throughout the day.

Highlights of the day included the agility run, the javelin throw and the obstacle course. The children showed great determination and perseverance, pushing themselves to achieve a personal best in every event.

The Sports Day ended on a high note with all the children receiving a very welcome treat when they returned to the school- muscle-weary, tired but with a head full of memories of a great day.

Overall, it was a fantastic day filled with fun, laughter and team spirit. A huge thank you again to the PTA and parents for their support in making this day a true success.

We look forward to holding the Upper Phase Sports Day on Tuesday next week.



Hounslow Junior Book Awards - Written by our Reading Champions

On Thursday, 8th June, we attended the Hounslow Junior Book Awards 2023 ceremony at Beaver's Community Primary School. At the event, we met the famous children's author Kirsty Applebaum (author of 'The Middler', 'The Life and Time of Lonny Quicke' and 'Troofriend', as well as the Princess Minna series for younger children).

Kirsty Applebaum introduced herself and told us a little bit about her childhood and why she became an author, including the inspiration behind her books. She wrote her first books when she was a child - they were about a witch called Mabel who rode a motorbike. She wrote these when she was a child, and asked her dad to write them up for her.

Kirsty then spoke to us about her most recent releases and gave us a snapshot into the stories and the ideas behind them. While some of her books have taken years to write, she managed to write 'Troofriend' in a whopping 32 days! She loves the idea of a robot friend and she showed us some of the cool robots that currently exist.

Before announcing the winner of the award, Kirsty did a short story-writing workshop with us. We learned that 'Who, Where, When, Why, How, What' are the key to great story writing!

The most important part of the morning was when she announced the Junior Book Award 2023 Winner. Before heading back to school, we had the chance to purchase signed copies of her books. She also very kindly took a picture with us!

The winners of the Hounslow Junior Book Awards 2023 are:

- 1. The Boy Who's Wishes Came True**
- 2. Joint: Colour of Hope and Flash of Fireflies**



Tanay- “Today was the most amazing day of my life!”

Vinu - “This was a great opportunity for all of us and we really enjoyed it.”

Ruweyda - “This morning was intriguing and interesting.

Kirsty Applebaum was very polite and friendly.”

Callum - “We had lots of fun and we are pleased that ‘The Boy Who’s Wishes Came True’ won.”

Mihir - “Today was an absolutely thrilling day and we enjoyed it. We are glad to be Reading Champions. Kirsty Applebaum was an amazing author.”

Sriya- “Kirsty Applebaum inspired us to be resilient as many of her books took several years to write.”

Daniel - “It was fun because she told us about her stories.”

Leishem - “I was extremely honoured to go to the award ceremony and visit Beaver’s Primary School.”

Crizel- “It was really fun to travel around and get some fresh air.”

Ayan - “It was fun.”

Aiza – “It was super fun and nice.”

Summer – “We all enjoyed being Reading Champions, reading the books and being part of World Book Day.”