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VJS NEWS



Proud To Be Me, Proud To Belong

Mr. David Lee - Headteacher

You will know that the core values we hope to instil in the VJS children are: Fulfilment, Curiosity, Compassion, Kindness, Honesty and Problem Solving. These values are encouraged throughout all we do at Victoria Junior School and children are rewarded for showing these attributes.

You may also remember that underpinning all we do at VJS is the understanding that Reading is at the heart of all learning. We have introduced new initiatives recently to enhance the skills of children and their enjoyment of reading. Dedicated phonics sessions take place daily in Years 3 & 4 for those children that need it and a mobile library is available during Breakfast Club, break and lunch times. We had an author in school this week talking about reading and her love of writing and Ebony class performed a poem in the Lower Phase assembly on Thursday. We have joined the Get Hounslow Reading project to support us in making reading enjoyable for all our pupils. I hope you see the benefits of these initiatives when you read with your child this weekend.

Upcoming events

October - Black History Month

18th and 20th October - Carnival
Days for Black History Month

18th October - Explorers Day for
Year 6

19th October - Parent/Child Phonics
session in Hall

21st October - INSET day

24-28 October - Half Term

8th and 10th November - Parents'
Consultations

10th November - Anti-Bullying
workshops

Quote of the week

" 'Cause if you're little you
can do a lot, you
Mustn't let a little thing like
'little' stop you
If you sit around and let
them get on, then you
Won't change a thing!"

*From 'Matilda: The Musical'
by Tim Minchin*



STARS OF THE WEEK!

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Year 3

Oak: Jaipal and Ava

Elm: Edy and Paddy

Ash: Fabien and Myra

Year 4

Beech: Varsita and Jack

Rowan: Diana and
Dhiyaan

Ebony: Hanna and
Rudraansh

Honesty

Year 5

Magnolia: Anwita and
Kalpit

Holly: Ezgi and Eddie

Willow: Elijah and
Leishem

Year 6

Cherry: Natalie and
Rizwan

Chestnut: Meerab and
Jamil

Laurel: Anannya and
Freyal

Our Week

Mel Taylor-Bessent Visit - Miss Trew

The children's author visit was a huge success on Tuesday. Mel Taylor-Bessent delivered a wonderful whole school assembly to promote 'reading for pleasure' and 'creative writing'. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed it and asked some very well thought out questions. It was lovely to see the children engaged with such enjoyment. Many students have asked to purchase a book still, so Parentpay will stay open until 10.00am Monday morning, if you do wish to buy a book. Thank you for your support.



Year 5 Gurdwara Visit - Miss Ubhi

As part of Year 5's RE learning, they visited the Gurdwara in Hounslow. They travelled by bus and received many compliments on their impeccable behaviour from the public and the Gurdwara staff. During their visit, they enjoyed covering their heads and taking off their shoes to show respect. They engaged in conversations with the Gurdwara staff to find out more about Sikhism, experience how Sikhs pray and tried the Langar in the food hall. The children found this trip insightful as they were able to see their learning in the classroom come to life.

Mason from Willow Class said, "We got to learn a lot more about Sikhism during this trip and ask lots of questions."

Finley in Magnolia Class said, "I enjoyed going into the prayer room and trying the Parshad."

Iden in Holly Class said, "The food in the Langar hall was delicious and they let me eat as much as I wanted to."

