

Thursday, 20th October 2022

# VJS NEWS



*Proud To Be Me, Proud To Belong*

**Mr. David Lee - Headteacher**

**As you will have seen in this, and the last few weeks' newsletters, we have put a lot of thought into enriching the curriculum this half-term. We now aim to complement our lessons as our topics progress, with rich and exciting activities, rather than the Enrichment afternoons that we have utilised in the last two years. Please let us know if your child has enjoyed the opportunities we have selected this term.**

**It has felt like a really productive start to the school year, with children who are new to the Victoria Junior School community settling in quickly and being supported by those already used to the kind and compassionate ethos. All the staff wish you a happy, restful and peaceful break and we look forward to seeing you on Monday, 31st October.**

## Upcoming events

**October - Black History Month**

**21st October** - INSET day

**24-28 October** - Half Term

**8th and 10th November** - Parents' Consultations

**8th November** - Feltham Arts Lantern workshops

**10th November** - Anti-Bullying workshops

More events to follow!

## Quote of the week



"Education is the great engine of personal development. It is through education that the daughter of a peasant can become a doctor, that the son of a mine worker can become the head of the mine, that a child of farmworkers can become the president of a great nation. It is what we make out of what we have, not what we are given, that separates one person from another"

*Maria Montessori*

# STARS OF THE WEEK!

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## Year 3

Oak: Zoja and Huseyin

Elm: Sanvi and Sathvika

Ash: Alexandru and  
Ndeye- Fama

## Year 4

Beech: Fatima and Mukundh

Rowan: - Sana and Anirudh

Ebony: Parvathy and  
Harley

*Compassion*

## Year 5

Magnolia: Lea and Hasan

Holly: Miruna and  
Mehran

Willow: Harshvir and  
Mason

## Year 6

Cherry: Kavya and Shane

Chestnut: Amal and  
Rayan

Laurel: Chloe and Lexi

A poem on Fulfilment by Satvika in Ebony Class

Fulfilment is good, as you achieve something cool  
Fulfilment can be everywhere, not just at school  
Fulfilment is amazing, you can feel it in front of a crowd  
This feeling is good, because it makes you feel proud.

# Our Week

By Mrs Principe, History Lead

## Black History Month

**What a way to end our first half term!**

The children thoroughly enjoyed attending the VJS carnival this week, after exploring contributions of people from communities across the UK, and celebrating the rich contribution of the black community to the culture, society and economy.

Children have had the chance to sing and dance to music; dress up in vibrant costumes and get a taste of plantain chips, chin chin and a tropical drink! All children behaved exceptionally well and thoroughly enjoyed listening to our talented guest Kayleigh Lewis (who performs yearly at Notting Hill Carnival) who played her steel drum to all our children.

"I enjoyed dancing because I liked 'Follow the leader'" - Ibrahim

"I enjoyed trying new foods because I normally don't try new things" - Lena

"I enjoyed the drum music" - Hazel

"I enjoyed the carnival because I like people seeing how my country enjoys themselves" - Ndeye Fama

"I loved making the headdress and wearing colourful clothes" - Theo



# Our Week

## Explorers Day

Year 6

**This week we have had a visitor in Year 6. His name was Dantastic. We really appreciated him showing us all the places he had been to on his explorations. He took a 4 hour drive to come and see us! We even got to touch wild animal's body features. We felt a seal skin, a polar-bear's claw, a walrus tusk, an arctic foxes tail, an orca's (a killer whale) tooth and a fake emperor penguin egg.**

**He had been to Antarctica himself and he told us about his journey from Manchester to Antarctica. He was very brave to go to Antarctica and leave his family in Manchester but he had a fun time seeing all of the animals in the Antarctic. He had cancer when he was 19 years old so his mission was to beat cancer so he did and when he saw his mum she gave him book of 101 things to do before you die. In it, it said visit every continent in the world so he did - he travelled the world and succeeded in his mission, which proves that you can do anything if you try and believe that you can be whoever you want to be.**

**By Fardowsa, Shwetha, Evelyn and Tanay (Chestnut Class)**

