

Friday, 10th February 2023

# VJS NEWS

*Proud To Be Me, Proud To Belong*



We have had a very busy final week to the half term.

On Monday, Elm Class visited the Hounslow Jamia Masjid Mosque. On Tuesday, Year 5 and 6 were took part in the 'Future Lives' talks with officers from the Metropolitan Police. Yesterday, our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors attended the 'Diana Award Anti-Bullying Ambassador Programme' training to develop their role within the school community. They have earnt their ambassador first badge and are keen to earn more during the year.

Wednesday saw the return of the food stall, now run by members of our PTA with the School and Family Works. The stall will continue every Wednesday at 3.15pm after half term. Children in the Upper Phase have also been offered the opportunity to support with the food stall in the new term.

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**All of our staff would like to wish you all a happy, restful and peaceful break, and we look forward to seeing you back on Tuesday, 21st February 2023 when school reopens with our free breakfast club from 7.45am.**

# HONESTY STARS

*Remember to see  
your class teacher  
for a merit!*

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## Year 3

Elm: Henry and Eduard

Oak: Zoja and Jaipal

Ash: Karanveer and Myra

## Year 4

Beech: Emran and Luke

Rowan: Emerald and Alex

Ebony: Harley and Amelia

## Year 5

Magnolia: Mourad and  
Oliver

Holly: Habiba and  
Lukas

Willow: Kacper and  
Aryan

## Year 6

Cherry: Sekou and  
Amina

Chestnut: Amal and  
Rayan

Laurel: Crizel and Mihir



# Elm Class Trip

## Hounslow Jamia Masjid Mosque

Elm class visited the Hounslow Jamia Masjid Mosque on Monday, 6th February 2023.

“We started off our trip to the mosque by walking down rather energetically to the bus stop. We were all warned of how quickly Mrs Seevakreedam walks and that we needed to keep up! We got the bus to Wellington Road and were very lucky as the bus came very quickly and they let us on straight away.

When we arrived, we were taken into the Mosque. We had to take our shoes off which wasn't a surprise to us as we had been learning about how Muslims prepare for worship and for some of us we do this in our own holy place as well. Once inside the building, we walked through some dark corridors until we got to a massive room – which was later introduced to us as the prayer room. It was magical, beautiful and illuminating! We were told that it is the most important part of the mosque and we sat underneath the dome, which had parts of the Quran on.



Then we were handed over to another person who was the Imam. Did you know that the Imam was the leader of the Mosque? None of us remembered that when we were there. The Imam told us all about his roles that he has. Are you aware that they lead, council and help the community? We knew some of this through our work back in school. Something that we all learnt (including the adults) was that the Imam also meets other leaders and people of different faiths. He said this was a very important part of his job. He also said they also work together to attend events.

We also learnt about some of the prayers, the times they carry these out and what they are called.

Muslims can pray in the mosque as a group or on their own.

They also read the Muslim holy book - do you know what it is called?

We saw multiple copies of the holy book in the bookcases. Did you know that when you read and write in Arabic and the holy book, you read from left to right?

On Friday at a certain time during the day, Muslims go to pray at the Mosque, which replaces the second prayer.

We found out lots more facts. For example, 2000 people go to pray on a Friday, there were 7000 during Ramadan for the last prayer and 10,000 people attended the mosque for Eid prayers.

We also described what we could notice at the front. Pictures to follow after all classes have gone! We don't want to ruin all the surprises! There was the prayer chamber and a box which the Imam described as a pulpit where the leader could go and share his service and prayers. It was mystery of how you get up there. Once all classes have been, we will share pictures with you."



# Victoria Junior School PTA



## Victoria Junior School PTA

### What we have done in the last month

- ✓ Elected some Board roles for PTA (for 22-23 academic year)
- ✓ Started planning events – cake sale/school disco/summer fair
- ✓ Started progress on funding applications
- ✓ Started planning fundraising ideas
- ✓ Started working through projects for school improvement (eg trips/ library/playground)
- ✓ Set up Whatsapp group

### Whats Next for Feb

- Finalise list of PTA Members
- Send out links to Whatsapp group
- Complete funding applications and await news
- Finalise fundraising ideas and projects for school improvement (eg trips/ library/playground)

### What we need help with

- PTA Launch Cake Sale – help needed on the day and before and buying cakes
- Planning and help for School Disco
- Running the daily Fruit stall at school – news to follow

### Do you want to join the VJS PTA on Whats app?

- Use the QR Code and join with your name, child's name and year
- Use <https://chat.whatsapp.com/EdrB1xumGzk6i9uuypu08A>

### Diary Dates



PTA Launch -  
Cake Sale  
Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> March



School Disco  
Date: TBC



School Disco  
Date: TBC



**Coffee Morning – 21st February is  
Everyone welcome!**