



# Keir Hardie Newsletter

## Head Teacher's Message

Dear parent/carers, I hope you had a restful break. and are looking forward to the second half of the Spring Term as much as I am. Despite being only six weeks long, the children will have the opportunity to engage in a variety of exciting learning experiences. Please see the dates section for upcoming events.

### Uniform

We would like to remind parents that uniform is available for purchase every **Monday morning** from **8:45 - 9:30**.

### ASC

If you are looking for after school child care for your child, we now have spaces in our after school club which runs from 3:15 - 6pm, every day during term time. The cost is £8 per session, per child, or £35 per week. For further information, please speak to Mrs Bond or Ms Berni.

### Women's Aerobics

We currently have spaces in our Women's Aerobics session which runs from 9:30 to 10:30am on Monday mornings. The session is led by a fully qualified fitness instructor and is free to female parent/carers. If you would like more information or are interested in participating in these sessions, please speak to Mrs Bond.

### Dates for the Diary



- **Thursday 23rd February**  
- Year 5 History Assembly @ 2:40pm (parents invited)
- **Friday 3rd March**  
- World Book Day - Ronald Dahl Dress (£1 Donation)
- **Week Beginning Monday 6th March**  
- Maths Week
- **Week Beginning Monday 13th March**  
- Mock SATs Week  
- Assessment Week
- **Monday 13th - Tuesday 14th March**  
- 2 Day Mini Inspection
- **Thursday 16th March**  
- Parent Workshop - Routes Into Work
- **Thursday 23rd March**  
- Parents Evening (reviewing targets)
- **Friday 24th March**  
- Red Nose Day
- **Week Beginning Monday 27th March**  
- Art & D&T Week
- **Monday 3rd - Friday 7th April**  
- Year 6 Easter School
- **Monday 3rd - Monday 17th April**  
- Spring Break (**School Closed**)

### Time Ticks On



Just a quick reminder that the clocks go forward one hour at 1am on Sunday 26th March.

## Meet The PTA

The PTA is an organisation of parents, carers and staff. It's role is to encourage closer links between home, school and the community. The PTA raises money through events. We aim to hold one main event each term and we are always looking for fundraising ideas. We hold meetings every fortnight on a Friday after Parent Reading and welcome any new members who would like to attend.

The votes for the elections of the core PTA team were counted and the appointments are as follows:



**Chair:** Lisa Palmer (Mia Wijman, Butterfly Class)



**Vice Chair:** Linda Cozier (Alexis Conteh, 5W) & Natalie Symister (Theo Bastien, 1B)



**Secretary:** Darshi Wijesinghe (Meher Ishika, 1D) & **Treasurer:** Maria Grijalva (Adrian, 3F & Gabriel Avendano, 5A)



**Core Committee:** Katrina & Simon Hill (Daisy-Mae Nursery), Frances Wood (Cain Agar, Nursery) & Veronica Aghedo, Suzie Amen-Amoyaw, Nursery)



Iheoma Egbujor (Chimbuchi Egbyor Nursery), Sophie Thompson, (Shylah Thompson Nursery) & Caroline Omekara, Ebube Okpalanko, 1P)



**School PTA links:** Miss Nguyen (AHT EYFS), Mrs Bond (ESCO)

## Upcoming PTA Dates

- **Friday 24th February** - PTA Meeting
- **Friday 10th March** - PTA Meeting
- **Friday 24th March** - Easter Bonnet Making Workshop (*am*)
- **Thursday 30th March** - Easter Bonnet Parade (*pm - after school*)



## Exciting Events

### Year 6 Theatre Visit

In order to enhance their learning in English, our Year 6 students visited the Prince Edward Theatre in the West End to watch the highly acclaimed theatre show Aladdin on Thursday 5th January. The amazing production both enthralled and inspired the pupils and staff alike.

### The Tudors

As part of their history curriculum, the Year 5s were transported back in time as they participated in a special *History off the Page* workshop which focused on bringing The Tudors to life. The pupils were able to learn and experience what life in England in the 1500s - food, clothes, rich/poor divide, class system and the War of the Roses.



### Year 4 Theatre Visit

On the 1st February, our Year 4 pupils visited the Unicorn Theatre at London Bridge to watch a performance of The Iron Man. The Iron Man is the prequel to the story they have been studying in class, The Iron Woman.

### Holocaust Memorial Day



Five students from Year 5 represented the school at this year's Holocaust Memorial Day Service held at the Old Town Hall, Stratford. The pupils had the opportunity to listen to the intriguing testimony of Holocaust survivor Harry Olmer and learn about life as a Jewish teenager during WWII. There were also musical performances and readings from children from other schools in Newham.

## Junior RE Conference

On 18th February a group of children from Year 5 went to the Junior RE Conference at Brampton Primary School. The focus of the day was 'Diversity In Our Community' and as part of this the pupils explored what it means to forgive and how various religious symbols portray forgiveness.

## Brilliant Club Graduation

Congratulations to the Year 6 pupils who graduated from the Brilliant Club and attended the ceremony at the University of Cambridge on January 31st. We are all very proud of your hard work and achievements.



## NSPCC

In order to help all our children from Year 1-6 to understand more about how they can keep themselves safe, we were pleased to invite Caroline from the NSPCC to deliver two assemblies and two workshops during the week beginning 23rd January.



## Junior Citizenship at Tate & Lyle

Once again this year the Year 5 pupils were able to attend a workshop led by the Metropolitan Police at the Tate & Lyle sugar factory in Silvertown. The workshop comprised nine different elements including: safety around water, fire safety, safety while travelling on public transport and other aspects of personal safety.

## Balanced Arguments Leading To Debate

Having looked at what constitutes a balanced argument as part of their English Lessons, the children were encouraged to put what they had learned into practice. A series of inter-year group debates took place culminating in fine demonstration of debating skill by members of staff.

