

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been an exceptionally busy half-term in school with many exciting events. Our “**Book Week**” has been a fantastic success with classes making books and creating characters from fantasy and adventure stories.

I would encourage you to try and visit the building to see the outstanding displays of work from each class on display in the downstairs corridor.

We were very excited to make the front page of the Southall Gazette following the visit of British children’s author, Mr Jack Trelawny. Jack signed books for children and then presented a wonderful workshop to the older pupils on creative writing.



We have again enjoyed great assemblies from a range of classes. Our term has ended today with Year 3 presenting the Easter assembly. We have seen class assemblies from Reception and Year 6, while Year 4 presented assembly on the festival of “Holi”.

This half term also saw our second round of parent teacher meetings for this school year. It is always very good to see so many parents come along to these important meetings. I want to also thank the teachers for their time after school during the week.

Hopefully we will be able to enjoy some warmer weather during the next two weeks of the holidays. I hope that all children and their families have a relaxing and safe time over the holidays. We look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April.

Kind Regards

**Mr Dave Woods**  
Head Teacher

## SCHOOL GOVERNANCE



### We Need You !!!!!

We currently have a vacancy on the governing body for a Parent Governor.

As a Governor you have an important job in supporting the Head Teacher and the school leadership team to continue to develop and improve the school.

A nomination form is attached to the newsletter. Please consider becoming a Governor by returning the completed form after the holidays. Please speak to Mr Woods or Mrs Poonai if you have any questions.

## CURRICULUM NEWS

We have now completed our first full-term working with the IPC (International Primary Curriculum). Classes from Year 1 through to Year 5 have completed an enormous amount of super work on a range of themes and topics. The IPC allows our children to develop their skills in geography, history, art, science, music and more, while also crucially developing a greater understanding of the wider world through international studies.



Next half term the classes will be studying the following themes:

- Year 1 and Year 2 - Flowers and Insects
- Year 3 and Year 4 - Explorers and Adventurers
- Year 5 and Year 6 - Astronomy “Our Place in Space”



**STOP PRESS:** Just this week we have been informed that we were successful with a bid to introduce ECAR (Every Child a Reader) into our school. This is an exciting opportunity to promote young reading skills.

### RED NOSE DAY (13<sup>th</sup> March)

Everyone came to school dressed wearing something red or with mixed up clothes to support Red Nose Day. Year 1 and the Art Club made cakes and biscuits that we sold in school to raise funds for Comic Relief. All together we raised £105.07 from the activities on the day.



We even had a special “Red Nose” lunch menu with a “red” dessert which was very popular.

### Foundation Stage (Nursery/Reception)

The Reception class went to visit the Fire Station.



They had a great time spraying water from the fire hose, wearing the Firefighter’s helmets and sitting in the fire engine.

They also learnt how to keep safe if there was a fire.



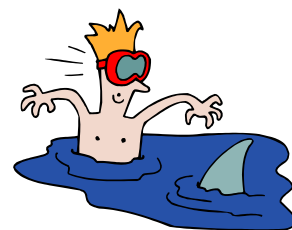
### Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2)

On Red Nose Day Year 1 made some chocolate crispy cakes and sold them to teachers and to each other in order to raise money for victims of famine around the world. They had lots of fun doing this! ☺



### Fantasy story by Siddhant and Prahlad – Year 2

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One day Tizzie, Louis, mum, and dad were going on a holiday. “Are we there yet” said Louis. Stop asking that said Tizzie. “We are almost there” said dad. They got everything they needed. Mum said what do you want to go on first? Beach said Louis. Beach said Tizzie. Beach said dad. Mum said beach too. Suddenly... a magic shark came and ate Louis. Louis rubbed his eyes and he saw gold and jewellery. It was like a desert because it was so hot in there. Suddenly...a treasure chest came. A gnome came and sent Louis back

to the beach. Tizzie found a magic crystal and a magic star. Louis got the magic star and Tizzie got the magic crystal. They quickly made a wish. The wish was I wish everything turned the way it was and everything turned the way it was. Everyone was so happy that they played on the beach the whole day.

## Year 2 – Book Week Displays



## Key Stage 2

### Year 3

#### Our topic on the Rainforest by Najma, Hana and Idil

For our PSI unit this term we enjoyed our topic on the Rainforest for Geography. We found where the Rainforest was actually situated in the world. We looked at different plants and animals.

For Science we researched different layers of the Rainforest. We tried to make a leaflet about the Rainforest for our tourist.

For PE we actually did a drama based on the different ways the Rainforest was destroyed and rebuilt.

For PSHE we compared our lives with those of the Rainforest.

We even went to Kew Gardens where we actually saw how tall the trees and the different layers of the Rainforest



We mostly enjoyed our Art on the Rainforest as we looked at the different artists and tried to copy their work. Researching on this topic, it made us aware that we all have to contribute something towards the Rainforest.

## Year 3 presented the Easter Assembly on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April



## Year 4

### swimming lesson

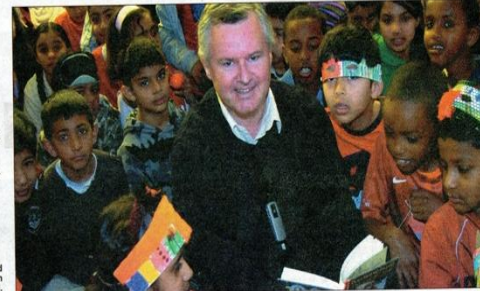
In swimming Year 4 had learned how to swim. We have learned how to swim backwards. Also year 4 had a test to see if we had improved our swimming. In the last day year 4 had a fun day doing swimming and some people were in the higher group with another swimming teacher. They have been doing hard lessons. First the teacher told us what do to and then we followed Everybody was having turn after that we can do anything. The next Thursday was our last day. The teachers told us we could do whatever we want to do so we had lots of fun. Then it was time to go to school .Everybody had lots of fun.

By Manoona

#### Children's author Jack Trelawny holds young audience spellbound

CHILDREN'S author Jack Trelawny kept pupils enthralled during a recent visit to Beaconsfield Primary School in Southall. The writer was on hand to read excerpts from his popular Kemnowland series of books, which tell the story of children transported to a magical land in Cornwall. Headteacher David Woods said: "The children were enthralled by Jack's visit. "He did a reading, signed books and gave a talk on how he creates his characters. "Everyone loved having him here."

Author Jack Trelawny surrounded by an enthralled audience on his visit to Beaconsfield School. Picture by Stan James. ©12/2014



## Jack Trelawny

Jack Trelawny came and visited our school called Beaconsfield Primary School he introduced the way that he thinks about his books. After that a photographer took a photograph of some of the children and Jack Trelawny him self. Next few days we had a news paper showing the photograph. The day this all happened was Red Nose Day plus Ehsan gave a Sticker to Jack Trelawny and he said thank you. By Ismail and Ehsan.

**Year 4 have been making some paper mache it was very nice. First we blew up a balloon next we cut some newspaper and stuck it on some glue. Then we had to make 4 or 5 layers when you had finished Mrs. Salvidge and Miss Moxan popped the balloon and we were lucky because we had to paint it and make masks I made a lion mask it was really fantastic. Other people made yanomami mask like my friend Jasmine and Rajpreet. Miss Moxan took pictures of us and that's how you make paper mache.**

By Muna

## Year 5

### Museum of London

Year Five went on a trip to the Museum of London to visit the Roman London gallery and take part in a workshop on Roman Myths and Legends. On the train on the way there we had a laugh with Miss Towers playing 'I Spy' and talking about the trip. It was also a little time to catch up with friends.

We then took the tube to Central London. When we got off the train Sahra's mum realised she had left the clip boards on tube! But that was not going to spoil our day. We got there at around 10.30am. Then Miss Towers gave us some activity sheets to help us find our way around all the interesting exhibits in the Roman London gallery.

In the gallery there were so many things to look at. There was a model of Roman London and a map to show the Roman Empire. There were examples of Roman medicine, religion, houses, entertainment and many more things to look at and read about. Faisal was so interested that he dropped his clip board onto the Roman mosaic floor and we had to call one of the people working in the museum to get it back for us!



Then it was lunch time so we got our pack lunch and sat down at a table. In the afternoon it was time for our work shop. An actress told us the fascinating story of Perseus and Medusa. It was a Roman myth about the quest of Perseus to get the head of the evil Medusa. This was not easy for him because if you look at Medusa then you would turn into stone! He faced many challenges along the way but had some help from the Roman gods and the story had a happy ending. The best bit of the workshop was when we got to hold the real Roman artefacts and try to guess what the objects were. We all had our own crazy ideas of what the artefacts would have been used for in Roman times. We also thought about what they could be used for as magical objects when we are writing our own Roman myths.

We had such a fun day and I would like to go back there again one day and spend more time to finding out information about Roman Britain.

By Manraj

## Year 6

### Micro-organisms rap by Loic and Ahmed

*My name is microbe  
I live in the air,  
You can find me here there and everywhere.  
You can't see me with the naked eye,  
Each time you're walking I'm flying by.  
The food I rot is quite a feast,  
It's not enough I need to eat.  
My bro E.coli my sis salmonella  
We stand together and cause disease.*

*In science we have been studying the fascinating topic of the nasty creatures which are all around - **Micro organisms**. We looked at the importance of keep our self and our surroundings clean. All the children were enthralled by the facts we informed them with, in our assembly. As well as the children we enjoyed it too with it being so factual and informative. We convinced the children and the staff that keeping hygienic is very important. We hope every that attended our assembly took a piece of information with them.  
By Amiaamaa and Tamara*



***Year 6 have been learning about a captivating topic in Science all about **Micro-organisms**. We decided to do an assembly on this topic. We wanted our assembly to be informative as well as amusing. Some children dressed up as the gruesome creatures like dust mites and flies, this was to show the impact they have and how harmful they can be. We provided our audience with some facts that might have made their tummies churn! We were very pleased with the results of our assembly, and we hope everyone does their bit to be hygienic and keep the environment around them clean.  
By Sindus and Lalita***

## COMMUNITY NEWS

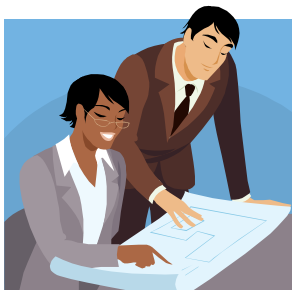
### Adult Learning

Many parents and carers from our school community have been able to benefit from our range of adult learning courses over the past two years. In addition to our ESOL and ICT classes, we are able to offer a range of short taster learning courses in May and June.

Please speak to Mrs Poonai for any information on the courses below.

- i) Word Processing for TOTAL beginners  
**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May – 9.00am – 11.00am**
- ii) ESOL Taster: Basic Spelling and Grammar  
**(5 weeks) Begins Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May  
11.15am – 1.15pm**
- iii) Make Up Made Easy  
**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May – 9.15am – 12.15pm**
- iv) Hair Tips Made Easy  
**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May – 12.30pm – 3.30pm**
- v) Internet and Email  
**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June – 3.30pm – 6.30pm**
- vi) Sign Language  
**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – 10am – 1pm**
- vii) First Aid  
**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May – 9.30am – 1.30pm**

As all courses are offered free of charge we **cannot** offer any childminding facilities. Please note that places are very limited for each course. Should you not turn up to a course where you have been offered a place you will become ineligible for any future adult learning courses.



### Parent/Carer and Toddler Group

Our group meets each Friday morning from 9.30am to 11.15am for toddlers aged from 18 months up to age 3.

This group is open to parents/carers of children in the school and to friends with young children. We are very keen to welcome new parents to the group.



### After-School Care

It is with regret that I must advise parents that our After-School Care service will end from Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May. We have seen a decrease in demand and can no longer subsidise this loss making service.

### Free equipment for schools vouchers

Currently we are collecting in school the tokens given out from Tesco and Sainsburys as well as the Nestle Box Tops. Please send any tokens you have into school and ask your relatives and friends to collect tokens on our behalf. The collections boxes are located near the front office



### SCHOOL PROCEDURES



With the two week holiday period here it is a good opportunity to ensure that your children come to school with the correct uniform, including black shoes (not trainers or boots).

Boots are a health and safety risk for children and the school does not accept any responsibility for injuries if children are wearing boots.

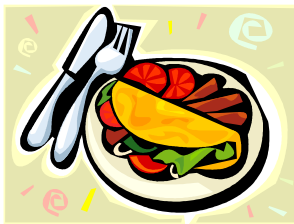


Every term we end up with a large amount of lost property that does not have any names on them. Please check the lost property box (located near the playground door) for any missing clothing items. The best way to keep clothes safe is to put names on all items.

## Holiday Play Provision

I am very pleased to announce that pupils are welcome to attend "FREE" Holiday Play Activities over the Easter holiday period. This play scheme is run by West London YMCA and organised through the extended schools network. The play scheme will take place at our school on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> April** from 11am – 3pm. Children can take part in crafts, games and sports activities. Children must register the first time they attend with a parent/carer and they should bring a healthy packed lunch. Contact 020 8832 1509 or 07971 977 302 for more information.

## School Dinners



Please do not include crisps, biscuits, sweets, chocolate or fizzy drinks as part of packed lunches.

On a Friday (**only**) children having a packed lunch are permitted to have crisps or biscuits or a small chocolate bar as part of their lunch. This is in line with our policy on promoting responsible healthy eating.



## DINNER MONEY

Another big thank you to all those parents who send in their money regularly either half termly or weekly on a **Monday morning**.

Cheques should be made payable to **Harrison Catering Services Limited**

The cost of school dinners for the first half of the summer term will be £45.60 (20<sup>th</sup> April – 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2009 – 24 days @ £1.90 per day)



**Please remember that if children wish to change from school meals to packed lunches or vice versa, the school should receive written notification giving four weeks notice. Parents must inform Harrison's when children are absent from school or they risk being charged**

All school dinner money paid at school is collected by Harrison Catering. The school office staff **do not** have anything to do with collecting dinner money.

The easiest way to pay dinner money is using the internet payment service at [www.ealingmeals.com](http://www.ealingmeals.com) or by phoning 020 8280 0318.

## HELP THE SCHOOL TO SAVE MONEY

We have a contract with Harrison's Catering to provide our school meal service. Unfortunately if not enough children have a school dinner we still have to pay the catering company. Currently we expect to have to pay Harrison's £3000 in July. This is money we should be spending on resources for all of the children in school. (£3000 would buy a new classroom computer for each class in the school).

## HOW CAN YOU HELP US?

If you are entitled to claim free school meals because you receive income support, job-seekers allowance, child tax credit or if you are assisted by the National Asylum Support Service (NASS), I'm asking you to complete the application form. Even if your child still has a packed lunch, by filling in the Free School Meals form you will help to keep more money in school for the benefit of all of the children.

Please ask any member of staff in school or at the office and help us to save money.

## Punctuality

The school day starts at **8.50am** and children should be in their class line by that time or will be considered late



Please allow more time for your journey to school if the weather is bad.

The school playground is not supervised before 8.40am, therefore children should not arrive in the playground before this time.

***The law requires that children should be in school on time for the 190 days of the academic year. Parents/ carers can be fined or taken to court for persistent lateness or absence.***

## Requests for Leave (Holidays)



Holidays should only be taken during the 13 weeks when school is closed.

Children who achieve the lowest academic levels or make the slowest progress in learning are those that have frequent days of absence

The school policy for not granting any approved leave during term time is strictly enforced at all times.

***If children are away for extended periods of time they may lose their place in school to someone who is on the waiting list.***

Below are our approved school holiday dates through until July 2010.

Please note these dates and ensure that any holiday bookings are made outside of the school terms.

## TERM DATES 2009 - 2010

<p><b><u>Summer Term 2009</u></b></p> <p>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2009 – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2009</p> <p>Bank Holiday – 4<sup>th</sup> May 2009</p> <p><i>Half term – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2009</i></p> <p>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2009 – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2009</p> <p>INSET Day: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2009</p>	<p><b><u>Autumn Term 2009</u></b></p> <p>School Resumes for pupils on:</p> <p>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September <i>(to be confirmed)</i></p> <p><i>Half term – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2009</i></p> <p>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2009</p>	
<p><b><u>Spring Term 2010</u></b></p> <p>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2010 – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2010</p> <p><i>Half term – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2010</i></p> <p>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2010 – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010</p> <p>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Bank Holiday</p>	<p><b><u>Summer Term 2010</u></b></p> <p>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2010 – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2010</p> <p>Bank Holiday – 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2010</p> <p><i>Half term – Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2010</i></p> <p>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2010 – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2010</p>	

## DATES FOR NEXT TERM

Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Y4 & Y5 trip to Twickenham  
 Fri 24<sup>th</sup> April – St Georges Day Assembly (Y4)  
 Fri 1<sup>st</sup> May – Y4 trip to Tower of London  
 Mon 4<sup>th</sup> May – **School closed** – BANK HOLIDAY  
 Sat 9<sup>th</sup> May – Spring Fair (10am – 1.30pm)  
 Mon 11<sup>th</sup> May – Y6 SATS begin  
 Tues 12<sup>th</sup> May – Y3 trip to British Airways

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> – Fri 29<sup>th</sup> May **school closed for Half Term**  
 Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> June – **school closed** staff training day  
 Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Y6 High School Induction Day  
 Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> July – International Evening (6pm – 9pm)  
 Mon 6<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 travel to Isle of Wight (7am)  
 Fri 17<sup>th</sup> July – school closes for end of school year