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## School Newsletter – Issue 9

Although we're only three weeks into the spring term, there has already been lots going on in school and I'm pleased to share with you some of our pupils' achievements in music, sport and the arts.

### **Music at Cannon Lane Primary School – A note from Mr Kirwan**

Music is at the very heart of life at Cannon Lane. This contribution to our newsletter offers me an opportunity to share with you all the exciting projects our pupils are involved in.

We currently have close to 200 children learning a musical instrument at Cannon Lane, with many more studying outside of school. This is a fantastic achievement for a primary school, and we are hugely grateful to our parents for supporting this. Together, I am sure we shall see instrumental music continue to develop and thrive.

Harrow Music Service are delighted to announce that SurVandita, an arts organisation delivering Hindustani singing tuition, have become partners in the Music Education Hub and are offering lessons to individuals and groups at the Harrow Arts Centre on Monday evenings. I would like to explore the possibility of providing the opportunity for vocal tuition of all styles at Cannon Lane. If this is something that interests you and your child then please do get in touch with me to express your interest. I will take this into consideration when organising our instrumental teaching provision for the next academic year.

Cannon Lane will take part in this year's Harrow Music Service String Festival on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March. Invitations and further information will be sent out to participating children after half term. I thoroughly enjoyed the Band Festival that took place last term, and look forward to this next exciting event.

More pictures of the Harrow Band Festival can be found at:  
<http://www.harrowmusic.org/band-festivals/nggallery/band-festivals/monday-30th-november-2015-band-festival/page/1>



## Sporting Achievements

**Netball:** Our school netball team has played matches against two local schools already this term and are making excellent progress! On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January two of our teams played against West Lodge School winning one match 8-3 and losing the other 5-2.

On 19<sup>th</sup> January the netballers played again, this time against Earlsmead School resulting in a 6-6 draw. Very well done to all of the children involved!

**Football:** Despite the wet weather and waterlogged pitches, our football team managed to play one of their league matches last week against Heathland School. It was a hard-fought match resulting in a 2-2 draw. Mr McLachlan was very proud of the team's performance and sportsmanship. Congratulations to everyone who played.



## The Arts

Year 1 were delighted to welcome visitors from the Museum of London and participate in a workshop to help with their understanding of history. Children first enjoyed watching an entertaining and informative puppet show about the Great Fire of London, in which they found out facts about the past. After this they created their own eye-catching puppets.

## An important reminder about the start of the school day

The **playground gates open at 8.30am** for children to arrive in school. Children in Years 3 – 6 are collected from the playground by their class teacher at 8.45am. This is the start of the school day.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are collected from the playground by their class teacher at 8.50am.

Children who arrive after this time are considered to be late and the school is required to keep a log of children arriving late for school. More importantly, we believe that it is very important to teach children about being punctual. Arriving late for school can be unsettling for children and disruptive for other members of the class. Teachers often start the day by explaining what children will be learning about and outlining the different arrangements. In addition to this, school meals are ordered at the start of the day and late arrivers may affect the number of meals that are ordered.

**Please make every effort** for your children to arrive on the playground **before the bell rings**. Thank you.

## Parents' Contact Information

Thank you to all parents who have completed and returned the Parents' Contact Information Sheet (providing details of contact phone numbers, email addresses etc). If you haven't returned this (a reminder has been sent out) we would be grateful if you could do this as soon as possible. It is essential that the school office has up-to-date information so that we can contact you in the event of an emergency. Thank you.





## **Textiles bin**

You may have noticed that the school now has a permanent textile recycling bin on site. It is situated at the top of the main drive on the left hand side, if you are heading into school. Please donate any unwanted clothing, underwear, accessories, shoes, trainers and household linens you have as these will be used to raise funds for school.

There are official bags available from Welfare if you need them, but any clean bag is acceptable. Please do not donate pillows or duvets.

This bin will replace the occasional clothing collections we have had in the past, and it is hoped people will find the bin a more convenient way of donating used and unwanted textiles. Thank you to Mrs Watkins for organising this.

With best wishes,

Mr A Phillips  
Headteacher