

### Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2016

#### Sport Relief

We've had lots of fun today with all children taking part in our Sport Relief challenge. A course was mapped out in school for children to walk or run (4 laps equalling one mile). Staff joined in too (very enthusiastically!!) and our calculations indicate that we covered a collective distance of over 800 miles – more than 30 marathons!!!! Thank you to everyone who donated money to Sport Relief. We raised around £800 which will be passed on to this very worthwhile cause.



#### Pupil Progress

Thank you to parents for coming into school this week for our parent / teacher meetings. I have received very positive feedback from the teachers and we value our partnership with you in your children's education. Next week you will receive an email from Classroom Monitor (our pupil progress tracking system) which will provide a summary of your child's attainment in reading, writing and mathematics. This will outline the objectives that children have achieved or exceeded along with targets for further improvement. We hope that you find this useful. At the end of the summer term, you will receive a more detailed end of year report which will indicate your child's level of attainment (identifying whether children are working towards, working at or exceeding year group expectations). This will include a written report from the class teacher about your child's attitude to learning and social and emotional development. Class teachers are always available to discuss your child's progress in school with you if you would find this helpful.

## **Staffing Update**

Mrs Scoot (formerly Mrs Ralph) will be leaving Cannon Lane School at the end of this term after 14 years with us. She has worked with well over a thousand children during this time and has made a huge contribution to our school. Mrs Scoot moved house recently and will take up a new Higher Level Teaching Assistant position in the summer term nearer to her home. We are very grateful to her for everything she has done and wish her every success in the future.

We would like to welcome Mr Patel as a new class teacher at Cannon Lane. He will be working in Hazel class (Reception) during the summer term. We would also like to welcome Mr Callaghan, Mrs Gurusia, Mrs Verma and Miss Salvador to our staff team. They have all been appointed as Teaching Assistants and will be supporting learning across the school.

## **Harrow Dance Showcase**

On 16th March a group of children from our Bollywood Dance Club participated in the Harrow Dance Showcase along with children from 15 other Harrow schools. It was a long day with about 5 stage rehearsals. The girls showed dedication, perseverance and co-operation to give their best performance. The audience was buzzing with enthusiasm and admiration! Every participating school commented on how beautiful the girls looked in their Indian outfits and on the quality of their performance. We were very proud of them and grateful to the parents for their help and support.



From Mrs Manazhy and Miss Rackham

**Cannon Lane Bollywood Dancers!**

## **Small Group Instrumental Tuition**

As you may be aware many children choose to study a musical instrument at Cannon Lane in addition to the whole class curriculum music lessons that are provided. The lessons are taught by visiting staff from the Harrow Music Service in small groups of 2 - 4 children.

After the Easter break we will be sending out two letters to parents. The first letter will invite existing instrumental pupils to continue studying their chosen instrument during the next academic year. A second letter will then be sent setting out providing information on how parents can apply for their child to begin instrumental lessons at Cannon Lane for the first time or to switch to an alternative instrument. If you would like any further information about small group instrumental tuition, please contact Mr Kirwan our specialist music teacher. Thank you.

## **MyMaths**



**MyMaths.co.uk**

It was brought to my attention this week that MyMaths doesn't work on mobile devices. I contacted the company today and was advised that if you download an APP called Puffin Academy and search for MyMaths – you can enter the site this way. I haven't fully tested this but it may be something that you'd like to try out. I hope this helps!

## **Applying for Free School Meals**

Harrow Council are working on a project to improve the process for applying for free schools meals. Parents and carers can now log on to the portal <http://fsm.lgfl.net/> to complete an application form and receive a quicker response on their eligibility outcome. If you are eligible, Cannon Lane School will receive an additional £1320 to spend on your child's learning (a Pupil Premium Grant). It is important to note that this is different from the Universal Free School Meals for Infants so we would strongly encourage you to apply even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and does not pay for school dinners.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you parents are in receipt of any of the following:

Income Support, income-based Jobseekers Allowance, income-related Employment and Support Allowance, support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit, Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190), Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit, Universal Credit.

## **Official Opening of our new classrooms**

We had a very enjoyable morning on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February as we celebrated the opening of our new classrooms. All of the children were very much a part of this and we joined together with the Mayor of Harrow, the portfolio holder for children, schools and young people and many others to mark this occasion. Thank you to those of you who provided cakes for the children and for the members of the Friends of Cannon Lane and the class reps who joined us. I would also like to thank 'Kool Cakes' who contributed a wonderful cake for us all to enjoy together. A press report can be found at: [http://www.getwestlondon.co.uk/news/west-london-news/mayor-harrow-officially-opens-new-10989882#ICID=sharebar\\_whatsapp](http://www.getwestlondon.co.uk/news/west-london-news/mayor-harrow-officially-opens-new-10989882#ICID=sharebar_whatsapp)



## **End of Term**

Please note that the school day ends slightly earlier next Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March (2.40pm for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2; 2.45 pm for children in Years 3-6). The Summer Term begins on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April at the usual time (please note, class photographs will be taken in school on this day).

Wishing you all a very happy and healthy Easter break with your families.

Mr A Phillips  
Headteacher