



Dear Parents,

We hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year. Since returning from our festivities, the children in years 3 and 4 have been working extremely hard as they approach the mid-way point of the academic year. The Reading Challenge has ignited the spark of reading in our phase, with children reading over 30 books. Some children have even achieved a gold medal for reading 80 books. What an achievement! The children have been producing some amazing pieces of work, some of which have been displayed around the school. As we approach the second half of this term, you will have an opportunity to discuss any issues with teachers during our forthcoming Parents Evening in March. In the meantime, if you would like to discuss your child's progress, then please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher or myself directly.

We hope you have a restful half term!

Best Wishes from Mrs Mistry and the staff and children of Years 3 and 4

### Gymnastics Competition – years 3 and 4



Congratulations to the Cannon Lane gymnastics team in years 3 and 4, who took part in the competition on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February. All the participants came back to school delighted with their results, including gold for the best team. How brilliant! A big thank you to Shelly and the team for coaching the children. Also thank you to the parents who took the children to the venue. Go team!

### Roman Day

On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February, year 3 children stepped back in time to the Iron Age when the Romans invaded Britain in 60AD. They were engaged in typical Roman past times such as completing tasks for a new fort and taking part in a fantastic Roman feast! The children looked amazing in their Roman costumes, as did the staff and parents who helped to make the day a huge success. Thank you very much for giving up your time to make this day a memorable experience for all of the children.



'I enjoyed serving the food like bread, cheese and grapes. I learnt some new Roman words when they marched.' Josh 3TM



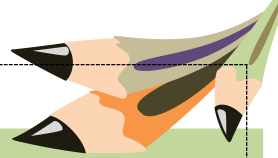
'I enjoyed making the mosaics because I got to do my own design. I learnt that the Romans had different names for cities like London and Colchester.' Atiyah 3JM



'I enjoyed eating the feast, especially the grapes. I learnt the Romans worked very hard. I love dressing up as a Roman soldier.' Myka 3R

### World Book Day – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017

We are keen to recognise this as a school and use the time to celebrate some of our favourite books. With this in mind, we are inviting all children to come to school dressed as a character from a book. Alternatively, children may like to bring in a simple 'prop' that might be found in a popular story such as Harry Potter's wand or Charlie Bucket's golden ticket. School staff and adults helping in school will also have the opportunity to get involved, so keep a look out for some interesting book characters! Children are also encouraged to bring in a copy of the book that has inspired the character they are dressed as so please try to support this if you can. Thank you



## Ancient Egyptian exhibition – British Museum

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January, year 4 embarked on a trip to the British Museum, to visit the Ancient Egyptian Exhibition. The children, staff and parent helpers enjoyed a day of exploring ancient artefacts, some of which dated back c. 5000 years old. How amazing! With modern technology, year 4 learnt about the ways mummies were analysed without unwrapping their bandages. Instead, using Cat scans, scientists, archeologists and historians are able to discover the hidden treasures buried alongside the mummies, without disturbing the evidence. The children were fascinated by this information, which was delivered in a large auditorium by an expert on Ancient Egypt. Everyone had a fantastic day. On behalf of the children and staff in year 4, a big thank you to everyone who made this trip a huge success!



‘I enjoyed looking at the dead body because it looked so creepy! I learnt that over times, when bodies are buried, they rot and become unpleasant.’ Ali 4P



‘I enjoyed looking at the artefacts. I learnt about the Ancient Egyptian lucky charms and how they were able to see mummies without unwrapping their bandages.’ Aliyah 4LSM



‘I enjoyed looking at the Rosetta stone as we entered and the hieroglyphics too. I learnt what the Egyptians did and how they mummified things.’ Dylan 4J

‘I enjoyed learning about the Egyptians a lot, especially the real body in the sand and the speech in the auditorium.’ Renuka 4M



Many thanks to all the parents who have completed the online survey. If you haven't done this yet, we would be very grateful if you could take a few minutes to give us your views. The survey can be found at:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views>

Thank you.

## Park Run founder at Cannon Lane Primary School



On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January, we were lucky enough to have a visit from Paul Sinton-Hewitt - the founder of Parkrun. He led assemblies for the children to talk about the importance of a healthy lifestyle and to explain a bit about Parkrun and Schoolrun. He also brought in his CBE medal to show the children, which was exciting!

We are looking forward to bringing you more news about Schoolrun soon as we progress with the pilot.

Miss Rackham

### Values:

We began 2017 by focusing on the value of Happiness. Through phase assemblies and class discussions, children were encouraged to think about the importance of being happy, as well as thinking about ways to make others feel happy and how our actions can affect the happiness of others.



This month's value is **Thoughtfulness**. In March, it will be **Patience**.



### Important dates:

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February – Cake sale

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Head teacher's coffee/questions

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – 4P class assembly

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – World Book Day

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Parent Consultation meeting

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Parent Consultation meeting

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April – 4LSM Assembly

