



# THOMAS FAIRCHILD

## newsletter

Monday 14th November, 2022

### Head Teacher's Message

Dear Families,

The children have truly impressed us with their engagement and enthusiasm this term! They have loved getting stuck into their new learning and starting their class trips linked to history. As a reminder, the new topics for this term are:

**Nursery:** Occupations & Christmas

**Reception:** Our Local Area & Toys

**Year 1:** Living History

**Year 2:** Hackney's History

**Year 3:** Stone Age to Iron Age

**Year 4:** The Romans

**Year 5:** The Vikings

**Year 6:** Benin

This term is a busy one with lots of festive events coming up. Please keep an eye out for information and details about these. Any questions, let us know!



### News & Celebrations

#### Sporting Competitions

We have been involved in several sporting events recently and the pupils have done really well. We have competed against 28 other Hackney schools in football for both boys and girls - only narrowly missing out on the final!

#### Musical Instruments at TF

Years 3-6 have all begun to learn to play musical instruments - each term they will be learning a new one. This term, it is the guitar and they are doing brilliantly!



#### Pupil Groups

We are delighted to announce the start of our pupil groups this year:

- Student Council
- Playground Friends
- Wellbeing & Reading Ambassadors
- Junior Road Safety Officers

These groups enable our children to take on different responsibilities around the school.

### Coming Up

- Monday 14th November 2022  
**Start of Anti-Bullying Week**
- Wednesday 30th November 2022  
**Parent Consultations (Nursery - Year 6)**
- Tuesday 6th December 2022  
**Pantomime Trip (Year 1 - Year 6)**
- Thursday 8th December 2022  
**Christmas Lunch & Xmas Jumper day**
- Tuesday 13th December 2022  
**Christmas Concert (Year 1 - Year 6)**
- Friday 16th December 2022  
**School Closes at 2.00pm**

### Meet the Team

Each week we will find out a little bit more about a member of the TF team. This week it's **Shara Sichon!** Shara is a Reception class teacher.... Shara was born in the Philippines but moved to London when she was six. She studied Psychology at university and has worked in schools for over 5 years. She lives in west London with the love of her life - Max the dog!



# our learning

## Nursery

We have enjoyed exploring autumn and finding out how we celebrate Bonfire Night, including making some amazing chalk firework pictures! We are looking forward to our upcoming autumn walk trips to collect some autumn treasures around our local area.



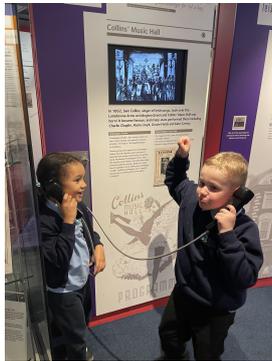
## Reception

The children loved learning about Diwali: we made rangoli patterns, lanterns and investigated different sources of light. Our trip to the Hindu Temple was a great experience, we found out more about how Hindus celebrate Diwali in their homes and we also loved the bus ride!



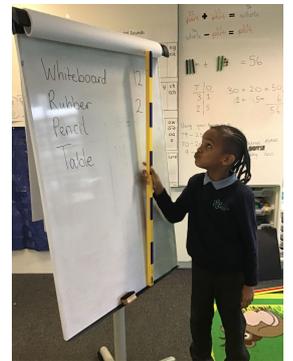
## Year 1

We have had trips to both Islington Museum and Shoreditch Library. We loved exploring all the different features of a museum and trying to decide what we want to include in our own school museum.



## Year 2

We have really enjoyed learning about measurement this term, introducing metres and centimetres, using our metre sticks and rulers to measure things around the classroom.



## Year 3

We have loved beginning our new History topic, 'From Stone Age to Iron Age'. Everyone was amazed to discover we are learning about a time that happened 802,022 years ago! Please keep bringing in the great home learning.



## Year 4

4T visited Shoreditch Library. The children really enjoyed listening to a David Walliams story called *The Slightly Annoying Elephant*. They also have really enjoyed learning about the Roman empire - we started our topic by making amazing Roman shields.



## Year 5

We have been learning about the Vikings. We have loved finding out where they came from and why they came to Britain. This has also linked brilliantly with our writing text 'Odd and The Frost Giant' which is a Viking themed legend. We can't wait to get writing!



## Year 6

Just before the half term, we went to the Greenwich Observatory as an enrichment to their learning of the prime meridian. It was a remarkable experience. It included many extraordinary sights which we will never forget (like a big red ball dropping at 1pm sharp)!

