

Year 6 Black History Month Carnival Comes to Essex Primary

Pupils at Essex Primary celebrated Black History Month with a musical exploration of the history of carnival presented by Year 6 pupils.



Pupils in Year 6 took part in a week long music project led by professional musicians. The week culminated in a performance of "Carnival: Bringing the Caribbean to London". The children learned about the history of carnival from its roots in African music to the rich fusion of musical styles celebrated in modern carnivals. Each class presented a period in the history of Carnival.

Children in 6S dance to "Dar Koom", a song from Africa.

6S performed traditional African music. 6R sang and performed dances from medieval European countries. 6M performed improvisations based around the beat box culture prevalent in the Notting Hill Carnival in the 1970's. 6J performed a modern improvisation celebrating contemporary music of the modern Notting Hill Carnival. The children also learned about the life of Sam King, one of the founders of the Notting Hill Carnival, who died this year. Drama depicting his life story was woven into the performance.

Year 6 performed to children in the school in the morning. In the afternoon, they performed to parents and invited guests, including Councillor Lester Hudson, Deputy Mayor of Newham and former pupil at Essex Primary.



In addition to our usual Black History Month events, the kitchen staff served meals from Africa and the Caribbean throughout the week. The food was a great success. The children particularly loved the fruit!

Fruits from the Caribbean served at lunch time



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Every Child Matters

**Everyone valued, everyone challenged,
everyone achieving**

Important Dates:

Winter Bazaar - 13th December 2016

Reception and Year 1 Nativity Play - 14th December 2016

Children's Christmas meal - 16th December 2016

Christmas Jumper day - 16th December 2016

End of Year class parties - 19th December 2016

Last day of Autumn Term

20th December 2016 — School Finishes at 1:30pm

School Re-opens

Wednesday 4th January 2017

Important Information on school clubs

Monday 12th December 2016 to Tuesday 20th December 2016

and

Tuesday 6th January 2017 to Friday 9th January 2017

The **ONLY** club that will be running during the above dates is Before School club. All other morning clubs and after school clubs will be cancelled during the these dates. This includes ECAM.

YEAR 6 visit to Cambridge University

Year 6 were incredibly lucky to have the opportunity to visit part of Cambridge University.

We were met by our tour guide, Angela, who told us stories relating to the history of Kings and Trinity Colleges. We were also fortunate enough to be allowed to visit the magnificent Kings College chapel, learning all about how it had been built and by whom. All pupils enjoyed participating in some role play to understand the stories further, with some excellent characterisation of Henry VIII.

The visit to the University has raised the pupils aspirations and made going to University in the future a possibility. All pupils were in awe of the buildings, many saying it was like Hogwarts in Harry Potter, but somewhere they would like to go. The visit to Cambridge also enabled the pupils to visit the Cambridge University Botanic Gardens, containing rare plants and grown as part of the University students' work. The Tropical rainforest glasshouse was definitely a favourite by all, feeling like you were in the depths of the Amazonian jungle.



A fantastic visit, one that has left a lasting impression on all of the Year 6 pupils.

Essex Enterprise Week

From the 5th to the 9th December, Essex Primary School will be participating in an Enterprise Week. Each year group has chosen a product for the children to produce. Children will use their maths, art, design and technology skills to plan, design and make their products and to calculate a price for the sale of the product.

Parents, carers and family will have the opportunity to purchase their child's product at our Winter Bazaar on the 13th December from 3:30pm – 5pm. Any profit made from the sale of the children's products will go to an agreed charity.

Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 16th December is Christmas jumper day, it can be a shop bought one or decorate your own! Please bring in £1 per child which will be donated to 'Save the Children' charity.



Reception visit to Gurdwara



Last week, the Reception children had the opportunity to visit 'Dashmesh Darbar Gurdwara' on Roseberry Avenue, Manor Park. This visit supported the children's learning about different religions and festivals as part of their 'Celebrations' unit.

In the main prayer hall, the children were able to handle 4 of the 5 k's and talk about how they looked and felt, as well as finding out what they mean to Sikhs. They learned how to wear a turban and listened to the sounds of the tabla and harmonium.

Walking behind the canopy, the children were able to get a close up look at the Guru Granth Sahib and listen to it being read out loud.

In the dining room, they were amazed by a portrait of Guru Nanak, the first Guru, whose eyes followed them as they moved around the room! Finally, they learned about what Sikh people do when they go to the Gurdwara and how Gurdwaras around the world serve meals to local communities. The hands-on nature of the visit ensured that it will be one that the children will remember for a long time to come.



Children in Need — Non Uniform Day

On the 18th November 2016 the school held a non-uniform day to raise money for Children in Need. We would like to thank all the Children who took part and paid a £1. The total we raised is £532.00

Poppy Day

A big thank you for all your contributions to support Poppy day, we will let you know in the next newsletter how much money the school raised.



Winter Uniform



In the winter months all children are expected to come into school appropriately dressed, this includes a coat, hat, scarf and gloves.