

Year 4 Black History Month

Lost Heroes

This wonderful showcase was the culmination of a project run in collaboration with such award winning-musicians and singers as Eska Mtungwazi (whose debut album was nominated for the prestigious Mercury music prize 2015), Gail Windrass and Marsha Morrison (who have both worked with many household names and for the BBC). With these talented facilitators, and through dedicated cross-curricular learning, the children developed a moving and yet ultimately uplifting programme of drama and song.

The performance spanned the centuries, from the first black Roman Emperor, Septimus Severus, to the first black President of the United States, Barack Obama. Original dramas, songs, poetry, and re-workings of contemporary musical pieces not only impressed the audience with their creativity, but also showed how the children had understood the struggles and triumphs that contribute to the different aspects of contemporary black experience.

The show culminated in a celebration of the political changes driven by powerful black leaders, including John Archer, the first black mayor of London. Then, after a rousing speech from Dianne Abbot MP, the audience were treated to an explosion of red, white and blue confetti as former US President Barack Obama took the stage. While his secret service agents scrutinised the crowd, President Obama reprised his wonderful speech about progress, hope and the continuous striving for equality.



After the cheering and applause died down, Rosie Cowan addressed the audience. Thanking the children and their supporting adults for their wonderful work, she noted that it is always wise to listen to children on the subject of unfairness, for their judgments are untainted by prejudice and fear. In the final comment, Mrs Cowan reminded us that, although we have much to celebrate, social equality is an ongoing struggle, and closed with a quote by Nelson Mandela: 'After climbing a great hill, one only finds that there are many more hills to climb'.

Year 5 visit to Junior Citizens

On Thursday 9th November, the Year 5 children attended the Junior Citizen event held at Tate and Lyle, organised by the Metropolitan Police. The aim of the event is to make the children more aware of how to be responsible citizens and the roles played by various organisations, for example, the fire service, RNLI, transport police, ambulance services, how to be aware and react to stranger danger situations. Important lessons were learned by all, and the children were complimented on their behaviour and manners.



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Every Child Matters

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

Important Dates:

Winter Bazaar - 12 December 2017 (3:30pm—5:00pm)

Reception Nativity Play - 13 December 2017 (2pm) Invitation only

Children's Christmas meal - 15 December 2017

Christmas Jumper day - 15 December 2017

Carol Concert - 15 December 2017 (10am and 2pm) Invitation only

End of Year class parties - 19 December 2017

Last day of Autumn Term

Wednesday 20th December 2017 — School Finishes at 1:30pm

School re-opens Wednesday 3rd January 2018

Important Information regarding school clubs

**Monday 11th December 2017 to Wednesday 20th December 2017
and**

Wednesday 3rd January 2018 to Friday 5th January 2018

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.

Winter Uniform

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

Music at Essex Primary School

This year has become an exciting year for the year 6 classes as they have been participating in Newham Commonwealth and Choir workshops. This term, the children were provided with the opportunities to rehearse in Cambridge at Christ College. This campus is well-known for their musical abilities—people such as John Milton, Charles Darwin and many more.



The children were able to rehearse alongside Professor Rowland. They sang Christmas carols and the British Anthem. Throughout this event the children's performance, listening and creative skills have developed. This has led to the children becoming confident and reliable. Well done to the Commonwealth Orchestra and Choir team!

Year 6 have also been privileged with a 'once in a life time' opportunity to experience 'Conductive Music', which is led by Newham Music. During the school day children have been attending music tech sessions where they have used a music software called 'Quickbox' to produce a piece of music. The children have enjoyed this experience. Throughout these sessions, children's technological skills have improved as they have been exposed to new practical.



Essex Enterprise Week

From the 4th to the 8th 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 12th December from 3:30pm – 5pm. Any profit made from the sale of the children's products will go towards supporting children with their learning.

Lost Property

Lost Property will be open after school on Friday 1st December in the KS1 hall between the hours of 3.15 pm and 3.30 pm ONLY. Please enter through the school main entrance

Sports at Essex Primary School

Since September the staff have been to a number of different competitions with different year groups and their teams within the school as well as a few evening outings.

The first event was at the Olympic Stadium where staff and 14 children went to watch West Ham United play Bolton Wanderers FC in a Cup match. The children enjoyed the match and the venue.

The first competition the children attended was a hot potato competition for the year 2's. We managed to win a bronze medal as we came 3rd out of 12 schools participating. Well done year 2. The second competition was a slightly less successful, Year 6 boys Football competition at Beckton. The team managed to take a few points but we didn't get enough to get out of our very competitive group, in which two schools were in the final of the competition. The next competition was at Langdon School for the Year 1 athletics team, here the children come 6th out of 18 schools.

On 15th November, we took 4 children to Forest school for a guest speakers evening, which was about professionalism and conditioning in Sport.

Since then, we have been on two year 3 and 4 competitions. Both football, one for the boys team who were knocked out in the last 16 of the competition, to the eventual winners. And more recently a mixed boys and girls competition in which we did much better, a quarter final defeat this time.

Fundraising through Sports for Out4You charity

On Monday 18th December, we will be running a sports fundraising event in which all children will take part. This will involve sports competitions, penalty shoot outs and other sporting events, all money raised will be sent to the Out4You charity. All pupils are asked to pay £1 for the day's activities.

Children in Need

On Friday 17th November 2017 children and staff dressed up as animals to raise money for Children in Need. We would like to thank all the Children who took part and the school raised an amazing £1,690.61. The three children who raised the highest amount through their sponsorship were presented with a certificate by the Head Teacher. Thank you to all families for their support in all our fundraising