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Living the Olympic and Paralympic Values

## WORLD BOOK DAY

On the 3rd of March, everyone was given a scrumdiddliumptious chance to dress up as a famous book character. Everyone had a really fun time as they got to be one of their favourite characters from their most favoured books. Lots of pupils and staff were wearing costumes and had a great time acting like their character.

We also went to see authors. On the 8th of March, Year 1 and 2 went to see author and poet Michael Rosen, who wrote the popular 'We're going on a Bear Hunt'. Year 3 and 4 went to see Laura Dockrill on the 9th of March and Year 5 and 6 went to visit David Baddiel on the 7th of March at Stratford Town Hall. All the children in years 5 & 6 will receive a signed copy of a David Baddiel book.



Every pupil was given a £1 voucher to spend on a one pound World Book Day book, don't forget to pop into a bookshop and get your FREE WBD book. **By Ilham Muhiddin and Noor Hossain.**



On the 15th of January privileged Yr5 classes visited Stratford Circus to watch a dance performance called *Chotto Desh*. The performance was based on the Childhood of the award-winning Akram Khan and how he persevered in his ambitions to be a dancer despite his parents' ideas.

Rafid and Kausar stated "The voice overs were in Bengali so we could understand some of the songs and phrases; even though

they sounded mournful they were quite comical!"

**They** went to the performance to experience contemporary dance and learn how to use the extent of their body in preparation for their performance of 'Kensuke's kingdom' written by Michael Morpugo. The performance is about a boy called Michael who is stranded on an island near Japan after falling overboard.

In the performance, year 5 pupils used microphones for voice overs and certain children made creative sound effects to set the scene. They focused on flexibility and using different heights when dancing. They performed on the 10th and 11th of March.

Yasmin Soleman says "We put all our effort into our performance and we really appreciate everything that Mr Haleem, Ms Van Der Westhuizen and Ms McGill have done for us"

# Educational Visits

Two people from each KS2 class had a chance to go to the University of East London. The visit was on the 11th of February. They all had to work on projects. The project was that they had to make an imaginary street full of houses, with other schools from Newham. The visit was all organised by our artist teacher, Ms McGill.

Sarah in class 4 said " The visit was really interesting, we made houses about village festivals such as Holy and Easter."

Noor from class 4 said " The trip was excellent as there were really great artistic tools and we worked with other schools."

**16 children from Manor and Grange schools were chosen to go on a trip to the British Museum.** They went to the Museum to look at head pieces . They will be making head pieces in school with Ms McGill to represent their personality, culture, spirit and soul.

Year 3 visited Tate Britain as part or their 'angry Earth' project. They looked at volcanoes, how they are created and what causes them to erupt. They also studied earthquakes and what effects they have. [By Kausar](#)

# Chinese celebration

Both Year 5 classes have performed a Chinese New Year assembly on the 10th February.

It had been practised for 1 whole week and there was a story to go with it. The story taught us how the animals were chosen for the Chinese Zodiac. There were facts, and the children also dressed in red. Year 5 also learned how to say **Happy new year** in Chinese. It was colourful with masks, flags and lanterns. The performance was very interesting with traditional food from China - spring rolls made by class 4 - and fortune cookies.



Everyone enjoyed it and we hope it was a learning experience for everyone! [By Ilham Muhiddin](#)

# The Brilliant Club



In Year 6, 10 children have been chosen for the brilliant club. They have visited the University of London to find out what the club is about.

The Brilliant Club encourages children in Newham to go to a university. The pupils who are chosen for the club are Laura, Salmaan, Rasheeda, Ameerat, Victoria, Mahad, Mahnoor, Hamraa, Hiba and Saif. This year, they are going to write a 2000 word essay about fairness! This essay will be graded the same as a degree essay and pupils will go on to 'graduate' if they pass the course. The person that is mentoring them is a PHD tutor called Lara Thorpe from Kings college. They had 5 tutorials in school and had their launch at Birkbeck University.

[By Sadia](#)

# Playground Pals

We have two playgrounds and one of them has been recently re-opened. One playground has been made an active playground where you can play sports games and play with the sports coaches. The other playground is a quiet playground where you can sit on benches, chat with your friends and play quiet games.

In the active playground there will be a coned off area where only one year group can go in to play sports games with the coaches. There is a timetable for which year group can be in the coned off area. Every week there will be a different sports activity to do with the coaches.

The school has brought back Playground Pals in the active playground. The playground pals are children who volunteered from Year 4 and 5.

The jobs of the Playground Pals are that they should help keep everyone safe, and play with the children. [By Kausar Ahmed](#)

# Unicef day for change

Unicef day for change was held on Friday the 25th and was organised by school council and Ms McGill. Every class had a different activity to do such as sponsored silence, sponsored run and sponsored walk. Before school, an international breakfast was held on the bottom hall for parents. Children came into school wearing international clothes from their own countries. Each class also brought a sponsor sheet and some money to bring in for Unicef. Every class collected loose change. Altogether our school raised an amazing amount of £2099.09 and hope to raise the most money by schools in the country again.

The money will be sent to Unicef and they will decide which country the money will be sent to. Unicef helps children who need food, water and shelter in the UK and around the world. It's also to make the world a fairer place. To end the day, we had cake sales and toy sales as they were part of collecting money for charity. [By Aulona](#)



## MISSION—X



Year 5 went to Eastlea community school for Mission X on Wednesday 24th February. Four other Primary schools took part. Each class did something different such as: trampolining , zorbing, cooking, woodworking , dancing and computer programming.

"I liked all the range of activities and I really enjoyed everything about Mission X," said Ilham.

Year 5 will be going back to Eastlea for Mission X—part 2 on 6th May, to do even more activities.

All the teachers were nice and kind and had taught us new skills. Year 5 had fun throughout the day and impressed the teachers. Everyone enjoyed the experience and hope they can impress the teachers once more.

Thank you to Miss Miller who organised the event, and to all the Eastlea pupils who helped throughout the day. [By Rafid](#)

# Dance-Mat Competitions

Last term, Ms Miller, who is from Eastlea School came to teach KS2 classes to play on the dance mats. The dance mats are special mats that you dance on and score points for your team so they can win. A projector shines on the wall so we can see which direction we have to step on the mats and what scores we have. The two classes in each year group competed against each other to see which class was better. Everyone enjoyed doing the dance mats.

"It was really exciting and great exercise for our legs," said Kausar. Everyone wished they could do it again. We all should thank Eastlea and Ms Miller for setting the dance mats up for us. **By Rafid**

## Fun Fencing

Both year 5 classes are being taught fencing from an Olympian; Linda Strachan, who has won many medals in the Olympics and other competitions.

Year 5 have learnt many things about how to fence. Fencing is a great way to improve their skills. They have equipment such as jackets, foils and the mask. They learnt how to salute their opponent, how to do their en garde position and how to know who got the touch.



"Fencing was extremely exciting especially when we fought with the Foils." said Rafid.

Some children in Year 5 are joining Linda's own Fencing club, called Newham Swords. If you are interested in joining Newham Swords you can look at their details on the website below. Newham Swords Web-

## Swim surprise

A normal swimming lesson was turned into an amazing day!!

Year 5 had to do a test to determine what level they would be. "It was an amazing experience because we learnt new strokes and more." stated Sadia C3. However in the end a Fun Friday was planned to celebrate the end of swimming. All the kids learnt new things and they had so much fun! Everyone was split into 3 groups advanced, very good and good .Every child appreciated their experience and would like to say THANK YOU to all the teachers for their input. A brilliant swimming day was changed .A Santander photographing crew were taking advertisement photos of....Jessica Ennis-Hill! Class 4 were really surprised and tried to get closer look and got to see her. When the Santander crew noticed the Year 5 class, they decided to take photos of Jessica with the children, so class 4 got to get an exclusive photo with



"It was an amazing coincidence, as I have never seen her in real life except in the Olympics" exclaimed Sarah C4. Year 4 classes are currently doing 2 weeks of swimming lessons at the Olympic Aquatic Centre. They will have a fun day at the swimming pool on Friday 18th March, which is also Sport Relief Day. We hope they get a nice surprise too! **By Yasmin Soleman**



Find out how Manor School celebrated Sport Relief Day in next term's issue.