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NEWSLETTER

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At Calshot Primary School we are always AIMING HIGH!

Developing a Forest School

For years I have wanted to develop the outdoor area, to enable the school to apply for Forest School status. I am planning on using the disused space at the back of the KS2 playground that is behind the fence. I am asking that if any parents have or know anyone that can donate logs, long branches (for den building), insect friendly plants like Buddleia, rockeries, garden tools etc, so we can develop the area for it to be used as an educational environment rather than letting it sit unused. If anyone can help please contact me via enquiry@calshot.bham.sch.uk or phone me directly, any help will be greatly appreciated.

Year 4 Local Walk

On Wednesday the children in Year 4 went on a local walk to explore our local history and to see first-hand where Calshot and the neighbourhood originates from. They looked at the history of William Booth and his farm, Great Barr Hall and the influence of the Lunar Society in the midlands. Did you know that many of the roads (including Calshot) are named after military airfields? Hence the link to the school badge having a seaplane on it from Calshot Naval Air Station built in 1913. I want to thank Mrs Jones and Mrs Taylor for arranging this very informative trip, I enjoyed it very much too!

'Although I was tired I had lots of fun. We did a scavenger hunt to find pieces of a puzzle and then saw Booth's Farm. Finally we went to Netherhall to see the remains of Scott Hall.' - Emma (4B)

'First we went to see the remains of William Booth's Farm. After that we had an exciting scavenger hunt about facts on Great Barr. We also learnt about the Luna Society. I found out that Great Barr Hall used to be called Scott Hall because it belonged to the Scott family.' - Zahraa (4A)

'On Wednesday we went on a local history walk. We went to see the remains of Booth's Farm and we then went on a scavenger hunt on our groups. I really enjoyed it!' - Kymani (4B)

'Yesterday we went on a trip around Great Barr, we also got to see the remains of William Booth's Farm. Apparently there is his hidden treasure buried somewhere around here. We also saw the Lunor Moon Stones at Asda and walked to Great Barr Hall. By the time we got back we were exhausted.' - Sai (4A)

Easter Preparations - Advance Notice

To celebrate Easter there will be a couple of special events taking place in school. Children in Reception and KS1 (Years 1 and 2) are going to take part in a sponsored hop. Children will bring in £1 and be able to take part in a hopping challenge. Easter bunny ears will be provided! A letter that explains the event will come out shortly.

Children in KS2 (Years 3 to 6) are invited to exercise their creative skills and decorate a hard-boiled egg. Children are asked to bring their decorated eggs into school from **Tuesday 30th March onwards**. All entries will be displayed in their classrooms, and a winner will be decided in each class. Judging will take place on Thursday 1st April with Miss Atterbury and myself.

Book In a Jar

I am very impressed with the 'Book in a Jar' ideas that came into school. You have shown great imagination and creativity in creating these wonderful jars. We had a wide range of books to explore such as Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Secret Garden, Horrid Henry and quite a few Harry Potters to consider. The winners each received a book and a certificate, but all the jars have been put on display in the main foyer. The winners are Annie (6C), Madison (6H), Kyrah (5M), George (5D), Ellie (4A), Maryam (4B), Ben (3C), Adam (3B), Izzah (2H), Adam (2T), Harshiv (1B), Tyler (1J), Heera (RS), Ava (RW) and Erik (Nur).

I want to thank all the children that took part. Well Done!

Maths for Parents

In school we teach the White Rose Maths approach and follow their scheme of work, this includes the Covid-19 catch-up program. They have arranged free maths sessions for parents that can be accessed via the White Rose website <https://whiterosemaths.com/for-parents/> or on their Facebook page. It is being run to help parents support their children with Maths at home and is designed to reassure parents using the modern methods of solving maths that we use in school. It has been set up to support KS1, KS2 and KS3 pupils, so if you get chance please take a look if you think it would be of use to you.

Stay Safe!

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