



CASS NEWS

SIR JOHN CASS REDCOAT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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SUMMER TERM 2017

Stepney Words

- SJCR students participate in filming for BBC's The One Show

By Nadiyah Patel

In May 2017 Sir John Cass Red Coat School opened its doors to BBC's The One Show and helped to organise the filming of a segment for the show.

The segment was based on the 1971 student strikes, whereby students from Sir John Cass Red Coat School went on a strike that made national news.

The segment was presented by punk poet, John Cooper Clarke, and a few ex-students were invited back to school to speak about the strike they participated in. The strike was held to defend the students' English teacher Chris Searle, who was also

invited back to the school forty six years after the Stepney school strike.

As an English teacher, Chris encouraged the students to write poetry about the local area, and produced a book with the students' poetry, Stepney Words, which he published without the school's permission. As a result, Chris was sacked by the school's then governors. The students of the school did not take lightly to one of their favourite teachers being sacked, and organised to go on strike. The strike only lasted for a couple of days, but the force led to Chris being reinstated eight months later.



Poetry is still a thriving discipline at Sir John Cass Red Coat school, and following a trip down memory lane with Chris and the former students, current SJCR pupils were invited to join them and John Cooper Clarke to write a combined poem. By working together to create the poem,

they all established that despite the years that had passed, the community and morals of the Stepney students remains the same. This episode of The One Show was aired on 14th June 2017, and is available to watch on BBC iplayer.

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Growing Scheme Update

A big thank you is due to the B&Q team at Leyton who kindly donated a number of useful items to help us get our Growing Scheme up and running.



Finnish School Visit

By Mr Aguilera (Languages Assistant)



In May 2017 we welcomed students and teachers from our partner school in Finland for an exchange visit.

Students and teachers were given a tour of the school and a taste of what life in a British School is like. Lessons attended by our Finnish partners included RE, Bengali, PE and a special session on English slang.

We had a great day and hope to visit them in Finland soon!

Year 8 Gifted and Talented - Sculpture in the City Trip

By Mr Lynch (Graphics Coordinator)

A group of talented year 8 students were invited along with Mr Lynch to take part in the London City Sculpture project. The visit involved a number of visits throughout the months of May and June to engage students in a number of drawing projects working from observations, which were conducted by a specialist sculpture teacher who makes 3D structures based on the City. Students were even treated with a trip up into the high Gherkin building for a 360 degree panoramic view of the city.



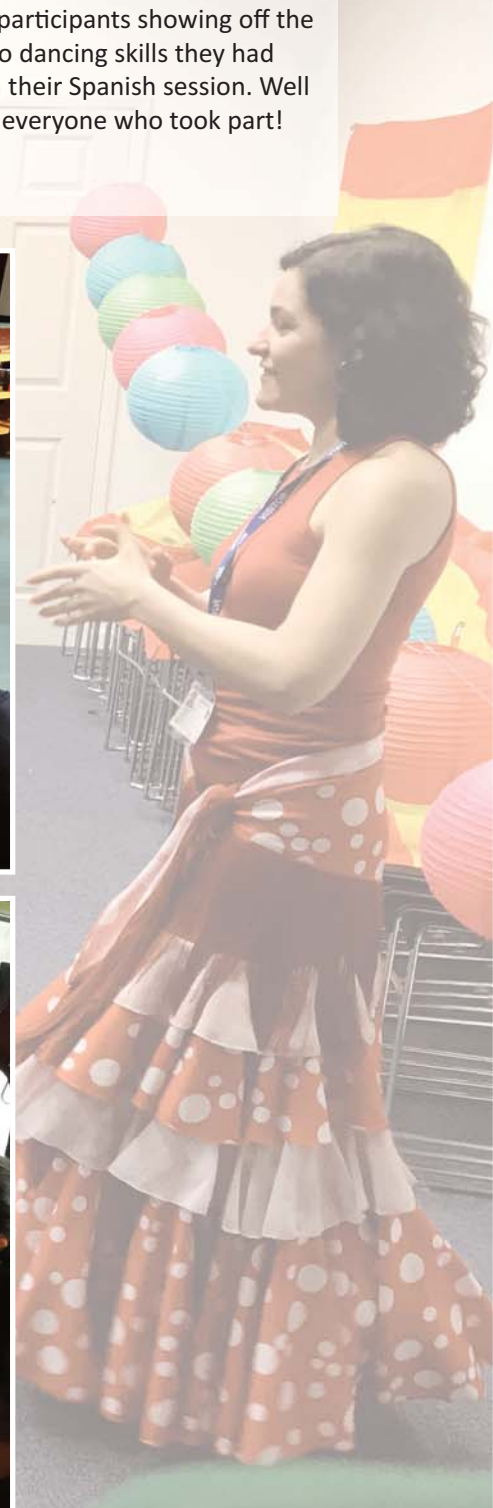
Primary Languages Festival

By The MFL Department

Monday 3rd July saw SJCR School welcome 60 year 5 students from 6 local primary schools (Marion Richardson, Alfred Salter, Halley, Cayley and Old Ford) to our annual Primary

Languages Festival. Students were involved in taster sessions of Japanese, Bengali, Mandarin, French, Italian, German and Spanish across a broad range of topics. The day ended with a fantastic finale

with all participants showing off the flamenco dancing skills they had learnt in their Spanish session. Well done to everyone who took part!



Visit to Coca-Cola Factory

By Miss H Begum Business Department



Our Year 12 AS Business students enjoyed a great day out visiting the Coca Cola Education Centre in Edmonton on Monday 3rd July. Students got the chance to gain first-hand experience of the manufacturing and business world.

With more than 500 non-alcoholic brands, Coca-Cola is one of the largest drink distributors in the world. Not only do they produce

soft drinks, they also have brands in water, sports drinks, energy drinks, juices, coffees and teas. This particular site specialises in producing well-known brands such as Dr Pepper, Sprite, Fanta, Oasis and the famous Coca-Cola.

During our factory tour, we were able to see the making of Oasis. We observed the liquid being transferred into bottles, formed into small batches,

and then wrapped in cellophane before being transported into the humongous warehouse which has an automated storage and retrieval system. The warehouse can store up to 23,200 pallets (that's 16 million bottles!) at any one time. Students were also given a presentation about the company allowing them to make connections between the theory covered in classroom and real life business practices.



Year 8 Reward Trip to The London Dungeon

By Mahera, 8S

On 3rd July students from Year 8 were invited to a reward trip to the London Dungeon and Shrek's Adventure. We travelled to the location by London Underground and reached Westminster. We saw the London Eye and Big Ben. At around 10.30am we entered the London Dungeon, where we went on the thrilling rides and saw some of the live shows. Aysha 8S said "the rides we went on were really fun and really scary." The London Dungeon was

dark, with only a little bit of light. After visiting the London Dungeon, we went to see Shrek's Adventure.



THE READING AGENCY AND LIBRARIES PRESENT

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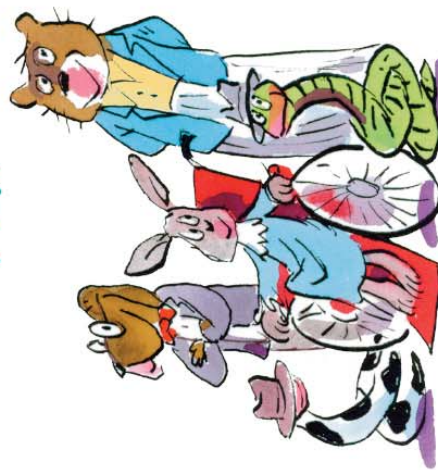


Our local library staff have been telling the children how to take part in Animal Agents, this year's Summer Reading Challenge.

The children will tell you all about it! All they have to do is read SIX library books and visit the library regularly over the summer, collecting special stickers and incentives along the way.

Please encourage your children to visit the library and sign up and see the difference the Summer Reading Challenge makes to their reading.

We will be celebrating and rewarding all children who took part at the beginning of the new school year.



Year 9 End of Key Stage 3 Achievement Celebration and Careers Day

By Ms Georgiou (Head of Year)

Students will be attending their Key Stage 3 ceremony on Monday 17th July 2017 from 12.15-3.30pm. This is a formal occasion and students are invited to attend and wear their own clothes. Any students who do not wish to wear their own clothes can come to school in their uniform.

There will also be a careers event which will run from 8.40am-12.15pm. Monday 17th July.

For further information, please see Ms Georgiou

Last Day of Term – Tuesday 18th July 2017

Students will follow their normal lessons for periods one and two, at 10.55am they will return to their form rooms and from 11.15am until 11.30am there will be staggered dismissal. Any pupil wishing to order a packed lunch for the last day of term should approach their form tutor with their requirements no later than morning registration on Friday 14th July.



NEW ACADEMIC YEAR 2017/18 - TUESDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2017

All pupils should attend school in full uniform at the following times:

- 11.15 - 12.15 - Year 8 in the Sports Hall
- 12.45 - 13.45 - Year 9 in the Sports Hall
- 11.45 - 12.45 - Year 10 in the Great Hall
- 12.45 - 13.45 - Year 11 in the Great Hall

Following the registration day on 5th September, students should return to school on Wednesday 6th September, with a start time of 8.40am for the new Year 7 students and 11.00am for pupils in Year 8-11. On this day pupils will be dismissed from 2.30pm

TERM DATES 2017/18

AUTUMN TERM:

INSET day - Monday 4th September
Registration Day - Tuesday 5th September
Half Term: 23rd October - 27th October
Last Day of Term: Wednesday 20th December

SPRING TERM:

Wednesday 3rd January - INSET day
First Day - Thursday 4th January
Half Term: 12th February-16th February
Last Day of Term: Thursday 29th March

SUMMER TERM:

First Day - Monday 16th April
Bank Holiday - Monday 7th May
Half Term: 28th May - 1st June
Estimated date of Eid-al-Fitr - 15th June
Last Day of the School Year: Friday 20th July 2018