

STAFF BEAT PARENTS IN FAMOUS VICTORY

By Felix



Quiz night

On Thursday 17th October, the parents came after the school day ended and did a quiz. Not just any quiz, a parent vs teacher quiz. The parents and teachers got in teams and it started. Very sadly for the parents the teachers won. One team of teachers just beat all the teams of parents. It took place in the middle floor of the school.

I interviewed the winners of the history setting quiz night. These teachers said this.

Me: "What question do you feel sure you got right?"

Furtuna: "Who was the headline act on Friday."

Amanda: "Which river was longer, Thames or Mersey."

Miss Schafer: "The best thing was the cheese and crackers."

Me: "Since you won do you think you're the smartest teachers in the school?"

Miss Keating: "No because we were the only teachers there at the quiz night."

The teachers as you can probably tell were very happy they won. If you ask me I am not surprised because the people who won go to school everyday and if the question from school they would definitely get a point.

Christmas Dinner Review



By Felix & Emilia

Christmas dinner was in the lunch hall this week, with some really festive Christmas decorations. Christmas crackers were aloud and people heard them snap all around them.

What were the highlights?

Everyone said that the desert was great and I can relate to that. The christmas crackers that everyone got from their teacher. Inside were a hat, a joke and fact also a quiz. One of the jokes were'

What were the lowlights?

The Turkey was a bit chewy and dry but some people said with gravy it tasted good but the turkey was still a bit dry.

Louie C said "My fork couldn't spear the potatoes."

The chocolate cake was a bit rich without the ice-cream but was still yummy.

Pantomime

Review By Eric



On Thursday 19th December, Year 4 showcased their pantomime. It was called 'Pantoland' and it was several different stories merged together.

The story started with the year 4 children going on a trip to see a pantomime, but their teacher wasn't there. Instead a wicked witch took them to 'Pantoland'

What were the highlights? The songs were very inventive and were sung very well.

What were the lowlights? Not many but some children were not loud enough. Overall a great show!

GRAND OPENING OF SCIENCE GARDEN

The science garden's official opening By Tanaya & Iona

The official opening of the science garden was on the 29th of November 2024. It is made to create a space for nature and to make our school more Eco friendly. This article is about what happened at the opening of the science garden.

Who came?

Many important visitors such as the Camden Counselor (Sharon Hardwick) and EarthWatch came. The PSA were also a great help in the opening. There was a ribbon that was cut, this indicated the science garden was officially open! There was biodegradable confetti, fruit juice and cupcakes with 'science garden' written on it.

Which day will each year group go in the garden?

A rota has been put up on the wall of the science garden, but if you have not had a look at the rota here it is:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 2	Year 4	Year 5	Year 3	Year 6



What happened?

After assembly, on Friday the 29th of November the Eco Committee were invited to come to the Science garden. Mr Drake gave a speech and so did the Eco Committee, Camden Council and Earthwatch. The garden was officially open!

Questions and answers

A few people were interviewed about the science garden.

What do you think about the science garden?

Answer : Wonderful space to enjoy.

Ms Begum: I like the bug hotel and pond.

Ms Housley: all the beautiful plants and the ornaments (the owl statue.)

Ms Mecauly: all the classes can use it for their lessons.

Ms Efford: It encourages children to take care of nature.

Why do you think it is important to look after nature?

Answer 1 : Trees - specifically - help us breath. Answer 2 : Nature gives us oxygen and fruits.

Did you have a science garden when you were younger?

Sharon - Camden Councillor : I did school canal and nature walks.



Conclusion

Please check out the Science garden. It also has "Did you know?" which has facts such as "Did you know worms have five hearts?" or "Bees communicate to each other by dancing!"



Winter is coming!

**THE TREES WAVE GOODBYE
AS WINTER ROLLS IN!**



By Emilia

How are you going to spend your winter?

There is one particular season when the most celebrations happen and it's winter! Some people celebrate Christmas; others celebrate Hanukkah, a Jewish tradition. St Nicholas Day is another celebration where people everywhere celebrate it, as well as Diwali. All of these festivals are celebrated around the world.

Celebrations

The Christmas Story: how Christmas became Christmas. One day, Mary came riding on a donkey to Jerusalem with her husband Joseph. Inns were closed or too full, so in desperate need of somewhere to stay, they went to one last inn but it was full so the owner, as he was very kind, let them stay in the stables. It turns out that Mary was pregnant and she had her baby in the stable and she named her baby Jesus. Year 2 now does that play every Christmas. Did you see the one on Wednesday 11th December?

People also celebrate Hanukkah which is the Jewish celebration where you play games and have lovely food and you also get presents. It's just like Christmas! People have delicious food such as: Latkes, Matzo ball soup and- my personal favourite- challa (pronounced hula). Before and after they eat Jews say prayers. People also light a menorah and play games!

Climate

You may experience cold, windy weather and big storms. Well wrap up warm because this is Winter.

Finally...

So how are you going to spend your winter?

HAVE A GOOD WINTER

BOOKS FOR ALL!

By Iona & Tanaya

Books from Nursery to Y6

A lot of people struggle to find a book that they really enjoy. In this article it is going to tell you what books you might enjoy.

Why do we read books?

Books can help you with your spelling, grammar and vocabulary. It is also very helpful for your imagination. Books can help you develop your communication skills. Books can also teach you important lessons mixing something important, but dull with something fun and exciting. But, most of all, books are doorways to new worlds and adventures.

Where do books come from?

Many children believe that authors do the most work in making a book. But that is not completely true, they start off the process. Illustrators create the front cover and pictures within the book. Then come the editors! They check all the mistakes, punctuation, spelling and more. Finally excited readers get to enjoy the fantastic story and bring it to life.

What books do others enjoy at WHPS?

Name: Emily
Book: Frozen
Nursery

Name: Astraea
Book: Captain underpants
Year 1

Name: Caitlin
Book: Harry Potter and the Chamber of
Secrets Year 2

Name: Molly
Book: Bunny vs Monkey
Year 3

Name: Ariana
Book: Grimworld
Year 4

Name: Rahaf
Book: Coghearts
Year 5

Name: Leo
Book: Alex Rider
Year 5

Name: Amara
Book: Nick Blake and the remarkables
Year 6

Name: Aurelio
Book: One piece
Year 6

Did you know?

Before JK Rowling wrote her books and became a millionaire, she was so poor she couldn't even buy a tin of baked beans!

Books were not written for children until around 300 years ago, before then parents might have read young children adult books about history and religion and children were treated as mini adults from age 8 or 9. So, what new books are you going to read now? Or maybe you'll write one for others to read?

DARLA-JANE GILROY VISITS WHPS By Aara & Sara

On Friday 22nd of November, Darla-Jane Gilroy came to visit our school.

We interviewed her about her life and her mum's life.

Who was Beryl Gilroy?

First of all, let me introduce you to Beryl Gilroy. Beryl Gilroy was the first black headteacher in Camden. She has written more than 30 books and adding onto that she was always writing in her free time (even when she was a teacher!). The book 'Black Teacher' is a book about our school.

Sadly she passed away, but she would have been 100 years old this year.



Who is Darla-Jane Gilroy?

Darla-Jane Gilroy is Beryl Gilroy's daughter. She said that she felt sad and loved coming back to the school. Darla is a British academic, fashion designer, psychologist, futurologist and author. After graduating from Central Saint Martins, she set up her own successful fashion label, sold through luxury fashion outlets worldwide and her own retail shops in London and Hong Kong.

An email from Darla-Jane Gilroy:

I was just about to drop you a note to thank you for such a wonderful visit to the school and what lovely pictures! Here's what I would say and looking forward to another visit.

I was delighted to be invited back to West Hampstead Primary School, which I had not visited since I was a child. This is the school where my mother, Beryl Gilroy, made history in 1969 as Camden's first Black headteacher.



What a privilege it was to share her incredible story with the children who are now being educated in the very building that holds her legacy. Beryl overcame discrimination based on her race and gender to carve her place in postwar British educational history, inspiring countless others along the way. It was wonderful to see how much the children already knew about Beryl and her story, it's clear her impact continues to resonate.

DARLA-JANE GILROY VISITS WHPS

By Aara & Sara

Q&A with Darla-Jane Gilroy

Q= Have you ever contributed to helping black school children?

A= Yes, I have done mentoring to encourage black people.

Q= Have you done anything in your life that was inspired by Beryl Gilroy?

A= Well, I wasn't affected by racism because she broke through all different barriers.

During her visit, she was interviewed by our reporters, working on a piece about the day. Their questions were thoughtful and engaging -

What football team did Beryl support? Why, Arsenal, of course!

How many books did she write?- More than 30 and I've read them all.

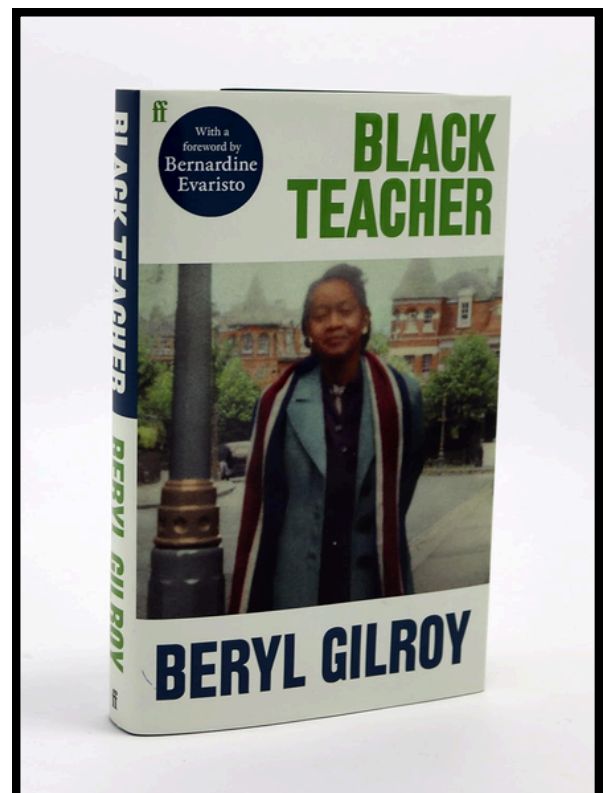
Did she teach me any subjects?

Yes—she taught me to be a creative writer. She always said, “If you’re writing about eating a cheese sandwich, others will eat the sandwich. You need to write about the experience of being the sandwich.” That wisdom has stayed with me throughout my life. and her legacy of achievement and creative thinking continues to influence me and my own family to this day.

Would she like the school now?

Beryl would have been deeply moved and proud to witness such a wonderful environment where signing and singing go hand in hand, and where inclusion, equity, and diversity are naturally embedded in the school culture, here every child, regardless of ability, background, or identity, has a voice and is valued. I think Beryl would love the school now.

Thank you for reading our article. We hope that you now know why Darla-Jane Gilroy and her mother, Beryl Gilroy are very important to our school.



STAYING SAFE AT WHPS

By Oscar

Here at West Hampstead Primary we are very safe but we need to know who can especially keep us safe.

Amanda, John, Mr. Drake and Ms. Bones are some of the main people who can especially keep us safe but not just those teachers can keep us safe.



Who are the safeguarding leads of our school?

Mr Drake, Amanda, Ms Bones.

A safeguarding lead is a person who keeps us safe

Who is the health & safety lead at our school?

Paul is the health & safety lead at our school. A health & safety lead is a person who takes care of children

Who is the medication lead at our school?

Jerry is the medication lead at our school. A medication lead is a person who helps sick children at school.

I asked children which teacher they told when they had a problem

Iona said "I usually tell my class teacher"

Tanaya said the exact same thing

Eric said "I tell a safeguarding lead"

I tell "miss phillips when I have a worry"

So I'm happy to look they're all the people in this school know how to stay safe and stay safe kids so now just remember whatever you do don't do dangerous things and stay safe.

OPERA WORLD PREMIERE COMES TO WHPS

By Emilia

The English National Opera Come to Town

Every year, Year 5 do a music project with the ENO. At the start of it, yr 5 watch a video to inspire them to compose music.

The ENO are making a new video and chose us! But why our school? Well they were so impressed by last year's year 5 that they decided to film it here! 5 lucky children got chosen: Luke yr6, Thea yr6, Monique yr6, Me yr6 and Pianki yr5. The ENO needed children who looked like they could be in primary or secondary school as children from all different schools did this.

We are proud to announce that the World Premiere will be at our school on Friday 2nd May



Resilience is a key part of filming as you have to have multiple tries until you get it right. When I did it, we had to act at least 5 times until we got it right. If you ever film a show, do you think you would be as patient? I certainly would not be!



AMAZING CAPOEIRA CLUB IS HERE By Kallisto

It's an amazing Brazilian martial art to do, so read on to find out more about the new, amazing Capoeira club.

Capoeira is an Afro-Brazilian martial art and game that includes elements of dance music and spirituality. It is known for its acrobatic and complex movements. It has been practiced among black Brazilians for centuries. The date of its creation is unknown, but it was first mentioned in a judicial document in 1789 as the gravest of crimes mainly in the UK. Which means to demonstrate the slaves.

In the 1970s it was brought to the USA and Europe helping it to become internationally recognised and practiced.



How long does it take to get the last belt?

It would normally take 25 years to get from the first belt to the last belt.

What are the teachers' names? The teachers' names are Vivi and Lealah. Vivi is actually from Brazil and Lealah is from Italy but knows a lot of Portuguese.

What are the instruments called? A drum is Akabaka. A triangle is A gogo. A tamporin is Pandado

Why is capoeira so important? Capoeira is important because it's good for your health, self defense and it's fun!

So everyone please join the capoeira club if you can!!!

Christmas top 10 jokes



By Amara & Felix

Joke 1: What do you get when you cross a vampire and snowmen?

A: frostbite.

Joke 2: What do you get when you cross Santa and a duck?

A: "a christmas quacker".

Joke 3: What is worse than Rudolph with a runny nose?

A: "a frosty with a hot flash".

Joke 4: How did the reindeer learn to play piano?

A: "He was elf taught."

Joke 5: Which one of Santa's reindeer is the fastest?

A: "Dasher".

Joke 6: Why do you not want to start a fight with Santa?

A: "Because he's got a black belt".

Joke 7: What do call a naughty reindeer?

A: "Rude-dolph"

Joke 8: What's the name of Father Christmas's dog?

A: Santa Paws.

Joke 9: Where does Christmas come before Thanksgiving?

A: In the dictionary.

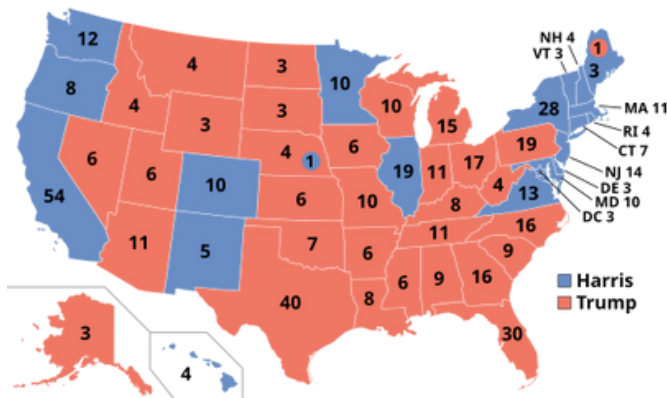
Joke 10: What did one snowman say to the other?

A: Do you smell carrots?

U.S ELECTION, TRUMP VS HARRIS

By Eric and Aurelio

Donald Trump and Kamala Harris fight over U.S election.



The U.S. citizens voted in the US Election and made some big changes to America. It was overnight on Tuesday 5th of October and Wednesday 6th of October (voting was counted over night). A serious outcome has been made after the votes were counted, the winner of the U.S Election was revealed on the next day to be Donald Trump as he beat Kamala Harris by 2,528,598 votes.

It was extremely tight as votes came overnight, showing that Trump beat Kamala Harris with a lead of 86 electoral votes. In total 72,372,332 people voted for Kamala and 75,518,895 people voted for Donald Trump.

We hope you have been informed about this years U.S election and understand a bit more about it.

With any election many people have mixed feelings about results and some people do not even get what they want.

We asked some of our WHPS staff for their opinion.

Amanda said: "Surprising and disappointing"

Mrs O'Brien said: Teachers shouldn't share their opinion on an election but I think it will be an interesting four years.

Mr Persson said: In a democracy you must always accept the results of an election.

Year Six Blow Their Own Trumpets and Trombones.

By Maryam



Year 6 start Trumpet and Trombone.

Trumpet & Trombone are types of brass instrument. The trombone teacher's name is Mr Davis and the trumpet teacher is Mr Jones.

Trumpet and trombone is every Wednesday in the middle floor hall for 1 hour. Not every school get a chance to do brass so were very lucky.

The History

It started way back in 1450 in Belgium though there is no inventor is known to play low notes. The founder of trumpet was the inventor of trumpet was Heinrich David Stolzel made the first working brass instrument. The trumpet is known for the high keys and trombone is known for its low keys.

What do children think about brass lessons?

Both year 6 classes do trumpet and I find it very interesting, so I'm getting some interviews of children in year 6 Amazon.

'I love trumpet and trombone because we learn a lot of new songs like Jingle Bells' - Savannah.

'I kinda like it because you have to play for an hour and move your fingers and it hurts. - Haajira

'I do like trumpet and trombone because you learn new songs and it is fun' - Louie C

'I don't like it because it makes me tired.' - Deniz

As you can see there are mixed emotions about trumpet and trombone. Overall I think trumpet and trombone is useful but tiring.

ENGLAND FIND NEW MANAGER

By Deniz



Thomas Tuchel apologises for 'being German'

NEWSFLASH!

The England national football team has finally found their new manager and that person is none other than... Thomas Tuchel! The F.A. has decided to go with the German to replace the interim manager Lee Carsley. Here is everything:

Tuchel, who is a 51 year old veteran manager from Germany, has extensive managerial experience at some of the top clubs in the world, including Borussia Dortmund, Bayern Munich, and Chelsea. Harry Kane, who played under Tuchel at Bayern Munich for 1 season, said this:

"I am really happy about my old boss coming in charge of England. This is very exciting indeed!"

WHEN IS HE IN CHARGE?

He will join the squad right after new year's day in 2025. But it is likely that we will see him in matches before as he needs to know all his players well before taking charge of the England squad.

HOW DID THIS ALL START?

It all started in July 2024, when sadly, Gareth Southgate and the England team lost against the invincible Spanish team. It was not a surprise, as England had barely won any matches in normal time in the tournament. A few days after the tournament ended, it all happened. Gareth Southgate, after 10 years of being in charge, he quit.

WHAT DO PEOPLE THINK ABOUT THIS CHANGE?

There are two sides to this argument. Some people think that having a manager from another country is not ideal, while others think that having a manager who has this much experience will help the team.

Mr Drake said, "Some people might be sad he is not English, but all I care about is trophies"

Mrs Lee said, "I really think Tomas Tuchel will do a good job as while he was at Chelsea, by the way I'm a Chelsea fan, he was great!"

Mr Dougan said "He is a decent manager, but I wish he was English!"



CONCLUSION

After all, whatever is going to happen, hopefully it is success!