



# Victory Primary School Newsletter

November /December 2017

## Sharing our talents !

### Royal festival Hall.....

For the 2nd year in succession, our school once again performed at the Royal Festival Hall. This year the Jazz festival was based on the inspirational life of Rosa Parks ( The mother of the civil rights movement), who refused to give up her seat on a bus, when she was asked to sit at the back.

The children used their literacy skills and musical talents to not only compose a song for themselves, but also wrote a song for other schools to sing! I am sure they will share their experiences in our forthcoming, Victory Primary School Newspaper, but in the meantime, I would like to say well done, I am extremely proud of all the children who took part, your talents shone like a bright, brilliant star! I would also like to say 'thank you' to Mrs Beattie, Ejiro, Janice, Pete Letanka (jazz musician who led the project), and all the staff and parents who attended the performance to support our children.



### Houses of Parliament.....

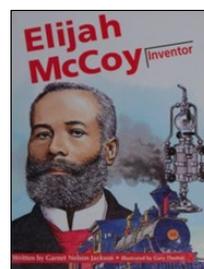
As a Headteacher, I am sent thousands of emails, a lot of which is junk mail, but I was delighted for our school to be invited by The Voice Newspaper to take part in their Black History Month Competition. Topaz Class were given the challenge to enter the competition as homework, and were told to make sure that it is their own words, not something which they had simply copied and pasted from someone else's work. Aisha carefully listened to her teachers guidance, and produced a wonderful piece of work about her hero Elijah McCoy, below is an extract of her work. Due to her brilliant entry, she was invited to go the Houses of Parliament to attend a special ceremony. Although Aisha did not win the competition, as far as I am concerned she is a winner as she used her excellent research skills and maintained a very positive attitude throughout. Congratulations Aisha, I am very proud of you !

### Elijah McCoy ....

Elijah McCoy was born on the 2nd of May 1844, in Colchester, Ontario, Canada. Elijah was born in a Canadian free family. Elijah went to live in America when he was three years old to become a U.S. resident and citizen. He was well known man for his 57 patents, most of them having to do with the lubricating system of steam engines.

When he arrived at Michigan, the only job he could find was as a fire man and as an oilier at the Michigan Central Railroad. He also worked in a home-based machine shop doing more highly skilled work such as developing improvements and inventions. Elijah invented a lubricating machine, which distributed oil evenly over the steam engine's moving parts of locomotives and ships, patenting it in 1872. He continued refining his devices and designing new ones. Fifty of his inventions use his lubricating system.

Elijah McCoy is my favourite black inventor because he created more than trains and if it were not for him, the train system would not be as it is today. He is also my favourite inventor because he did not only create a better train system but he also created the ironing board which so many people use and the lawn sprinkler, which is like a mower. ....



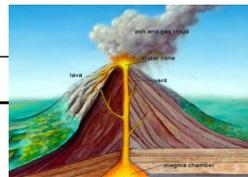
### Volcanoes and Earthquakes....

Emerald Class have recently completed their geography topic for this term. The topic was 'Volcanoes and Earthquakes.' For their entry point to the topic, year 4 made a volcano using bicarbonate of soda and vinegar! Here are some thoughts from the children about the topic: -

Ngor said, "I enjoyed our first lesson when we made a volcano erupt, because I got to learn how to make a model volcano."

"We learnt where dangerous volcanoes are in the world. For instance, there is one in Japan." said Logan.

Aboudi said "In our entry point, I enjoyed making a volcano because it was like arts and crafts. I learnt about the three types of volcano and where some are in the world."



### School uniform.....

I am pleased to inform you that our administrator Safia, has found a new uniform supplier. The quality of the material is much thicker, and they have offered us more competitive prices. This makes our new suppliers uniform more cost effective, as they should last longer. In addition to this, parents/carers will be able to go into the shop to make their purchases, or make telephone orders which will be delivered to our school. Although they have a website ( which is currently being updated), parents/carers no longer have to order our school uniform online. We will be continuing with our current supplier until 31.12.2017, we will then change to our new suppliers on 1.1.2018. Details of our new suppliers are below, please contact our school office for further details.

**Apt Clothing Company, 26A Rye Lane, Peckham London SE15 5BS,  
telephone number 0207 639 6580 or 0207 732 2924**

### Cambridge University.....

Last week Friday our year 6 children, their class teacher, TA and I visited Cambridge University. This was a wonderful opportunity for our children to see the beautiful Trinity College, but also meet current and former students who have studied at the university. Everyone who they met, commented that they were the best class they have ever seen at the university. Our children not only behaved impeccably, but they also asked interesting questions and even tidied up after themselves after we ate in the large, grand dining hall! Many of our children have now decided that they want to study at Cambridge University, and we have all encouraged them to work towards achieving their goals. Again I am sure that year 6 will be sharing their experiences about visiting Cambridge University in our newspaper, so this is all that I will say for now!



### Dates for your diary

**3.45 pm — 6.45pm Parents/carer's evening  
18.12.2017 at 2pm EYFS and KS1 Christmas performance 2pm**

**19.12.2017— Children's Christmas dinner**

**20.12.2017 at 10.30am KS2 Christmas performance**

**Our school will be closing at 12.30pm on 20.12.2017 to enable building/maintenance work to be completed, so please can you make necessary arrangements to ensure your child is collected on time.**

**INSET day 2.1.2018 (school closed for children)**

**3.1.2018 at 8.55am—school reopens for children**

