

Pupil Voice Activities

Summer Term 2 2019

New Peer Mediator Training

The new Year 4 Peer mediator recruits have been asking for weeks when their training would start. The day finally came on 6th June, when they spent all of that school day and half of Friday 7th taking part in training.

During the sessions the Peer mediators learn about conflict, that there are two sides to every story, how to actively listen, how to explain different emotions, how to work as a team and most importantly the five steps of mediation.

It is a lot to learn and there is a lot to remember but they did an amazing job! All thirteen new recruits were awarded certificates and welcomed to the team by the Y6s, who had made short videos to share their top tips for being a great mediator.

I learnt that we need to respect other people and listen to each other – Aissatou Y4

I learnt the Peer mediators' promises and how to mediate people – Ola M Y4

I'm most looking forward to mediating real people – Abed Y4

I'm most looking forward to organising anti-bullying week and mediating people – Mohodin Y4



Eco Warrior Visit to Fareshare Warehouse

Since January, our Eco warriors have been running a pay-as-you feel market every Wednesday after school. The stall carries 80-120kg of food that ordinarily would have been sent to land fill. The food is all perfectly good to eat but it can't be sold for various different reasons: too big, wrong barcode, surplus stock etc.

This food is delivered to us from the Fareshare warehouse in Deptford. They receive goods from supermarkets, farms and other suppliers and redistribute it to community and charity groups who turn the food in to meals.

Our Eco warrior team visited the warehouse on 12th June to find out more, see where the food we have delivered comes from and also volunteer their time.

The warehouse relies on volunteers to make up the orders for their customers, so our team joined theirs to put together two large orders. It was a very rewarding task.

I was shocked by how big the warehouse and the chiller were – so much food! - Nikola Y5

It's made me not want to waste anything any more. – Ayya Y5

It was a pleasure to have you all in! I was so impressed by their great behaviour and also eagerness to get involved with the food picking – they were an excellent help! – Philippa from Fareshare





Reviewing School Policies

Every year our school policies are reviewed and amended where necessary by our senior leadership team. It is important that these documents make sense to everyone in our school community and we need to make sure they reflect our school accurately. In order to do this, the School council and Peer mediators have been consulted on the policies.

During the consultations, the policies were read and explained to them. After each section the children were asked if they felt the policy was clear, or if they thought something needed to be added. They were extremely helpful, making a few but well-considered additions. These will be included in the updated versions.

Intergenerational Recipe Cards at the Great Get Together

As part of their year-long Team London Young Ambassadors' project, the school council launched a competition for families across the school. They asked for children to work with other generations in their family, to write their favourite family recipe and draw or take a photo of it.

Fifty-two children entered amazing recipes. These have been made into recipe cards that were sold at our Great Get Together

event to raise money for WE charity. Thank you everyone, we can't wait to try out our new recipes!



The Diana Awards

We are very proud to announce that our wonderful team of Peer mediators have won the prestigious Diana award this year. The award recognises young change makers who make a difference in the lives of others.

Over the course of this year, our team of mediators have led a successful anti-bullying campaign, leading to assemblies, class activities and a pyjama day to raise funds for anti-bullying alliance. Alongside this they have run a kindness poem competition, supported comic relief and generated ideas for a new sensory zone. We are very proud of their achievements.

To celebrate, one member of the team was invited to take part in a workshop at St Thomas' hospital, followed by an award ceremony at the House of Lords. The team diplomatically decided to pick a name out of the hat. Violette, a year 5 mediator was the lucky winner. She collected certificates for the whole team, which were presented by Tessy Ojo, CEO for the Diana awards.





Eco Warriors Build Bug Hotel on Streatham Common

The Eco warriors were due to visit Streatham common to carry on their sustainability project with Scoop and our friends at Hitherfield primary in May but the weather turned against us! We were fortunate enough to be able to reschedule for a glorious June day.

During their time in the woodland, they learnt to use a pick axe and shovel safely and to dig a trough large enough for the stag beetle logger. They then moved logs and assembled them, packing the earth around the base for support.

They also made the signs for the loggery and were honoured to be taken to see a rare orchid growing near-by.





Play leaders Support Sports Day

Our Y4 Play leaders were given a chance to use their new skills during KS1 and EYFS sports days. They were responsible for supporting an activity in pairs and worked extremely hard throughout the day. They had to use their confident voices to explain and demonstrate each activity and then step in to help anyone who needed it. They did a fantastic job!



City Hall Celebration Event

Back in December 2018, six members of our School council team visited City hall to pitch for up to £1000 to run a project of their choice. They delivered a confident pitch, outlining their plans to “bridge the generations”, developing relationships with our elderly neighbours and building stronger bonds within our own families.

They were successful in winning the money and went on to lead a successful project which included:

- Visiting Lime tree house care home to play traditional board games and read newspapers
- Inviting Lime tree house to events at our school – Sunnyhill 100 turning back the clock, where they discussed how their school days were different to ours
- Taking part in a clay work shop at the Garden museum to invoke childhood memories in the elderly participants
- They wrote pen pal letters to those who don't receive mail from family or friends
- Launched a school recipe competition for families to enter together
- Year 6 took part in Dementia friends workshops where they made pledges to help and understand those with dementia
- Sold their recipe cards at The Great Get Together to raise money for charity

To celebrate all this work, they were invited back to City hall to share it with eight other schools, City hall staff and the Deputy Mayor Debbie Weekes-Bernard. It was a wonderful day and so good to see what projects other schools had been working on. At the end of the event they were awarded a certificate.



Costa Community Education Awards

This year we entered our School council, Peer mediators, Eco warriors and Play leaders into different categories of the Costa Community Education awards. We are very proud to announce that they each won Highly Commended Awards in their category, beating over 300 other schools:

School council – Inspiring Career Opportunity Award for their Takeover day

Eco Warriors – Green School Sustainability Award for their Fuel for School market

Peer mediators – Action Against Bullying and Cyberbullying Award for their anti-bullying activities

Play leaders – Outstanding Sports Project Award for all their work during sports days, sporting events and the sensory zone design competition.

Well done everyone! Very well deserved by all! We look forward to see what more you are going to achieve next year.