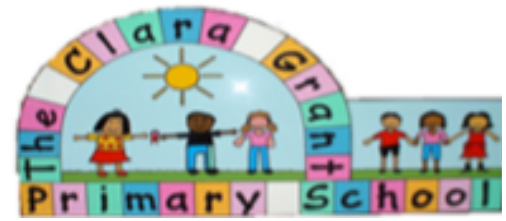


# Clara Grant Newsletter December 2022



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## A Message from Karen Symons

We have come to the end of the Autumn term and the end of 2022.. We have survived heatwaves, ice and snow, many illnesses and a variety of world events and crises. We always all come together as a community and support each other for the good of the families and staff. What a special bond we all have.

In January we have a few changes. I'd like to wish Lauren all the very best with her maternity and becoming a new mother. We can't wait to meet your baby. Leearna will be taking over her class, whilst she is away. The children have met her already and she is lovely. Saima is off to complete her Masters, good luck! Sabia will be moving to one of our other Trust schools so our fabulous Suniya will be taking over, the children know her so it will be a smooth handover. And I would like to thank Maureen for all the time and effort she has given to our children in the early years and wish her luck in her next role.

I'd like to wish a Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah to all who celebrate and wish you all a happy and healthy new year!

## Ideastore Visits

Next half term, each class will be visiting the Ideastore in Crisp Street for a morning or afternoon session. They will have a chance to explore the different sections of the library, look at the books on offer and may bring home an application for their own library card.

The Ideastore is an excellent resource on our doorstep - not just for borrowing books, but for courses for adults, community support and activities for children too. Please go along and see what they can offer your whole family!

## Applying for Nursery and Reception Places

If you have a child who will be Nursery or Reception age in September 2023, the deadline for applying for a place at Clara Grant is coming up soon.

Reception 2023 Deadline: 15th of January

Nursery 2023 Deadline: 15th of February

We will be holding an open day for new Nursery children on the 19th of January. If you missed the Reception Open Day in December due to the snow, please also come along on the 19th of January and we can show you the classrooms.

The leaflet and details about how to apply using [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk) are at the end of this newsletter. Please share this information with neighbours and family members who are considering school places.

## Dates for your diary

### January

- 5th Term begins
- Young Voices Choir O2
- 19th EYFS Open Days
- 26th SEND Sports: Curling

### February

- 13th - 17th Half Term
- 22/23rd Nursery trip to the Docklands Museum

### March

- 2nd World Book Day
- 10th-19th Science Week
- w/b 27th Easter Bonnet Parade

Easter Holidays: begin on Monday 31st March and first day of the Summer Term will be Monday 17th of April

## Reminders

School uniform must be worn every day. No hoodies or jewellery.

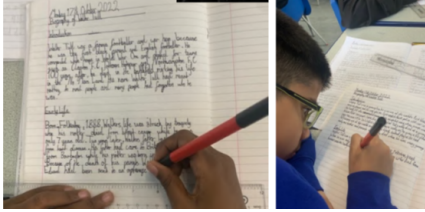
Every day counts, do not miss a day Children cannot make progress if they are not in class.

Lost Property - we have large quantities of unnamed lost property. Please make sure all clothing is labelled.

Download the Class Dojo app to receive alerts from school

# Celebrating our School Community

## Black History Month Celebrations



During the month of October, we celebrated the contributions of all black people and people of different origins to our community. Every year we look at a different country and this year Morocco was our focus.

We did a variety of activities to explore Morocco in depth: researching and writing about historical figures; producing posters; making Moroccan carpets and tiles; writing poetry and performing traditional dances.



## A Moroccan Poem – Y3

### Al Maghreb

Strolling on the perfect summer evening.  
A heavenly breeze blowing through the palm trees.  
Staring into the starry galaxies.  
Moonlight shining into the houses.

The smell of burning spices is like a warm fire.  
Bread as soft as cotton.  
Fragrant, silky couscous makes your mouth water.  
Grandad makes everyone chuckle.  
Mum watching, waiting for empty plates.  
Everybody eats like it's been a century.

Amber dust clouds forming.  
Orange juice pouring.  
Naughty chickens chasing.  
Muezzin softly calling.

Golden archway.  
Horses' heavy hooves stumbling upon the dusty ground.  
Motorbikes roaring like a hurricane.  
Destitute waif pleading for food to fill her grumbling belly.  
Lovely aromas in the air.

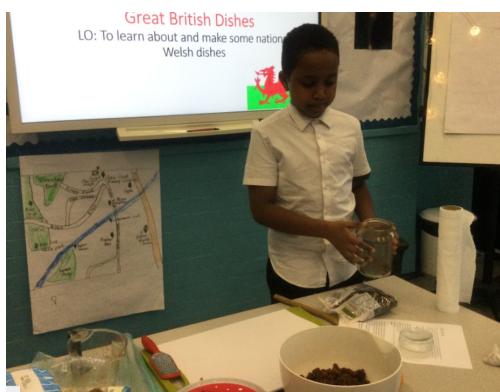
By Year 3  
Jenny and Adam's class- shared poem



## Cookery – Y6

Year 6 have been looking at national dishes in their Design and Technology lessons this half term, which has given them lots of tasty cooking opportunities!

Here they are following the recipe and making Bara Brith, a traditional Welsh tea bread, and a British Winter Crumble – Yum!





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## Sayers Croft

At the end of November, many of our Year 5 and Year 6 students made our annual trip to Sayers Croft. It's always an adventure packed week and the children had a brilliant time.

They enjoyed a range of physical challenges: rock climbing, bouldering, hiking to the top of Pitch Hill, archery and shelter building. They also experienced all the social excitements of a week-long trip: first nights away from home, singing around the campfire, hot chocolate with very competitive Uno games, and the much-loved disco. Some very tired but happy children returned to school on the Friday, keen to share their fantastic time with their parents.

A big thank you to all the staff members of our school team who were chaperones who gave up their time to make this year's trip another big success!



## Inclusive Sports

This term we have enjoyed visits from Sports Specialists who have taught us new, inclusive games which allow for a range of children who are both able-bodied or disabled to participate in.

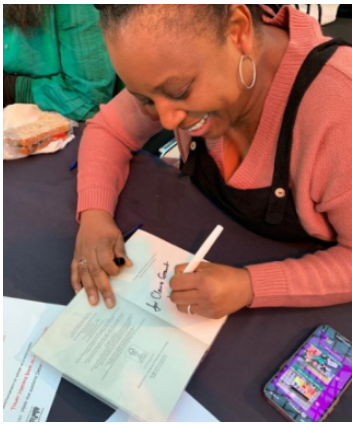
Goalball is a sport designed for people with visual impairments but can be played by sighted people too. To make it fair, sighted people wear eye masks. We were also taught Sitting Volleyball. Next term, we are looking forward to learning New Age Curling!





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## Tower Hamlets Children's Book Awards



A group of Y5 & 6 children were lucky enough to be chosen to represent Clara Grant at the Tower Hamlets Children's Book Awards. At East Wintergarden in Canary Wharf. They met the author of Sabine Adeyinka and even got a signed copy of her book Jummy at the River School!

The winning book, as voted by the children, was Mayhem Mission by Burhana Islam. They returned to school with bags full of books and are all feeling inspired to not only read more, but also write their own stories. Who knows, we might have an award winning author in our midst.



## Clara Grant Poetry Slam!

We are so proud of our young poets and performers at Clara Grant. This term we held our first school poetry slam, encouraging the children to write and/or perform a poem. We focussed on performance and reciting with lots of expression.

Well done to all of the children who participated and each of the class winners who were awarded their certificates in our celebrations assembly.

We had a final round of the competition and a big well done to Marwah (KS1 winner), Safaa (Lower KS2 winner) and Ariana (Upper KS2 winner)



## Financial Literacy - Trip to the Lloyds Building

Our Year 5 children have been working with Lloyds to study financial literacy this term. They were then kindly invited to have a tour of the Lloyd's building to hear about the history of the company and the building before settling down to solve a few problems together.

A fascinating and insightful visit for all!



*See you at 8:35am on January the 5th!*



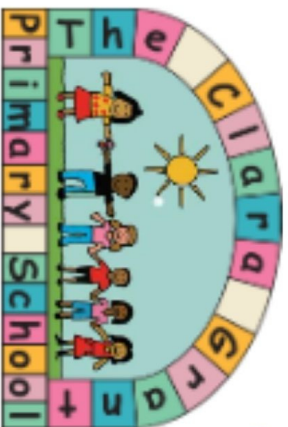
# Come and visit our happy, successful and exciting Nursery

## THE CLARA GRANT PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Nursery Open Day:

Thursday 19th of January 2023 at 9am, 1pm and 4pm

Contact the School Office today to book a place: 0207 987 4564



Give your child the opportunity to:

- Form their first friendships with other children in a supportive environment
- Build their language and communication skills.
- Explore our exciting refurbished outdoor area.
- Learn key skills ahead of starting school.

## WE OFFER FULL AND PART TIME PLACES IN OUR NURSERY (DEPENDING ON ELIGIBILITY)

The deadline for applying for a September 2023 Nursery Place is

the 16th February 2023.

please apply online at [www.eAdmissions.org.uk](http://www.eAdmissions.org.uk) via the Tower

Hamlets website

Any questions? Please contact Rushnara (Family support Partner)

on 0207 987 4564.



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# RECEPTION OPEN DAY ✨

If your child will be starting Reception in September 2023, come and join our Open Day and visit our happy, successful and exciting Primary school.

TUESDAY 13TH OF DECEMBER  
at 9am, 1pm and 4pm



Contact the school office today to book  
your place: 0207 987 4564

You will have a chance to talk to our teachers, see the school and new playground areas and find out more about life at Clara Grant School. ✨

### RECEPTION IS A KEY YEAR FOR:

- Developing children's language skills. ✨
- Creating enthusiastic readers, writers and speakers.
- Forming first friendships and developing key skills



Remember to Apply for Tower Hamlets Reception places online: [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk)