

SIR JOHN CASS'S FOUNDATION PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 23rd September, 2016

A voluntary aided Church of England primary school in the heart of the City of London



Making learning real!

Richard Foley- Chief Executive and Clerk of Sir John Cass's Foundation visited school this week to see how a generous grant from Sir John Cass's Foundation was being used.



The Foundation recently agreed to support our *Making learning real* project which involves updating all teaching spaces with the latest interactive technology.

The grant—a total of £81,558 - spread over two years will enable the school to make improvements to every teaching and learning space— fitting them out with the latest smart board interactive touch screens and document cameras called visualisers. These cameras are able to capture and display real-time images which can then be shared with the whole class. They are proven to be highly effective when sharing work, responding to feedback or demonstrating and explaining concepts to classes.

This project also helps the school to improve the resource storage in classrooms as the touchscreens are mounted on high quality bespoke cupboards, totally transforming the teaching space in each year group.

Sir John Cass's Foundation is the trustee of our school and over the years has funded various projects including our minibus and installation of the CCTV cameras.



We are particularly grateful for this generous financial support especially at a time when school budgets are being squeezed.

We look forward to working with Sir John Cass's Foundation in the years to come to enable our school to offer the best possible facilities, resources and education for every young Cassian.

Mr T Wilson | **Headteacher**

Activities in the Sp@ce

Mondays

Baby Gym – 9:15 to 10:30

Baby Clinic – alternate

Mondays 9:30-12:00

Tuesdays

Hip Hop Tots for the under

5s – 9:45 to 10:15

Stay and Play – 9:15 to

11:30 and 1:00 to 3:15

Talking Walk-in – alternate

Tuesday mornings 9:30 to

11:30

Wednesdays

Heuristic Play – 10:00 to

11:00

Outdoor Messy Stay and

Play – 3:30 to 4:30

Thursdays

Baby orchestra – 9:30 to

10:30

Toddler orchestra – 10:30 to

11:30

Fridays

Stay and Play – 9:15 to

11:30 and 1:00 to 3:15

Parenting Advice – alternate

Friday mornings. Book an

appointment in advance

Saturdays

Stay and Play - 10:00 to

1:00

Family Learning and Adult Education

There are some amazing new courses starting this term at Sir John Cass including:

- ESOL classes
- Writing CVs, applications and interview skills
- Family arts and crafts
- Family philosophy
- Family cooking
- Dance classes

If you're interested in any of the above, see the City adult education website for more information: <http://tinyurl.com/js5umx3> or contact Jo Welsh in the Children's centre.

Drama at the City of London School

Class Five were invited to attend a drama workshop in the City of London School's Winterflood Theatre.

With the specialist Drama teachers, we worked on re-telling the story of Hansel and Gretel using body language and some learned dialogue. We also practised cooperating and working in teams.



A very warm welcome to Jennifer Hogg— our new Family Involvement Coordinator. Jennifer will be working alongside Jo Welsh in the Children's Centre.

Why not come along to one of her new sessions?!

Meet our new school council

Our new school council met for the first time on Thursday 22nd September, 2016 in the Board Room. School councillors discussed the quality of food, the new interactive whiteboards, problems with the toilets and made suggestions for the playgrounds. Thanks to Class 3 who have come up with the excellent idea of having a Class Teddy who will have adventures at different children's houses each week. We'll let you know more about this soon!



Meet the teaching team in Inventors and Creators

Thursday 29th September, 2016 at 9.05am and again at 3.20pm in Creators Classroom.

Who's on School Council?

Harvey and Edie— our head boy and girl are automatically members of school council.

Class 1: Florence and George

Class 2: Florence and Darius

Class 3: Contance and Ikram

Class 4: Bradley and Monika

Class 5: Hosna and Dhanyaal

Class 6: Zahra and Ubayd

International Day

On the last day of this half term– Friday 21st October, 2016 we're going to be holding an international day.

We're looking for volunteers to make some delicious food. There will be workshops for the children and activities on the playground (weather permitting) celebrating the culture and languages of our school community.

Please see Jennifer, Jo, Ambia or Claire if you are able to help.

PTA MEETING

Everyone is a member of the PTA, but you can get involved a little more in organising and fundraising by coming along on Monday 26th September, 2016 at 2pm.

Everyone welcome!

What's new in the kitchen?

We're very pleased to welcome Roberto Delbene to our school. Roberto is a very experienced chef and has worked for many years in London.

Previously he led a section at Westminster School– just opposite the abbey. Before this Roberto worked in hotels in London including the Lanesborough.

We warmly welcome Roberto to school. He's got the thumbs up from the children. At our school council meeting today the quality of the school food was commended by all of the Class Councillors.

We'll be inviting you to join us for one of our parent's tasting sessions in the next couple of weeks. Look out for more information.



Governors Annual Meeting

We had a great turnout at the Governors Annual Meeting this year. Laura Jorgensen– our Chair of Governors introduced the session and we discussed the many successes from the last year, our plans for the coming year and heard from parents and carers who attended.

The governing body priorities for the coming year are to:

1. Maintain the high standards in English and Mathematics.
2. Focus on fluency and mastery in mathematics.
3. Continue to develop our excellent specialist curriculum.
4. Challenge children more in their lessons.
5. Give more chance for children to self reflect and evaluate their learning.
6. Implement the new diocese RE curriculum
7. Continue to invest in the school building, possibly by securing one-form entry expansion.

The slides from Wednesday's session are available on the Head teacher's Blog. If you want to find out more about the governing body and the strategic direction of the school you can get in touch with the chair of governors via the governor pages on our website.

Dates for your diary

Fri 23 Sep	9:00am – 1:00pm	Recording at Air Edel Studios
Mon 26 Sep	2:00pm – 3:00pm	PTA Welcome Meeting
Tue 27 Sep	All day	Cook for Cass Y6
Wed 28 Sep	6:00pm – 9:00pm	Cass Lecture
Thu 29 Sep	9:05am – 9:35am 3:20pm – 3:50pm	Reception meet the teaching team Reception meet the teaching team
Fri 30 Sep	9:15am – 10:15am 2:00pm – 3:00pm 2:40pm – 3:10pm	OPEN MORNING FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS Parent Forum Class Assembly: Internet Safety (DB)
Mon 3 Oct	All day All day	Year 6 Residential Swiss teacher visiting BS
Tue 4 Oct	All day All day 4:30pm – 5:30pm	Year 6 Residential Swiss teacher visiting BS Summer Reading challenge m - Guildhall
Wed 5 Oct	All day All day 4:00pm – 6:00pm	Year 6 Residential Swiss teacher visiting BS Governing Body Meeting: Extraordinary
Thu 6 Oct	All day All day 9:00am – 1:00pm 10:45am – 11:30am	Year 6 Residential Swiss teacher visiting BS Reception to Victoria Park Company of musicians visit - Y3&4
Fri 7 Oct	All day All day 2:40pm – 3:10pm	Year 6 Residential Swiss teacher visiting BS Class Assembly: Our Charities (YC)

From Class 6's Prayer Book

Dear God,

Thank you for the education we have received so far. Thank you for the privileges to help those who are less fortunate. Please help us to be grateful for the opportunities and to be respectful for the time and effort our teachers put in. Help us to complete our achievements and goals for SATS

Amen



We've been learning about God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in Church assembly.

Can you remember what these things symbolised?

Explorers and Discoverer5s enjoying a picnic on Victoria Park



Class 6 Special Jobs

Head Boy: Harvey
Head Girl: Edie
School Council Chair and Secretary: Ubayd and Zahra
House Captains
Aldgate: Nabil
Portsoke: Zaqwan
St Botolphs House: Raya
Cornhill: Elysia
Door Monitors: Saima, Raya, Teddy, Mahdi, Shayek and Ethan
KSI Monitors / Escorts
Inventors: Sarah and Edie
Creators: Leo and Zahra
Year 1: Zainab and Ryan
Year 2: Elysia and Mahdi
Assembly Monitors: Storm and Seyar
Librarians: Bartek and Abida
Head Gardeners: Sarah, Abida, Samson, Lara and Bartek
Head Tour Guide: Tan
Play Leaders: Ethan, Salwan, Paris, Mayowa and Bartek.