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## Mr Hobson – CEO – Welcome

Welcome to the first of what will become a Termly Newsletter that is designed to give parents and carers a flavour of all the excellent and exciting things happening across all schools within the Hornchurch Academy Trust. We are very proud of the progress of the Trust since its formation dated 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 and equally excited by the opportunities in the future to share all of the positive work taking place in our schools. Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter and if you have not taken the opportunity already, please visit the Hornchurch Academy Trust website for further information [www.hornchurchacademy.org](http://www.hornchurchacademy.org)

## Bandit Visits Scargill Infant School

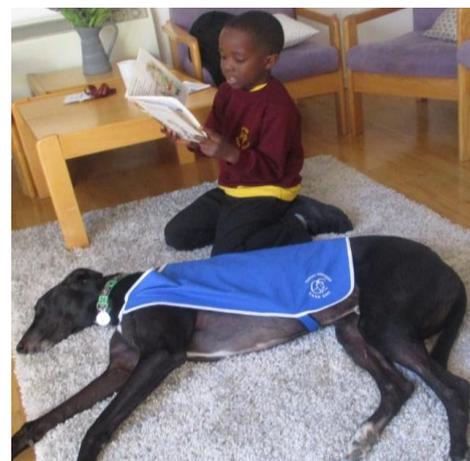
On a Friday morning a very special visitor arrives at Scargill Infant School in Mungo Park Road, Rainham. His name is Bandit and he loves listening to the children read. Bandit used to be a racing dog at Coral Greyhound Stadium, but now lives with Tracey where he helps others as a therapy dog.

The children enjoy reading their books to Bandit and telling him about the things they do. Bandit is an amazing listener and makes the children smile. Michael said "I get to give Bandit biscuits and he is lucky to hear one of my stories. Bandit helps me read and I have a double chance at completing my reading challenge."

Scargill Infant School is very grateful to Tracey for bringing Bandit in each week to support the children with their reading. Bandit is an assessed and approved therapy dog, associated with the charity Canine Concern. Bandit is well-cared for and lives with a Canine Concern registered volunteer, Tracey Benton.

Executive Head teacher, Mrs Kath Keeper, said "Children respond very well to Bandit. His relaxed nature and non-critical role ensures they enjoy reading, allowing their confidence and skills to grow."

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## Scargill Junior School - Fundraising

Pupils at Scargill Junior School have been busy fundraising this term. On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September we held our annual Macmillan Coffee morning.

- **We raised over £900.00**

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October pupils and staff dressed in pink for Think Pink Day in aid of a breast cancer charity.

- **We raised £321.00**

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November we dressed in Spotty clothing for Children in Need.

- **We raised £320.00**

School Council are holding a raffle and a Christmas gift sale in December in aid of Hope4Havering. This is a local charity which helps homeless people in Havering.



## Football Result

Whybridge Junior played Scargill Junior in a friendly football match this term. An exciting and entertaining game ended Whybridge 4 – Scargill 3.

More matches are being planned for the new year including Girls only matches.

## COMING SOON ... Sports Competition Afternoons

Year 6 children from both Whybridge and Scargill will be taking part in our first 'Sports Competition Afternoon' in January at Whybridge Junior School. Other year groups will also have their chance to enjoy a similar event later in the year!



## Scargill Junior School - Premier League Primary Stars Reading Scheme

A group of our Year 5 boys are taking part in this exciting reading scheme. As part of the scheme, the boys visited Leyton Orient Football Club where they looked around the grounds and the stadium and met some of the players and staff.

A coach from West Ham football club visited the school as part of the scheme. The boys were able to conduct a formal interview and after the interview the coach showed the boys a few football skills.

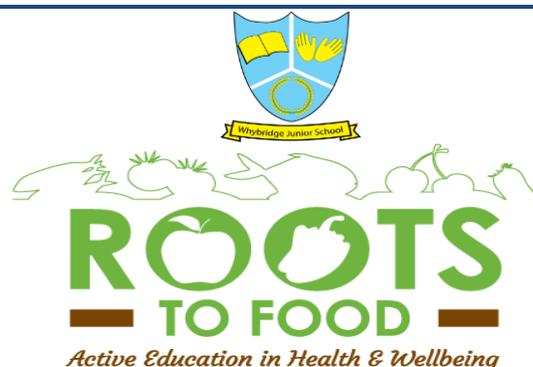


## Whybridge Junior School - Roots to Food

On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November the whole school took part in Havering's Roots to Food cooking demonstration.

The children had a fabulous day cooking and sampling food they have never tried before. We had two 'chefs' from the Borough supervising the cooking and the children did a great job. Not only have the children tried and successfully eaten a whole new range of food they are now trying different foods for their school lunches that they would not normally have.

We had a great day and a huge thank you to Mandy Divall from the Borough for organising the day!



## Scargill Junior School - Sports Champions

A team from Scargill Junior school took part in the recent Panathlon sports competition in Havering. They won a gold medal and are our Scargill Champions!

**Congratulations to our winning team!**



## Scargill Infant School – Bauble Workshop

On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November the children had a fantastic new experience which enabled them to combine Christmas with an artistic experience. The workshop for each year group allowed children to decorate a Christmas Bauble.

They learnt about different materials and techniques, using their imagination to design their own unique bauble.

They worked very carefully and the parents are now able to purchase these as a lasting memento of their time at Scargill Infant School.

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## Whybridge Junior School – Fun Run

The Whybridge Junior 'Fun Run' this year raised an amazing **£282.00** towards HEART UK. All children took part in the run and had a great time for a great cause.

In an afternoon assembly, the boy and girl from each year group who completed the most laps received a medal. More photos of the event can be seen on Twitter via @whybridgejunior



## Scargill Infant School – Choir at Co-op

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December, the Choir had their first Christmas performance outside the Co-op in Mungo Park Road. The children were performing with their usual enthusiasm and encouraged the many parents who came along to support the charities linked to the Co-op.

The Co-op employees all contributed to the fun by dressing in Christmas Costumes. A considerable amount of money was collected from the parents and residents who joined in with the singing and Christmas fun.

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