

PHOENIXPLACE

NEWSLETTER

Autumn
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2016

"TURNING ASPIRATIONS INTO REALITY"

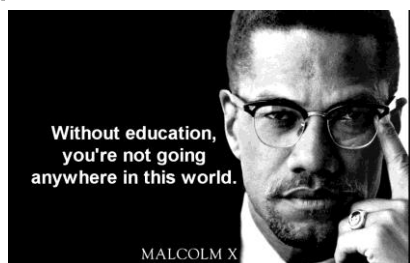
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From the Directors

Welcome to the first issue of our exciting newsletter which we are very thrilled to present to our school and the wider community!

Our aim is to keep you informed of any exciting events and achievements, and throughout the year, we will send you stories and insights from our students and staff.

We'll start with an important quote for the students:



Our statement represents some important key messages which sum up our ethos for PhoenixPlace:

Excellence- meaning excellence in everything we do, striving for the highest standards and the best, and having expectations that students will do the same.

Safe -a place where all our students feel comfortable and safe at all times.

Inclusive -meaning we welcome students of all abilities, backgrounds and cultures and celebrate the diverse nature of our school whilst making sure we meet the needs of every individual.

Community- Being a team where everyone works together based on a culture of co-operation, trust and mutual respect.

Thrive-Being happy and successful, enjoying school and being inspired by learning experiences, securing achievement and celebrating that achievement.

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas & Prosperous New Year, and a restful break!

Directors

Sophie Nelson

Kailash Kumari

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Christmas Holidays start on Thursday 22nd December.

Target Meetings are on Monday 9th January 2017, so pupils start back properly on Tuesday 10th January.

NEWS & EVENTS

We've had a busy term at PhoenixPlace, with all students enjoying various educational trips and visitors.

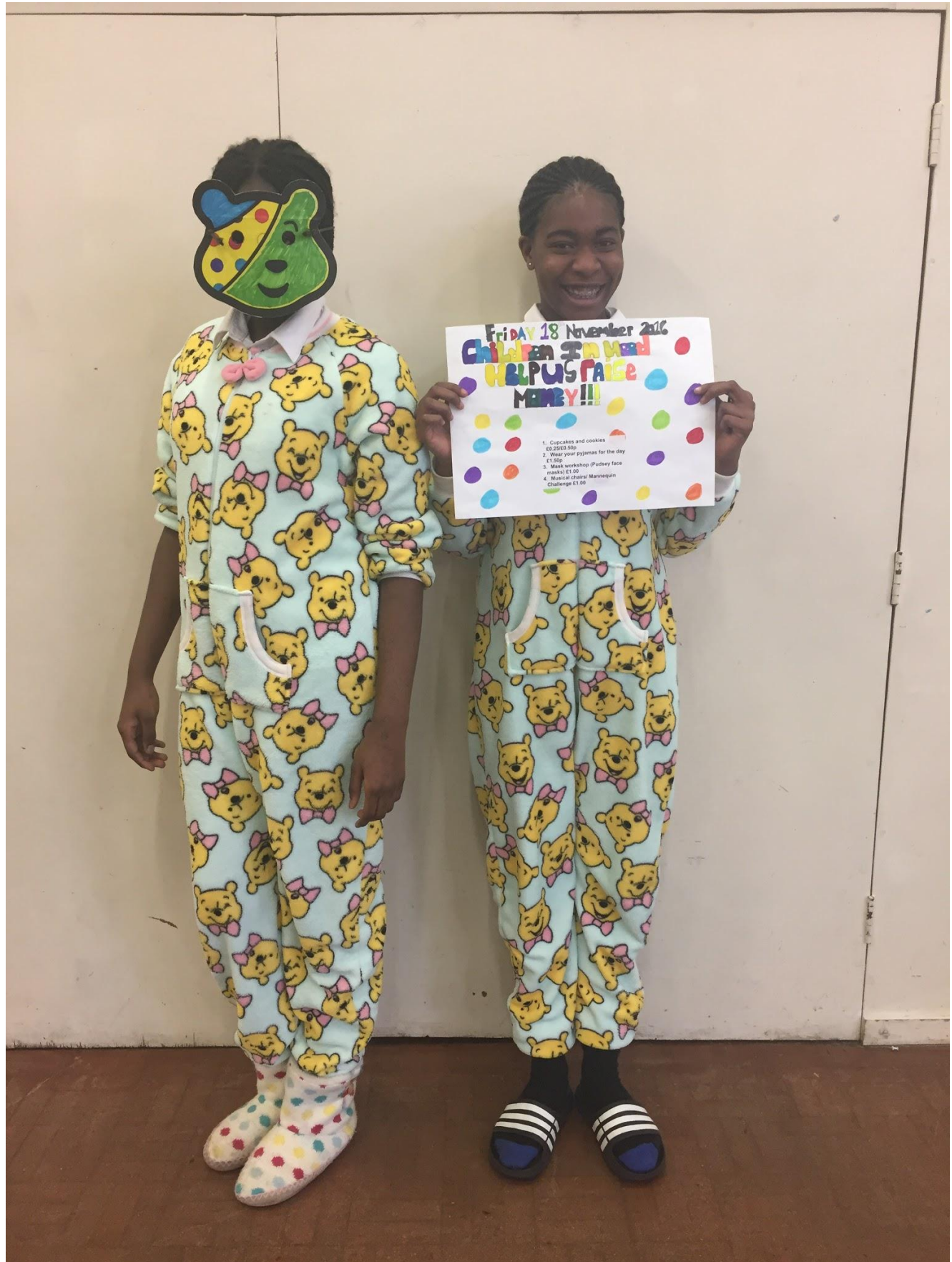
We started with a visit from our School Liaison Police Officer whose main reason for coming to school was to be a familiar face to students and staff - if you see her outside of the school building, give PC Masterson a wave!

Trips this term have included a visit to the Houses of Parliament, where the students learned how laws are made and passed, a trip to Buckingham Palace, though unfortunately we didn't get a wave from The Queen, and a visit to the Museum of London, where the students were shown how it was to live in wartime London.

Our Year 8s went to the Imperial War Museum to take in most of the exhibitions and learn about causes of the world wars and the effects. Whilst our Year 9s and 10s had a sneak peek at The Royal Courts of Justice, with another trip planned for them to sit in the gallery and observe proceedings!

NEWS & EVENTS

PhoenixPlace raised money for charity by taking part in Children in Need activities on Friday 18th November. Students and staff came to school in their pyjamas and slippers, and we had a cake sale. Students took part in games, including musical chairs and a very well rehearsed mannequin challenge! We managed to raise a total of £37.29 for the charity, so thank you to all those who took part and donated.



Pupils' Work

October saw us celebrating Black History Month. Year 10 student, Ray, wrote the following piece. She took inspiration from Rosa Parks' story. A future Poet Laureate perhaps!

MY INJUSTICE

I will always remember,
That horrible first day in December,
I stepped on the 185 after school,
Even though I paid my fares I was still made
a fool,
No seats at the front so I headed to the back,
And when my butt hit the seat I heard "NO
YOU'RE BLACK!"
It was an old white man telling me to get up,
You have to believe me, you can't make this
stuff up!
I was gobsmacked, shocked and humiliated,
I felt like I was back in the day when blacks
and whites were segregated.
I was so stunned I just stopped and stared,
He carried on screaming and to be honest I
was scared,
I felt annoyed and undignified because people
were staring,
But thankfully a woman stood and showed
that she was caring,
The woman told the man to "stop being
racist."
But the wicked old man just carried on lacing
His old fashioned abuse like I had done
something wrong,
when I, Raynequa, was innocent all along.
The bus driver caught wind of this
monstrosity.
And ordered the man off the bus
Because he was guilty
All he could do was leave, moan and cuss
I am truly thankful that is not an everyday
ordeal,
Because that injusticed feeling is not a nice
one to feel.

We had two interesting workshops involving the police, this term. The first was held by our schools link officer, Karen, on CSE and Cyberbullying. The second was led by a representative of S019, which is the Firearms branch of the police force. Though very serious topics, the students engaged in both workshops fully and found the subjects fascinating.



We were lucky to have a visit from LAMDA. The graduating students wowed the staff and students of PhoenixPlace with their version of *The Merchant of Venice*. We were mesmerised by the performance of Shakespeare's romantic comedy. At the end of the play, the students were full of questions for the actors, and very much enjoyed dressing up in the costumes from the performance.



ACHIEVEMENTS



This section is our best section!

It is where we like to recognise the achievements of students throughout the term.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance is very important to us. To be successful you have to be PRESENT and take part.

WELL DONE to the following students who have achieved their target attendance % or 100% attendance.

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5
Rebecca Amode	Ray Nelson	Reanna Elliott	Hayley Maigwa	Tonianne Hill

It was punctuality week from 5th December until 9th December. Students had to ensure they were at school by 9.30am and go to all lessons on time. The overall star for the week was Rebecca Amode, who as well as being awarded with a certificate, has won a trip to Kaspas for ice cream and waffles! Well done, Rebecca - keep up the good work!


HOMEWORK

These students impressed the staff by ASKING us for homework! Keep it up, girls, and complete it!

Tonianne Hill	Raynequa Nelson	Rebecca Amode
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FOOD SAFETY AND HYGIENE

Congratulations to Year 10 students Raynequa Nelson and Charlotte Sivyer on passing their Level 2 Food Safety and Hygiene Certificate. Both girls worked extremely hard to complete this course and they passed the exam first time to gain their certificate! We are incredibly proud of you!

	Subject reviews - what we have been learning this term!!
ENGLISH	Creative writing, Interpreting texts, grammar and alter egos
MATHS	Data groups, averages, percentages, decimals and fractions
SCIENCE	Habitats
CREATIVE ARTS	Mosaics
CITIZENSHIP	ASDAN
PE	Muscles, skeleton, basketball and cricket
GEOGRAPHY	ASDAN and individual country presentations
COPE	Work related learning and human rights

Useful Information

<p>As we all know, the internet is an integral part of all our lives. It offers many positive opportunities. Just as we want to keep our children safe in the real world, we want to do the same in the virtual world. PHOENIXPLACE has taken steps to ensure e-safety for all our students.</p>	<p>Parents will be pleased to know we are tackling, head-on, the issues surrounding healthy eating. We are striving to encourage our students to maintain a balanced diet, and have taken the steps to ban fizzy drinks in school. Lunches served onsite are healthy, though students and staff do have treats on Fridays!</p>
<p>Spring Term Dates INSET Day - Thursday 5th January 2017 and Friday 6th January Target Setting and Review Meetings - Monday 9th January 2017 Students Return - Tuesday 10th January 2017 Half Term - Monday 13th February 2017 - Friday 17th February 2017</p> <p>INSET Day - Monday 20th February 2017 Students return - Tuesday 21st February 2017 Terms Ends for students - Friday 31st March 2017</p>	<p>PHOENIXPLACE - specialist alternative education provision for girls 11-16 Redcar St Camberwell London SE5 0NA</p> <p>t: 0207 703 7189</p> <p>Independent School Registration: 210/6007</p> <p>www.phoenixplace.co.uk</p>