

**December 2022**



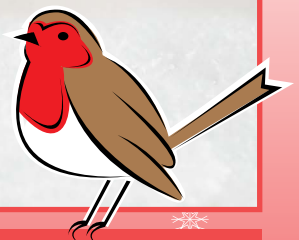
**Dear Parents and Carers,**

As we approach the Christmas holidays, I can reflect that my first term as Headteacher has been an exceptional one. I've enjoyed getting to know our amazing pupils and congratulate them for the achievements they have made this term. You will be aware that we previously had an expected visit from Ofsted this term as we were due for a full inspection. We will share the report with you when it is published, but we are optimistic about the results. Thank you all for supporting TCES East London school.

We look forward to a positive Spring term and hope to meet many more of our parents and carers. I would like to wish everyone at ELIS, a wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year.

Seasons greetings,

**Jeff Lastiotis, Headteacher**



# AFRICAN DRUMMING AND STORYTELLING

## AFRICAN DRUMMING DAY 1

What a day of rhythmic drums! Pupils and staff at ELIS were welcomed by an amazing experience of African drumming. The sounds in the Main Hall echoed throughout the school as the drums played intensively. The participation of this whole event was extremely positive and productive.



## AFRICAN MASK PAINTING

For black history month we had a different workshop each week. We took part in the following activities. Kick started with our powerful black history assembly delivered by Ms Adele. We had African drummers - students were given a drum and taught a rhythm. African story telling and African mask making.



## STORYTELLING

The pupils of ELIS were drawn by the motivational storytelling as they sat and listened to the rhythmic beats of the drum. Pupils were able to understand what the message entailed and had heaps of appreciation for this. A great day for all involved.



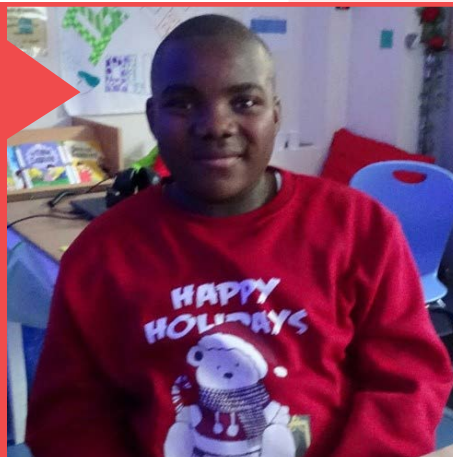
## ANTI BULLYING WEEK

Anti-bullying week saw a visit from the great Papa G who delivered a workshop to the pupils. We had another visit from the 'be kind' organisation. Pupils attended a workshop and made cards for a teenage girl who is unwell. They designed cards with kind words and well wishes to the young girl.



## CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY 2022

Christmas jumper day - pupils and staff paid £1 to raise money for 'save the children' charity.



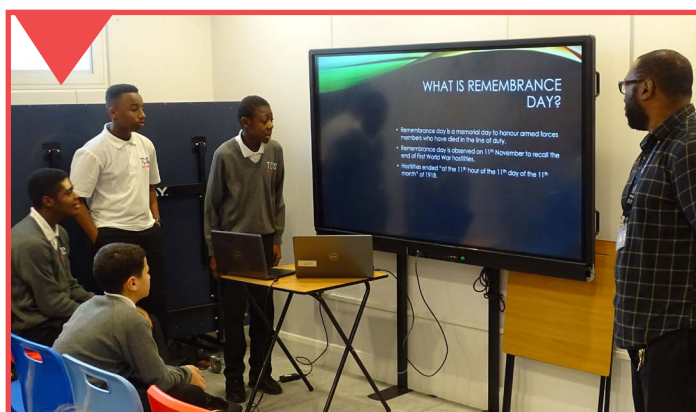
## WELLBEING DAY

For Inset Day, we organised a 'Wellbeing Day' on Friday 16th December in all of our schools. This provided an opportunity for staff to reflect, focus and strengthen their minds, bodies and attitudes. Wellbeing is defined as overall mental, physical, emotional and economic health. We cannot underestimate the importance of this for our pupils.



### REMEMBRANCE DAY

Remembrance Day we had an assembly to teach us more about the day and what it means. Pupils made presentations as a class and the whole school honoured a 2 min silence.



### MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

MacMillan coffee morning we managed to raise £50, pupils made and brought cakes in to sell. Parents and members of the community were invited in to buy.

