



St John's Newsletter

5th June 2020

An update from Mr Rubin...

I hope you are well, had an enjoyable half term and that our families who celebrated Eid had a wonderful time. As we start the new term children will have work available on Purple Mash. Our staff will be calling up to check in which I know the children enjoy.

From 8th June, we will begin to welcome back some of our children in Year 6. Naturally there are a lot of questions about our reopening plans. We want to make sure that school is safe for everyone. I have attached the link to our risk assessment which is on our new website (more about that later!) for you to have a look at. <https://www.st-johns.towerhamlets.sch.uk/about-us/policies> If you have any questions about it, please address them to our parents email address parents@st-johns.towerhamlets.sch.uk There are a lot of messages on a daily basis but we will do our best to get back to you. School has remained open for vulnerable children and families with critical workers. If you believe that you are entitled to a place, please contact the parents address above.

In the meantime, have a lovely weekend, stay safe and be kind to one another.



St. John's Children Hard at Work!

We have had lots of work sent in. Thank you to Teddy for this lovely NHS poster. Jessica and Megan have been reflecting on the sad events that have happened in America and have designed posters to highlight the Black Lives Matter campaign. I am so proud of our children that take an interest in what is going on in the world.



Message from Denise and Rashina,

You can find lots of links and ideas on Tower Hamlets Local Offer page, but here are a few for you to check out.



Edinburgh Zoo's live webcam of the Rockhopper penguins

Edinburgh Zoo has 24 Rockhopper penguins that are easy to spot among the rest of their penguin colony. Look for their spectacular yellow feathers and bright red eyes. They do not waddle like other penguins; they hop from rock to rock, making them particularly fun to watch 🐧

[Edinburgh Zoo >](#)

The Royal Albert Home

The Royal Albert Hall has been around for the nation for almost 150 years and in these extraordinary times closing their doors was the best way to look after the world. But why should that stop them from bringing you some of the world's most talented artists?

The Royal Albert Home will see artists sharing their work from their homes through their free streaming programme.

[Take a look >](#)

Virtual tour of The British Museum

When it comes to virtual tours, you are spoilt for choice at The British Museum. As well as a Google Street View tour of the museum's exterior, there is one which features several of its exhibition rooms. Each room spotlights a particular exhibit of interest, with links to further information about the artefacts.

[British Museum >](#)

A global film festival

Coronavirus has meant that most of this year's film festivals are not able to go ahead, so they have all teamed up for a 10-day online event called We Are One: A Global Film Festival. It combines Cannes, Tribeca, Berlin, and some smaller festivals, who do not usually get lots of publicity.

- There will be a single YouTube channel broadcasting continuously until **Sunday 7 June**
- Over 100 films, 13 world premieres and 31 online premieres
- All FREE to watch

[Get watching >](#)

Free family films

Into Film have a wide range of films available to stream for free within the UK. All films come with recommended viewing ages and talking points and many have additional educational resources too. Into Film puts film at the heart of the educational and personal development of children and young people across the UK.

[Free films >](#)

And finally...The Secret Garden competition



The Secret Garden film release has been delayed due to events. The Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) have therefore decided to extend the submission date for their Secret Garden competition.

The competition asks children to imagine they have discovered a Secret Garden and to either draw, paint or create a collage of plants, wildlife or other features that they might see.

The winner will have a chance to see their garden or elements of it brought to life in their community space. There are also opportunities to win a movie goody bag too. Good Luck!

[Secret Garden competition >](#)



Free 30 Hours Childcare for 3-4 year olds.

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We have free 30-hour places available in our Nursery class and places are available in our Reception class for the next academic year too. If you know families that have not yet secured a place for next year, do ask them to get in touch with us.



Half Term Challenge

Congratulations to Lucy and Jaya who are the joint winners of the half term challenge. We shall send a couple of prizes your way. Mr. Hurst (and baby Rafe!) are extremely grateful!

YouTube Channel

There is so much content on our YouTube channel. Thank you to everyone who has contributed. Mr. Bennett leads the way with his Headteacher's assembly every Monday morning. There are tips on art and mindfulness and if you fancy a story, Mrs Brownbill is at hand. Father Alan recently posted a video of a behind the scenes look at St. John's church which is fascinating. Do have a look at the site:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVsLkOc_vyS1IONuHmcEFZw



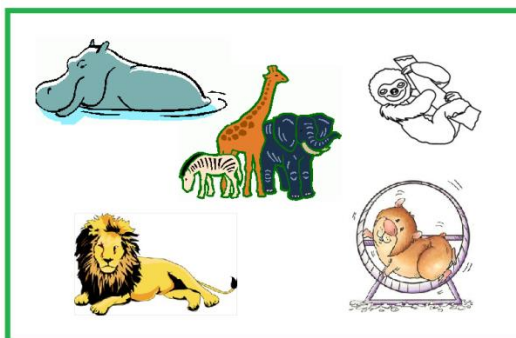


A message from Place2Be.....



Hello again children of St John's from Place2Be!

Let's start with a check-in like we normally do! How are you feeling today? Maybe you feel lots of different ways today. If your feelings were like animals....which animals would you choose? Maybe you feel loud today, like a roaring lion? Maybe your mind feels like it wants to race around, like a hamster on a wheel? Maybe you feel sleepy, and that you want to keep still...like a sloth! Or perhaps you feel stompy, like an elephant? You might feel like you want to 'cool off', like a hippopotamus cooling in a river!



It might feel funny thinking of your feelings in this way, but sometimes it can be hard to work out how we're feeling, or find the words to explain it. Thinking in different ways can help us to understand ourselves *and* others - and it can feel really great to be understood!

Some of you in certain year groups might be returning to school soon. This might feel like a change, as lots of you haven't been in school or seen your teachers for a long time. When something changes, it can give us lots of different feelings....

nervous excited energetic moody shy uncertain ABOUT TO BURST!

I wonder how you might be feeling about returning to school? Even if you're not returning to school right now, it might be helpful to think about the questions below too - and to talk about them with someone.

Thinking about school can help us feel 'connected' (*that means joined together in some way*) to our friends, our teachers, and our memories with the school!

What have I missed about school? What are my worries about returning to school?

What am I excited about doing when I go back? What lessons have I missed the most?

What is my favourite thing to eat for lunch at school?

What is my journey to school?

What is my favourite thing to do at play time?

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we start this new term, school staff will be thinking carefully about the children's experience of being away from school, and how to mark changes, endings and new beginnings when they return. Here is a link to a leaflet on helping your child to cope with changes, which might be helpful during this period of ongoing change:

<https://mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/media/2039/top-ten-tips-for-cope-with-change.pdf>

Website Update

After rather a long wait, our new website is now live. It is still in the development phase but I want it to be informative and emphasises the great work that is going on in our school. I know that in the past, there have been issues with the website. We have listened to your feedback and are working hard to making it better. Do please take the time to explore it.

<https://www.st-johns.towerhamlets.sch.uk/>



Brain teasers from Ms Walker

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Happy Face} + \text{Sad Face} &= 13 \\ \text{Happy Face} \times \text{Sad Face} &= 42 \\ \text{Sad Face} - \text{Happy Face} &= 1 \\ \text{Sad Face} &= ? \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Dog} \times \text{Dog} &= 16 \\ \text{Dog} \times \text{Cat} \times \text{Cat} &= 36 \\ \text{Dog} \times \text{Cat} \times \text{Parrot} &= 72 \\ \text{Dog} + \text{Cat} + \text{Parrot} &= ? \end{aligned}$$

Can you solve these two problems? There are lots of these types of problems available online and they are a fun and stimulating way to put your brainpower to the test. You can find more of these at <https://www.mathsisfun.com/puzzles/>



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