



St John's Newsletter

Friday 10th September 2021

An update from Mr Rubin...

Welcome back everyone. I hope you had a lovely Summer - we have really missed you all! The children are settling in well and there is such a beautiful atmosphere around the school.

It has been a testing couple of years and I am proud of the way our Federation has responded. Thank you for your patience with our start and end of day procedures. They are working well and whilst covid numbers in the borough remain high, we will continue to be as vigilant as we can. We are reopening with a cautious approach but I hope that the restrictions that we have put in place will not last for too long.

Our Senior Leaders, Ms Neehar, Ms Jheeta, Ms Dixson and I will continue to be by the gates in the morning and after school when we are on duty. Kam will be outside on Monday to Wednesday and Denise joins us every Wednesday. If you need to speak to one of us, do let us know and if it is something that you need a quiet space for, then we will always do our best to accommodate you. You can always email us on our parents address parents@st-johns.towerhamlets.sch.uk to book an appointment.

Have a lovely weekend, stay safe and be kind to one another.



Staffing Update

I am delighted to welcome Mrs Feruja Mannan to St. John's. I know Feruja very well as she has been working with us at St. Paul's for over ten years now. Feruja brings a wealth of experience to the school and also led our parent programme at St. Paul's. We are all missing Ms Potten. She is over at St Paul's working extremely hard in her role as Federation Business Manager. I can assure you that Ms Potten will be back here soon sharing her week with us and wanted me to pass on that she is missing you all.

Welcome

I wanted to welcome some new children into our St. John's family. A warm welcome to Aliza, Sierra, Avleen, Ivory, Haiyden, Titus, Ania and Helena. More children will be joining us next week!



We now have 332 followers on Twitter. Thank you to everyone who has signed up. Please follow us @5tJohnsTower – it's a great way to see what is happening in the school.

Value of the Term – Wisdom

I am so pleased that our first Value we are reflecting on this term is Wisdom. Thank you to Ms Sadika for working so hard to put this display board together.



Drop off and Pick up Times September 2021

Class	Start Time	Pick Up and Collection Point	School Ends	With Teacher
Year 6	9:00am	Peel Grove entrance	3:30pm	Ms <u>Bahi</u>
Year 5	8:55am	Peel Grove entrance	3:25pm	Ms <u>Neeha</u>
Year 4	8:55am	Peel Grove entrance	3:25pm	Mr Smee
Year 3	8:50am	Entrance on Pedestrianised walkway adjacent to park	3:20pm	Ms <u>Jheeta</u>
Year 1/2	8:50am	Entrance on Pedestrianised walkway adjacent to park	3:20pm	Ms Moses
Early Years	8:50am	Side of Y1/EYU Building (next to main school)	3:20pm	Ms <u>Brownbill</u>

Super Sunflowers

Sunflowers are notoriously tricky to grow. These amazing green-fingered children planted their sunflowers in the playground just before we broke up. Look how they grew over the summer! I don't think they could quite believe how tall they grew.



Our deliveries from the Felix Project continued over the Summer. This is a lovely charity that donates food that is near to its end date that is on its way to landfill. By taking this food, you are helping the planet! We tend to receive deliveries on a Friday. If you are interested or there is a member of your community or family that needs some additional food, do please let us know.



Celebration Assembly Update

One of my favourite parts of Celebration Assembly is when we hear who the winner of our Kindness Cup is. This is what Ms Bahi wrote about the recipient:

Today's kindness award is going to someone who shows such kindness and empathy for all his peers in the classroom. He is a good friend to us all, never says a mean word to hurt anyone's feeling, and is always willing to go that extra mile when we don't even expect it. Yesterday, without even been asked, this wonderful member of Year 6 instantly resumed his old classroom role of quietly and sensibly holding the door open as the children filed to and fro from the classroom and down to the playground and the lunch hall. We appreciate his thoughtfulness and kind, considerate nature. Where would we be without..... Tylan!

Place2Be's Kindness Cup

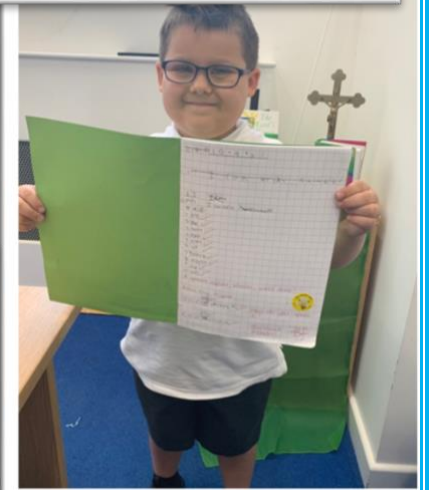
If you know someone who deserves to be celebrated, award them a Kindness Cup.
place2be.org.uk/kindness



#MentalHealthAwarenessWeek



This Week at St. John's...



Term Dates and Holidays - 2021/ 2022

Autumn Term 2021 (71 days)

Staff Training	Wednesday 1st September Thursday 2nd September Friday 3rd September
First Day of Term	Monday 6 th September
Half Term	Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th October
Staff Training	Monday 1st November
Second half of term	Tuesday 2 nd November
Last Day of Term	Friday 17 th December
<i>Christmas Day</i>	<i>Saturday 25th December</i>
<i>Boxing Day</i>	<i>Sunday 26th December</i>

Spring Term 2022 (58 days)

<i>New Year's Day</i>	<i>Saturday 1st January</i>
<i>New Year's Day</i>	<i>Monday 3rd January (substitute day)</i>
Staff Training	Tuesday 4th January
First Day of Term	Wednesday 5 th January
Half Term	Mon. 14 th to Fri. 18 th February
Second half of term	Monday 21 st February
Last Day of Term	Friday 1 st April
<i>Good Friday</i>	<i>Friday 15th April</i>
<i>Easter Monday</i>	<i>Monday 18th April</i>

Summer Term 2022 (63 days)

First Day of Term	Tuesday 19 th April
Staff Training	Friday 29 th April
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 2 nd May
Half Term	Monday 30 th May to Friday 3 rd June
Second half of term	Monday 6 th June
Last Day of Term	Friday 22 nd July

<i>Ramadan begins</i>	<i>Saturday 2nd April* 2022</i>
<i>Eid Al-Fitr</i>	<i>Monday 2nd May* 2022</i>
<i>Eid Al-Adha</i>	<i>Saturday 9th July 2020</i>

190 School Days, **5 Staff Training Days** (2 to be arranged)

* to be confirmed