



# St John's Newsletter

11<sup>th</sup> September 2020

## *An update from Mr Rubin...*

Welcome back everyone, it is so lovely to have children and staff in school - we have really missed you all! Everyone is settling in well and it is as if we have never been away. Over the next few weeks, we want the children to reacquaint themselves into school life. During class, we will formatively assess where the children are so we can be clear that we are addressing learning needs whilst challenging our pupils too. As you would expect, this will take time.

I am also keen that you get an opportunity to hear more about what your child will be learning this year so key information will be sent out today. Our Senior Leadership Team are present at the gate in the mornings and after school as usual along with Kam, Rashina and Denise so do approach us if you need anything. Alternatively, you can address any questions to our parents email address [parents@st-johns.towerhamlets.sch.uk](mailto:parents@st-johns.towerhamlets.sch.uk)

Thank you for your patience with our new staggered entry and exit times. The children have adapted very well to this. I know it can be frustrating to have to wait a little while but we are eager to do our best to keep everyone as safe as we can.

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



### Staffing News

We say goodbye to Ms Macharia as she starts a new adventure learning to be a teacher. Ms. Macharia will be joining the University of East London to start a PGCE. She has worked with us since 2015 and leaves with all of our good wishes.



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! Thank you to Miss Maggie and John who have done a great job coordinating this.



We now have 219 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 school.



## Early Years Update – Mrs Brownbill

In the EYFS we are learning about home and families. It is important for children to see photos of their families as they settle into their classroom, especially if they are new to the setting. If you would like for us to display your family photo please send it to [admin@st-johns.towerhamlets.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-johns.towerhamlets.sch.uk).

## Welcome

Hello to our new children who have joined us: Harry, Perry, Millie and Tyrell. A warm welcome to St. John's. We will have more new arrivals in our Nursery class in the weeks to come.

## Oracy Update – Miss Wall

*This year, we will kick start our Oracy and P4C skills with our two 'talk targets':*

- **Active listening** - children will be reminded to show eye-contact and positive body-language when listening to other people talk. We will also think about the importance of not talking over each other and thinking about responses.
- **The 'Instigator' role** - through this talk role, we will focus on sentence stems to start a conversation, such as, 'Can I start by saying...', 'Firstly, I would like to say...', 'my initial thoughts are...', 'Having considered the evidence, I think that...'



## Year 1 Update – Miss Pink

Year One children used mirrors to carefully look at our own faces and draw self-portraits. We learnt the word OBSERVE and later we went to the allotment to do observational drawings of the plants there.





### *Welcome back from Place2Be!*

It's been great to welcome the children back and to hear their thoughts and feelings about returning to school after such a long time. The teachers and Place2Be have been encouraging children to check-in with their feelings using the Zones of Regulation as they begin to settle back into school life.

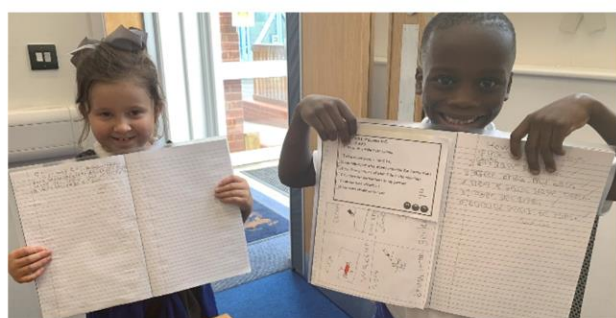


Place2Talk, our drop-in 'talk and play' service during breaktime/lunchtime, will re-start soon. The sessions are open to all children in school, and it's a chance for children to share their feelings in a creative way. If you have any concerns about your child's emotional well-being, please speak to me at the school gate or get in touch by contacting the school (Monday-Wednesday).

*Here's a video that you can watch with your child to support them with their return to school:*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZlJuX1VXsH4>

### **Back to School Pictures!**





## Bethnal Green After School Club

**Bethnal Green After School Club** is Ofsted-registered, and open to children aged 3 to 11.

There are two branches of the club:

**Globe Primary**, Gawber St, OFSTED: 2549328 and **Bangabandhu Primary**, Wessex Street, OFSTED: 2549327

Both are open **Monday—Friday, 3 pm—6 pm.**

Cost is £11 per child, per afternoon.

Children are picked up from Bangabandhu, Bonner, Globe, Hague, St Johns and John Scurr Primary Schools, and Rachel Keeling nursery.

For enquiries or to register a place, contact

Globe Club Manager Amanda Carter

[Bethnalgreenafterschoolclub@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Bethnalgreenafterschoolclub@yahoo.co.uk) or [07593618663](tel:07593618663)

or [Bangabandhu Club Manager Muna Hassan BangabASC@gmail.com](mailto:Bangabandhu Club Manager Muna Hassan BangabASC@gmail.com) or **07**

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