



St John's Newsletter

Friday 13th January 2023

An update from Mr. Rubin...

Our first newsletter of the new year! I hope you had a restful Christmas break. We move into our Spring Term and the children have certainly had a busy start.

In this edition you will read about our Value of the Term (which is one of my favourite), catch up on what our children in Class 4 and 2 have been up to when they visited the Soanes Centre, learn about our food bank which was open over the holidays, find out more about the recent football competition our junior team have entered, see what the children did when our friends from Concordia visited and finally, learn about the project we are going to be working on with the Healthy Lives Team.

Have a good weekend and be kind to one another.

Value of the Term – Humility

Humility is about doing the right thing and not worrying about what you look like or what other people think about you.



Football Tournament Update

Exciting news for our Year 5 and 6 footballers who have entered an inter-school football tournament along with Marner, Manorfield and Old Palace School. They had their first round last week, winning, drawing and losing a game.

Food Bank Update – Mr. Rubin

Over Christmas we opened our foodbank which was very busy. A big thank you to Ms Kam, Ms Dixon, Mrs Jheeta and Mr. John who helped put it together. Special thanks to Mr. Graham who kindly donated some money so we could purchase some additional goodies.



School Food Improvement Programme – Mr Rubin

We are going to be working with Tower Hamlets Council to ensure we are offering the best possible lunchtime experience to our pupils. We will also be working towards a Silver and a Gold Healthy Schools Award from the Mayor of London for this work.

We want to work with you to offer our children the healthiest and most nutritious school lunch possible and would really like to hear your ideas about the school food, whether you have packed lunches, a school dinner or a combination of both.

We will be sending out a survey in the next couple of weeks and would really appreciate as many parents/carers completing this as possible. We will also be offering some opportunities to give your ideas in person and we will also be asking pupils their opinion as well. This is the first stage in making the school food and the school food environment as healthy and happy as possible and we look forward to hearing your ideas and working with you to achieve the best outcomes for our children.





Thursday 5th January 2023:
Soanes Centre Classification Field
Trip, Class 4 - Mr Smee

Today, we went on a field trip to the Soanes Centre in Mile End! With Dim, the scientist who works there, we explored a wild pond in the woodlands habitat of Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park. We used pond skimmers to sweep the water and catch all kinds of tiny organisms that lived in the pond.

Afterwards, we went inside and began to classify the organisms according to scientific charts that counted number of legs and body parts. We even used microscopes to take a close look at some. Amazingly, we could see their hearts beating!



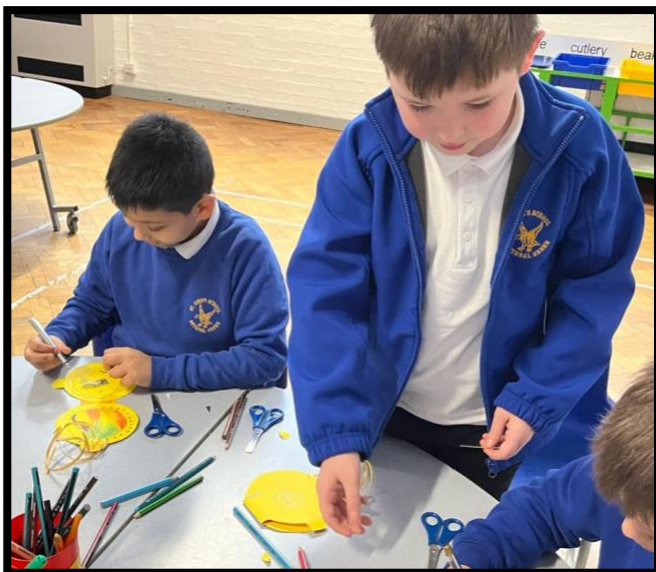
Follow @5tJohnsTower on Twitter

We now have 419 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.

Workshop with Concordia Foundation – Mr. Smee

This week, we were pleased to host a History-based crafting workshop run by the Concordia Foundation, a performing arts charity. The first of a three-part series of workshops run in school for Years 4 and 5, the children learned about the story of The Man In The Moon, a musical theatre production written by John Savournin and Samuel Bordoli.

This week's workshop was about the history of oil and plastics and saw the children make their very own Time Machines. They will take these props with them to a show of The Man In The Moon at a theatre in Convent Garden at the end of January!





Year 2 Visit to the Soanes Centre – Ms Moses

Year 2 had so much fun on Thursday visiting the Soanes Centre.

We learnt all about different materials and even got to make an explosion!!!



FOOD CO-OP



Affordable, nutritional and sustainable
fruit and veg for Bethnal Green

2:30PM - 4:00PM
WEDNESDAYS
25TH JAN - 22ND FEB

THE CREATE PLACE
29 OLD FORD ROAD,
E2 9PJ

SCAN THE QR CODE
TO TELL US YOUR FRUIT & VEG
PREFERENCES





Coffee Morning

Inviting all Nursery, Reception and Year 1 parents and carers

Wednesday 25th January

9:00 – 10:00am

Community Room in the Early Years Building

Would you like to:

- Know more about Place2Be and how they could support you, and your child's emotional wellbeing.
- Meet other parents and carers of children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1.
- Have a chance to talk about connecting with your child through play and building their confidence.



Please join us to find out more and meet other parents and carers.



Are you concerned about a child or a family?

Make a factual record of your concern.

(Include day, date, time, other witnesses, concern and your signature)

You must share your concerns without delay.

The Designated Members of Staff Responsible for Safeguarding and Child Protection at St Johns are:



Terry Bennett –Executive Headteacher



Darren Rubin –Executive Head of School



Bal Jheeta – Deputy Headteacher



Lisa Lee – Business Manager



Marie Dixon- SENCO

St John's & Paul's Whitechapel CE Primary Schools Term Dates and Holidays - 2022/ 2023

Autumn Term 2022 (70 days)

Staff Training	Thu 1st & Friday 2nd September
First Day of Term	Monday 5 th September
Half Term	Monday 24 th – Friday 28 th October
Second half of term	Monday 31 st October
Last Day of Term	Friday 16 th December

<i>Christmas Day</i>	<i>Sunday 25th December</i>
<i>Boxing Day</i>	<i>Monday 26th December</i>

Spring Term 2023 (58 days)

<i>New Year's Day</i>	<i>Sunday 1st January</i>
Bank Holiday	Monday 2 nd January
Staff Training	Tuesday 3rd January
First Day of Term	Wednesday 4 th January
Half Term	Mon. 13 th to Fri. 17 th February
Second half of term	Monday 20 th February
Last Day of Term	Friday 31 st March

<i>Good Friday</i>	<i>Friday 7th April</i>
<i>Easter Monday</i>	<i>Monday 10th April</i>

Summer Term 2023 (64 days)

First Day of Term	Monday 17 th April
Staff Training	Friday 28 th April
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 1 st May
Half Term	Monday 29 th May to Friday 2 nd June
Second half of term	Monday 5 th June
Last Day of Term	Friday 21 st July

<i>Ramadan begins</i>	<i>Wednesday 22nd March* 2023</i>
<i>Eid Al-Fitr</i>	<i>Saturday 22nd April* 2023</i>
<i>Eid Al-Adha</i>	<i>Thursday 29th June* 2023</i>

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

* to be confirmed