



St John's Newsletter

Friday 22nd October 2021

An update from Mr Rubin...

As we reach the final day of this first half term, I wanted to thank all of our staff for the incredible work they have been doing with our children. Today is Cultural Day and the children looked resplendent in their outfits. Thank you to Ms Brownbill for organising this.

We had a lovely morning in Church on Thursday and were touched by your generosity.

Huge thanks to Ms Bahi for organising the service and Ms Laila for being on hand with the technology. It was great to be back at St. John's again - thank you Father Alan for welcoming us.

Next half term, we will be expecting a visit from OFSTED. It would be so helpful if you could fill out your views on Parentsview – here is the link: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>

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

Internet Safety at St. John's

In the last newsletter, I shared how our children had a visit from a theatre company to highlight the importance of internet safety. Not wanting our parents and carers to feel left out, Denise organised a seminar on how to keep children safe online. The Mayor of Tower Hamlets John Biggs dropped in to talk to parents about their thoughts on the subject.

Thank you to our parents and carers who attended and Denise for organising this!



Kindness Cup Update

Look how happy this pupil was to be nominated as the Year 1 Kindness Cup Winner!

We have had seven children recognised for their kindness this term.



Staffing Update – Ms Denise

I am absolutely delighted that our Federation will now be working with Denise for two days a week. Her work has such an impact on our community and I know how fond and grateful our parents and carers are towards her. Her additional day will be Fridays.



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Artis at St. John's

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I am so pleased to say that we have Artis working with us again this year. We said a sad farewell to 'Beebop' at the end of the last school year and a big welcome to 'Pop', our new practitioner. Pop works with our children integrating the arts through learning. Our Year 5 children have been learning about stories from Ancient Greece and you can see in the pictures above how they were dramatically re-enacting key characteristics. I wanted to thank Dasha Shenkman who has been such an incredible supporter of our Federation. Through her kindness and generosity we have secured Artis for a further two years.



School Council/ Attendance Announcement

In the picture on the right, you can see our School Council in action. I was so impressed with Ayman's idea to improve attendance by having an award every half term consisting of a non-uniform day and a movie afternoon that we thought we need to make that happen immediately. Congratulations to our first winners in Class 4!



355 followers and counting keep up to date with the school @5tJohnsTower. It is the best way to get the latest information on what is happening in our lovely school!

Architecture In School Programme – Ms Neehar

Year 5 went on a fantastic trip to Canary Wharf as part of their Architecture in School Project. The children focused on how outside space can be brought inside to create a 'mini haven' for the local community. The children first visited Crossrail Rooftop Garden to wander through and admire the exotic plants and relax on the many benches nestled in the hidden pathways. Aw-inspired, Year 5 studied the architectural design of the 'roofless' garden discovering Crossrail Place sits almost exactly on the Meridian line! As part of the project, Year 5 we're extremely fortunate to visit the amazing skyscraper, Canada Tower. Children travelled all the way up to Level 30, where they able to see a panoramic view of the whole city and study all the different types of buildings, looking at their size, colour and material. Year 5 had a tremendous day out, completely immersed in their own city!





Harvest Festival at St. John's Church

Thursday 21st
October 2021



St John's & Paul's Whitechapel CE Primary Schools
Term Dates and Holidays - 2021/ 2022

Autumn Term 2021 (70 days)

Staff Training Wed 1st to Friday 3rd September

First Day of Term Monday 6th September
Half Term Monday 25th – Friday 29th October
Second half of term Monday 1st November
Last Day of Term Friday 17th December

Christmas Day Saturday 25th December
Boxing Day Sunday 26th December

Spring Term 2022 (58 days)

New Year's Day Saturday 1st January
Bank Holiday Monday 3rd January
Staff Training Tuesday 4th January
First Day of Term Wednesday 5th January
Half Term Mon. 14th to Fri. 18th February
Second half of term Monday 21st February
Last Day of Term Friday 1st April

Good Friday Friday 15th April
Easter Monday Monday 18th April

Summer Term 2022 (64 days)

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

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

190 School Days, **5 Staff Training Days** (1to be arranged)

* to be confirmed



**Invitation to families – Welcome Little Amal to London
Saturday 23rd October, 09:30AM, St Paul's Cathedral**

Little Amal has been walking since July, beginning at the Syria-Turkey border and is soon to be finishing her quest in Manchester in November. Throughout her journey, Amal has been welcomed and celebrated by the towns, cities, and villages she has travelled through with artistic events uniquely reflecting and rejoicing the different communities she has met. You can find out more about her journey [here](#).

At 9:30AM On the 23rd October Amal will arrive in London to be welcomed by faith leaders on the steps of St Paul's Cathedral. We want to make her feel especially welcome and to do this we need your help to prepare a surprise song. We will serenade her as she sets off through the streets of London!

So, warm up your voices, and join us to sing one of the most welcoming songs ever written - 'Consider Yourself' from the musical 'Oliver'.

Everyone is welcome to attend the event. We would love to see friends and family, song-sheet in hand, singing along with the choir, as the whole of London greets this very special little girl. As this is a public event, we are unable to provide dedicated supervision, but invite teachers and parents to come with their young people and to enjoy the celebrations.

Please arrive by 09:30AM outside the steps of St Paul's Cathedral. Amal will emerge at 10AM to be greeted by faith leaders, and musicians from the West End. The event will conclude by 11AM.

You can find more information at <https://www.goodchance.org.uk/thewalk>

SOMETHING
BIG

IS COMING TO



London



Little AMAL, a 3.5 meter puppet of a 9 year old girl, has travelled across Europe and is **sleeping** on the steps of **St Paul's Cathedral**. She will be woken up by hundreds of young voices welcoming her on her first day in the Big City.

When: SATURDAY
23rd OCTOBER
Time: 9:30am

We are inviting your school to join us and sing **'Consider yourself'** to give Little Amal a wonderful surprise.

She will not only be greeted by young people just like her but also with singers and instrumentalists from the West End and Bishops and Senior Faith Leaders.

DO YOU WANT TO JOIN US IN FRONT OF **St Paul's Cathedral**
AND BE PART OF THE CHORUS OF VOICES?