



# St John's Newsletter

Friday 3rd December 2021

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

It has been an extremely busy couple of weeks since I last wrote to you. We did indeed have our Ofsted Inspection which took place on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November. The outcome will be released via the Ofsted website and as soon as it is published, we can share the results. As you would expect from our staff and pupils, they worked extremely hard and there were a lot of exhausted colleagues and children. Thank you to the twenty families that took the time to fill out the questionnaires.

There has been a lot of discussion in the media about the new Omicron variant. We will continue to follow the advice set out by the Department for Education whilst continuing our cautious approach. As a result, our parents/carers meeting will be done via the phone and take place next week. Teaching staff will be in touch with your allotted time slot.

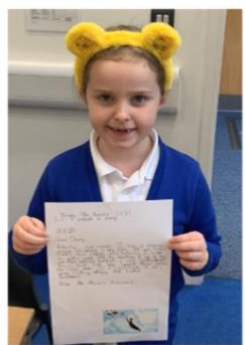
Preparations are well underway for our Christmas performances. For safety reasons, the shows will be screened via zoom. Ms Brownbill and Ms Moses will send more information on that next week.

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



## **Rushanara Ali Visits St. John's – Ms Bahi**

We were thrilled and honoured to have our Member of Parliament Rushanara Ali meet Year 6 for an insightful and inspirational questions and answers session. Ms Ali shared her story – did you know she went to school in Tower Hamlets? She was very impressed with the work our class have been doing on their 'Champions for Change' unit which explores democracy.



## **Celebrations and Great Work**

Every week we celebrate significant achievements in school. In the picture on the left you can see one of our children in Year 3 coming to share great work. On the right hand side you can see our children in the Early Years celebrating good news.



365 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 school!





## Architecture in Schools Programme Rafan - Year 5

We have been looking at different buildings in London near Canary Wharf. Our task was to make a model city and we made plans for our different places in the city.

We worked in groups on different places, for example some of us worked on shops or houses .

After that, we started to build our models using different materials, for example card, paper, plastic and cloth. We have a lot of creativity in our class so not much went wrong!

After two days, we finally finished our city. We put all of the different parts of the city together and took a picture of everything. It is currently being displayed in our library.







## The Ben Kinsella Trust

Stop Knife Crime

Year 5 visited this powerful exhibition to learn about the dangers of knife crime. They learnt about Ben Kinsella and the impact that his death had on the family and community. The children behaved impeccably, as usual, so much so a member of the public stopped staff to commend the children on their behaviour on the bus back.

You can find out more information on Ben Kinsella at <https://benkinsella.org.uk/the-ben-kinsella-choices-and-consequences-exhibition/>

Thank you to Denise for suggesting this trip.



### Cycle Training at St. John's – Mr. Rubin

We had a very enjoyable week working with our friends at Bikeability. Children in Class 5 and 6 learnt cycle training, honing their skills as well as applying them to riding on the roads.



I was very impressed with how pupils applied themselves, sometimes in quite chilly weather.

We were also visited by Dr. Bike who repaired and serviced our Bicycles. Well done to everyone that took part!

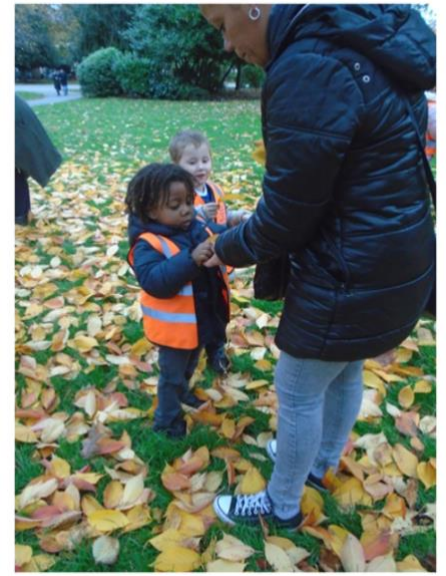


### Thankyou!!!

To everyone at Federated Hermes – especially Rowena, one of our school governors who works there. The company has kindly donated £750 to our school which we will use for playground equipment and books.







### **Autumn Walk in the EYFS – Mrs Brownbill**

The EYFS so enjoyed our Autumn walk in Victoria Park. There was lots to see! We found beautiful coloured leaves, conkers, berries and pinecones. We also spotted some squirrels having a snack and preparing for Winter! Many thanks to the parents who joined us.



### **Food and Voucher Update – Mr. Rubin**

A big thank you to Ms Denise for her ingenuity and entrepreneurialism. Not only do we have a clothes bank opening in January, we also have additional food delivered to school. Thank you also to Ms Kam for her assistance with the clothes, Mr. John and Ms. Feruja who help with the food logistics on a Friday and Mr. Andy for his tireless work behind the scenes doing all the jobs that nobody else wants to do! Ms Potten and Ms Feruja will be contacting you about Christmas voucher arrangements next week.



A picture of Shaju our brilliant librarian and some of our Y5 book club members





## **Tower Hamlets Girls' Football Competition – Report by Lucy – Y6**

On Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November, St. John's attended the Tower Hamlets Girls' football competition in Mile End. From our school, thirteen girls ranging from Class 4 to 6 took part.

The girls made up two 5 a-side teams who both represented St. John's with pride. In the early matches they found their feet and put in a good effort, proving the school a force to be reckoned with.

By the end of the group stage, one of the teams were unbeaten, without even conceding a goal. Despite a spectacular goal from Sharon, and players working hard up and down the pitch, our other team were up against some of the best teams in the tournament and did not make it through to the knockout stages. The 'A' team who were still in, had scored nine goals already and went on to beat Lansbury Lawrence Primary School 1-0 due to a controversial penalty decision. In the Quarter Finals, the girls succeeded in another 1-0 victory and ploughed on into the semi-finals.

With four teams left in the competition, this game was unbelievably close. The ball was up and down the pitch but in the end, St. John's came out on top of English Martyr's school to win again and be through to the final!

Filled with adrenaline, we entered the final match against Arnhem Wharf school exhausted but excited. After a wonderful effort and some great saves from the opposing keeper, tiredness got the better of us and the opposition got a hard-earned win.

Although frustrated not to win gold, we were still pleased to bring the silver medals back to school. All the girls should be so proud of what they have achieved placing second out of 35 schools.

Huge thanks to Mr. Malcolm and Ms Simone and Ms Pink for taking us, helping to organise coaching us. Mr. Malcolm is a great coach and referee. Bring on next year!







## Triple P – Positive Parenting Programme

### Managing Children’s Behaviour

#### -Parent Discussion Groups-

#### Are you the parent or carer of a 2-11yr old?

Dealing with tantrums daily? Or have you had enough of the fights and squabbles between siblings?

If the answer is Yes!...why not join one of the discussion groups to improve your skills and increase your confidence when dealing with challenging behaviour.

Discussion Groups are a series of short sessions that help parents to develop a positive approach, using simple strategies you can put into practice straight away.

You can attend both Discussion Groups or select the one that fits your needs.

Topics	Date	Time	Location
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encouraging positive behaviour</li> </ul>	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	10am-12.30pm	E2 Venue
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Managing Fighting and Aggression</li> </ul>	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	10am-12.30pm	E2 Venue

For more details and to book your place please email [parenting@towerhamlets.gov.uk](mailto:parenting@towerhamlets.gov.uk) or call 020 7364 6398



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## Triple P – Positive Parenting Programme

### Managing Teen Behaviour

#### -Parent Discussion Groups-

#### Are you struggling to deal with your teenagers’ behaviour?

Is your teenager taking over, ignoring requests, refusing to follow rules?

Are you fed up with family arguments?

If the answer is Yes!...why not join one of the discussion groups to gain better insight and develop a positive relationship with your teenager.

Discussion Groups are a series of short sessions that offer tips and suggestions with simple strategies to help you manage the big and small challenges of family life.

You can attend all three of the Discussion Groups or select the ones that fit your needs.

Topics	Date	Time	Location
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dealing with Emotional Behaviour</li> </ul>	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2021	10am-12.30pm	Zoom
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reducing Family Conflict</li> </ul>	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	11am-1.30pm	E1 venue
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Getting Teens to Co-operate</li> </ul>	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	10am-12.30pm	Zoom

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