



St John's Newsletter

5th February 2021

An update from Mr Rubin...

Lockdown continues but we are working hard to keep you connected. The feedback I have received on Google Classrooms and Purple Mash has been positive. We will be sending out surveys shortly to get a whole school perspective.

After half term, there will be two live classes a day. We have high expectations and want the children to be engaged with their learning attending daily lessons and handing in the work that is sent to them. We have a code of conduct on the last page that we expect children to adhere to and parents/carers to support. Please make sure you read it. A timetable will soon follow, I would like to thank our brilliant staff who have been so accommodating.

The increase in live teaching might not be easy for everyone. If you are worried about devices, we may be able to support you so do contact the school on 0208 980 1142 or email us by writing to parents@st-johns.towerhamlets.sch.uk

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



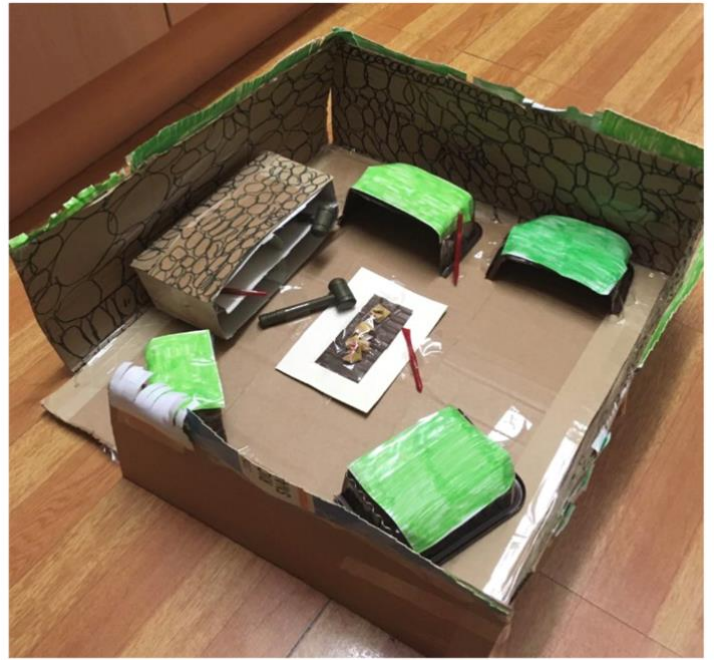
Acts of Kindness

A big thank you to Andrew and his team from 'My London Home' Estate Agents. They have kindly donated ten devices to our school. In the picture above, you can see Andrew giving the laptops to some of our children along with Ms Potten, our Federation Business Manager. We are so fortunate to have such compassionate people in our community. Thanks also to Denise for making this happen!



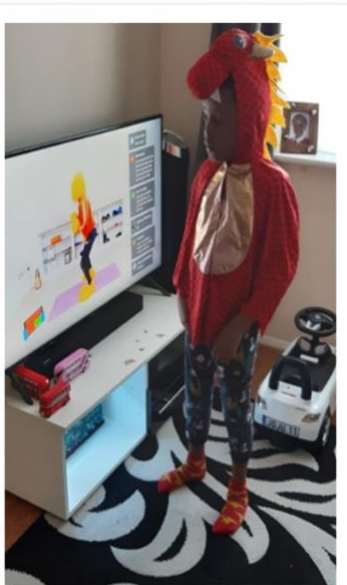
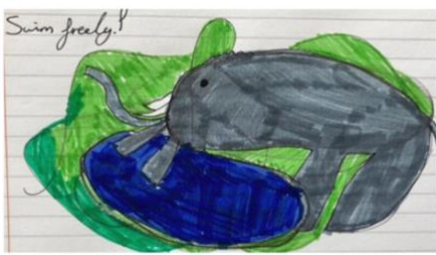
Follow us on Twitter @5tJohnsTower

One of the best ways to keep up to date with what is happening at school is via our Twitter feed. We now have 282 followers!

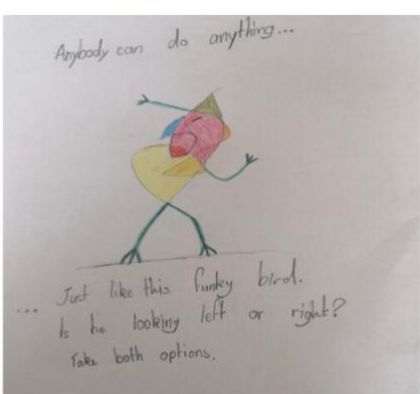


Sharing Your Work

Whether it is sharing your gym workout or dance routine, your incredible writing, your Children's Mental Health Week Poster or your home made models or chocolate chip cookie cake, we love to see your work. Please keep uploading them, posting them on twitter or emailing us. Not only does it cheer everyone up, buy it also inspires others so thank you to everyone who had contributed.



Dear class 2,
I HAD ENOUGH AND I RASTI
I am the strongest, grumpy Piggy Bank with the best features
Spots that Allah never puts Piggy Bank. It was made by Allah
why I give Allah
I love to when Allah put the piggy bank on the table with Allah
So Allah says that Allah happens my life
I am so glad because Allah put the piggy bank on the table
Some times she put her money on the piggy bank. It's only when
she give me I DON'T KNOW SHE REMEMBER THE ANIMAL
Do you think the Sally the way has taken my place?
I hope not.
I'm really worried because I have been forgotten and I
think Allah will use me.
I'm getting angry because she doesn't put money inside of
my piggy bank. SHE'S HOPELESS!
It makes me sad.
I wish Allah can put money inside me. I really need
her to remember. As you can see this is why I feel
worried to be forgotten.
Can you please tell Allah to put money inside me
I'm your happy friend Piggy Bank.





Children's Mental Health Week 2021
[youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F0JnixdJbDI&feature=youtu.be)

Children's Mental Health Week Assembly – Ms Pink

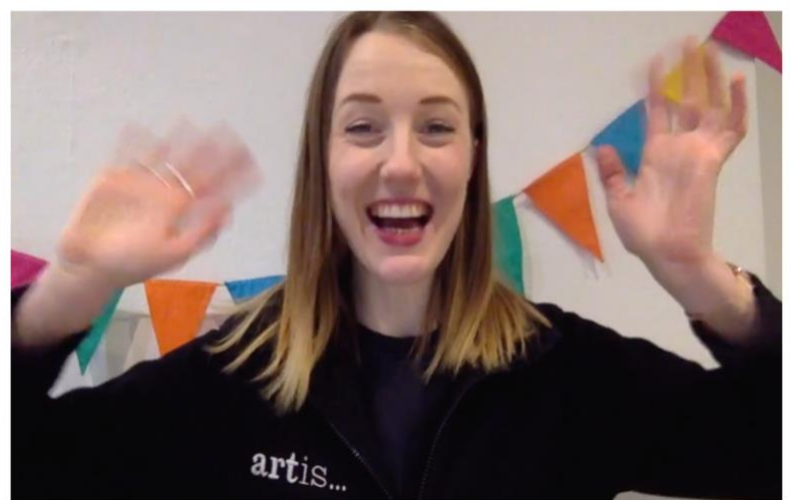
Ms Pink has once again produced a fantastic assembly for us. This time she talks to us about different ways we can express ourselves telling us the story 'Ravi's Roar' by Tom Percival about a boy that goes into his red zone.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F0JnixdJbDI&feature=youtu.be>

Artis Update

Don't forget that children can access all the recorded lessons and sessions from Artis since we have been in lockdown. Please encourage children to take a look - they are brilliant! Click on the link below, and enjoy!

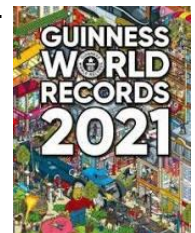
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?app=desktop&list=PLrtLkmztNPCMNSNT1Fnp3Lfj8MWktQpAM>



Internet Safety and World Record Attempt Update – Ms. Moses

On 9th February St John's is taking part in the official GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS™ attempt for #SaferInternetDay.

Join us & @2simplesoftware in breaking the record for 'Most pledges received for an internet safety campaign in 24 hours'.



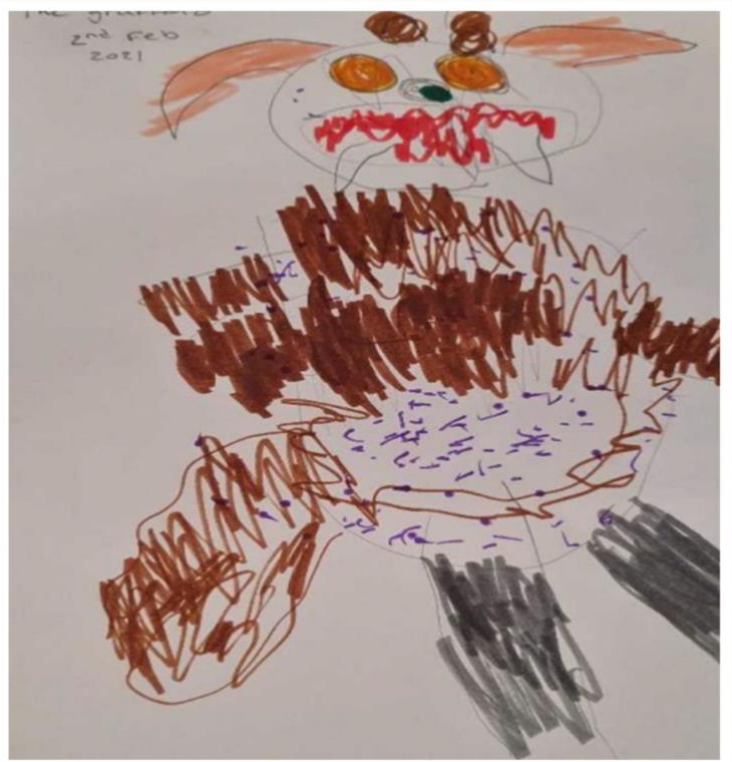
Find out more [👉](https://2simple.com/GWR)

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click "Make my pledge" button

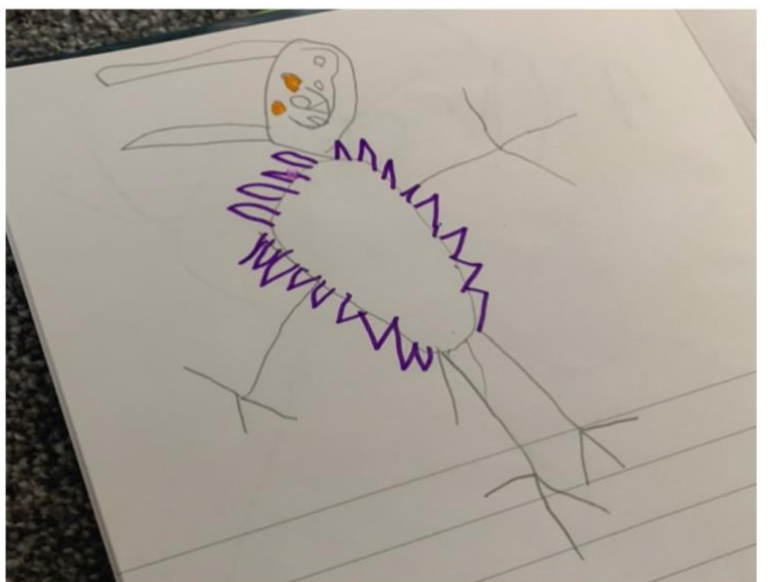
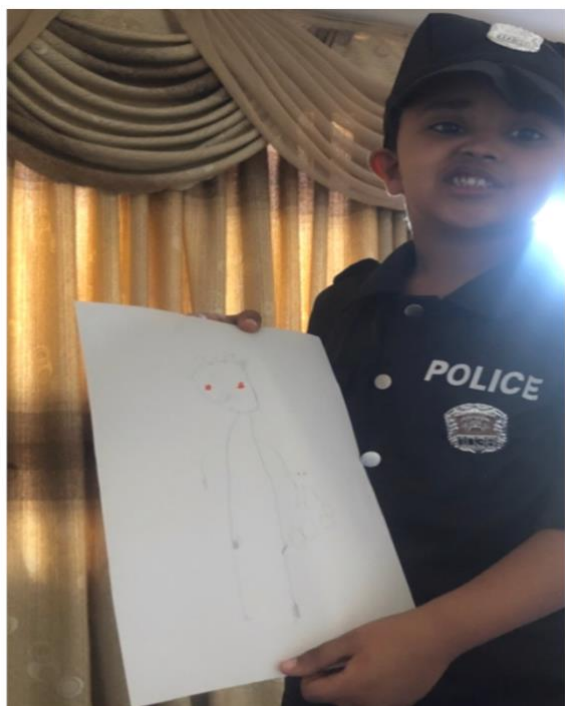
- then make a pledge / promise about how they will behave on the internet...





EYFS Update – Mrs Brownbill

When Mrs Brownbill emailed me earlier in the week to say how proud she was of the drawings she received of The Gruffalo, I did not open them straight away. What a lovely surprise I had when I saw the pictures. We have so much talent in our Early Years class. I hope you enjoy looking at these as much as I did.



Message from Denise and Rashina.

Following on from a successful Zoom session we have decided to run it again on Wednesday 10th February at 7pm. It was lovely to see some of you at the last session. We hope you found the session useful.



Supporting your Child's Well-being and Mental Health

Virtual Session for Parents

This is an uncertain time for everyone. Children are often more aware of what's going on than we think. They might not understand the news, but that doesn't mean they can't sense that something is up. You might not be sure how best to talk about what's going on, but it's important we pay attention to their mental health.

Topic: Supporting your Child's Well-being and Mental Health

Time: Feb 10, 2021 7:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/91537429278?pwd=OVBRREFYc3diWWxKeUx3RGgvVjk1Zz09>

Meeting ID: 915 3742 9278

Passcode: N147Je



Soul UK

We have recently contacted Soul UK to see if there are ways, they can support our families. They have agreed to donate food parcels to school each week. We are hoping to continue this partnership to best support the school community.

Events for Kids

If you are looking for something to do over the half term, which is free and online then check out

<https://www.list.co.uk/events/kids/prize-free/>

They have a range of activities including storytelling, arts and craft activities and music production!



Did your child miss out on the flu vaccine?

It's not too late to join thousands of parents who already got their children vaccinated for the seasonal flu.

We only have a limited supply left so don't miss the chance to get a flu jab or spray for your child (Reception to Year 7).

- ✓ Safe
- ✓ Halal friendly (no gelatine)
- ✓ Free

Book your child's appointment today in 3 easy steps

1. Send a text message to **07908908415**
2. Include your child's full name, DOB, Class, School and vaccine preference (spray or injection)
3. Wait to hear from us to finalise details of your appointment



Have questions on how the flu vaccine protects your child and family?

Contact us at towerhamlets@vaccinationuk.co.uk



A message from Place2Be.....

Hello again children of St John's from Place2Be!



This week we have been celebrating **Children's Mental Health Week**.

The theme this year is **Express Yourself!**

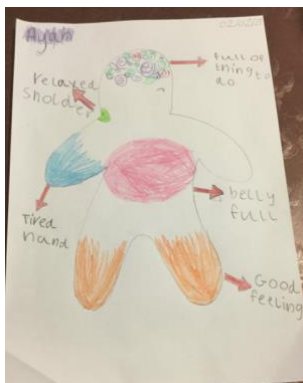
Expressing yourself is all about how you share your thoughts, feelings and ideas. So for this week's feelings check-in, perhaps we can think about how being creative and expressing yourself makes you feel.....



There so many ways we can express ourselves creatively, whether that's through singing or playing football or cooking or painting – what do you enjoy? When you are painting perhaps the brush moves gently and slowly across the paper, and you feel calm green zone feelings? When you are playing football or games with your friends perhaps you feel excited, giggly yellow zone feelings?

Remember to share your feelings with your family, your friends and your teachers....and ask them how they express themselves too!

This week many of you have been expressing yourself creatively through activities and discussion with your teachers and friends. Thank you for making Children's Mental Health Week so special!



Dear Parents/Carers,

There are lots of resources on the Children's Mental Health Week website to help you start conversations with your child about the ways in which they and you express yourself

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>



Virtual Autism Coffee Morning

For parents and carers that have a child diagnosed with Autism.

The coffee morning will be delivered in
English and Bengali

Join to meet other parents and find out more
about the following topics on:

Monday 25th January 2021: Managing self-care
during lockdown for parents

Monday 8th February 2021: Supporting
children with anxiety

Time: 10am - 11:30am
on Zoom

These coffee mornings will be run by parents and staff from DCOS
(Disabled Children's Outreach Service)

If you are interested in attending,
please contact us for the zoom details by:

EMAIL: halima.chowdhury@towerhamlets.gov.uk

TELEPHONE CALL/TEXT: 07984188237





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PUPIL CODE OF CONDUCT for GOOGLE CLASSROOM ONLINE SESSIONS

This Code of Conduct outlines our expectations of pupils during online sessions.

This matches our expectations of pupils in school and will help pupils get the most out of their online learning.

Attendance at lessons is compulsory; a register will be taken at the start of each lesson.

I understand that by joining the sessions I agree to follow the code of conduct outlined below:

- Whilst online, I will follow the school's policies including the Behaviour Policy, Anti-bullying Policy and the Acceptable Use Policy.
 - I will be on time, prepared and have any resources ready, such as paper, book, pencil etc.
 - I will communicate politely and will ensure that my communication is supportive of my learning and the learning and wellbeing of others.
 - I will only use Google Classroom for online learning and will only upload, forward, browse or download, materials related to my learning and will only do this when asked to by my teachers.
 - During live online sessions, my parent/ carer should be near me, if possible, in the same, or a nearby, room with the door open.
 - I will not use Google Classroom to create groups, initiate calls or meetings and I will end sessions when the teacher tells me to do so.
 - I understand that I must remain muted in live lessons or meetings, unless my teacher unmutes me or tells me to unmute.
 - When taking part in an online session I will ensure that:
 - my environment is quiet and free from distractions;
 - the background and foreground are appropriate (check what is visible behind and in front of you);
 - I am suitably dressed (fully dressed and not in pyjamas!);
 - I will remain attentive.
 - I will regularly check my Google Classroom account to ensure that I stay on track with my learning.
 - I will not take photos of my screen or record online interactions
 - At the end of live lessons or Google Meetings, my teacher will ask me to 'hang up' before closing the meeting. I will do this promptly as directed by my teacher.
 - If the teacher's computer fails, ending the lesson, I will hang up and leave immediately.
 - I understand that online sessions may be recorded by my teacher, but that the recordings will not be made public.
 - I understand that, if I fail to follow this Code of Conduct, my teacher might remove me and there will be a follow up consequence for my actions.
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Remember with social media, when you type something it's always there and you can't take it back. So be careful of what you say and write.