

# St John's Newsletter

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021

## An update from Mr Rubin...

I hope you are all well. I don't know about you but the Bank Holiday Monday has left me feeling rather discombobulated as I write the newsletter this week!

One of the best bits of my job is that I get to see the teaching and learning in all of the classes. It really is a privilege. This week Mr. Hurst and I have met with class teachers to discuss how the children are settling back into school. There is a lot to be done and I am proud of the work that our staff are putting in to help our children be the best that they can be.

I will say more below about our Easter celebration but huge thanks must go to Ms Bahi for once again, organising a tremendous service, Father Alan who looked resplendent as he oversaw proceedings and Mr. Hurst who stepped in for me as I was away at St. Paul's

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

#### **Easter Celebrations**

Our delayed Easter service finally took place last Friday and was well worth the wait. It was cancelled last year as the country went into lockdown but when we heard that several classes would have to miss the Easter Service this year as they had to isolate, we were determined to reschedule so everyone could take part. A real lesson in Endurance and Resilience as our Worship Council re-enacted the Easter story. Father Alan joined us and our voices filled the air, so much so, that our friends in Russia Lane recorded our singing and tweeted to say how happy our voices made them feel.

Thank you to everyone involved in making this happen.



#### I CAN BE



We are so pleased to once again be working with I Can Be, an organisation that introduces our students to inspiring women across the country.

The children really enjoyed the chance to speak to Hellena Crompton, Director of Privacy at Merkle who talked about her job looking after important clients such as Tesco, Warner Brothers and Volkswagen. Our children had lots of questions and at the end, more than one said they wanted to be a Director when they grow up.

#### Girls Leadership and Marketing Squad (GLAMS)

We are proud to introduce our new GLAMS. (Girls Leadership and Marketing Squad). They will be working on a number of workshops with an athlete to learn how to inspire and support young girls to participate in more sport and leisure activities.





#### Music Provision at St. John's

I meant to include the picture on the right in the last newsletter but sadly ran out of space. Our music tuition opportunities go from strength to strength and I am very proud of our children who give up their time to work hard improving their skills on their musical instruments.

#### Earth Day

In the last newsletter I talked about how our children marked Earth Day which took place on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April. This has really resonated with our pupils. I wanted to show you this poster created by one of our students to help people be more aware about single use plastics and how their use impacts the environment.





#### We all want the best for our children, but parenting can be really tough sometimes. We've all been there.

Place2Be's Parenting Smart is a new site for parents and carers of 4-11 year olds, offering practical advice on supporting your child and managing behaviour.



All of our content is created by Place2Be's parenting experts. It's based on evidence and their experiences working with children, young people and their families

Designed with busy parents in mind, the site has short videos and articles on topics from meltdowns to bullying, from sleeping difficulties to encouraging self-confidence.





#### Holiday Childcare June Scheme 2021

The Tower Hamlets Holiday Childcare Scheme is now available for bookings.

The scheme runs from Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021at Cubit Town Primary School, Manchester Road, E14 3NE

A hyperlink is attached for you below.

https://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/lgnl/education \_and\_learning/extracurricular\_activities/Holiday\_childcare/Holiday\_ Childcare\_Scheme.aspx





#### Lights Camera Action!!!

Class 6 continue to work on their blockbuster sensation 'The Witches of MacBethnal Green' with Max and everyone at the RichMix. These pictures show them filming their ideas.

#### Welcome Welcome Welcome!!

We have had a few new pupils join our St. John's family. A warm welcome to Parya, Jaead and Nasrulla in Class 6, Heyab in Class 5, Franco and Riffat in Class 3, Eiliyah in Class 1 and Lamar and Qudsia in Reception.

We are also delighted to be joined by Ms Naimah Akthar in Class 1 and Ms Fateha Hoque in Class 5. Both are students from UCL completing their final teacher placements ably supported by Ms Pink and Ms Bahi.



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One of the best ways to keep up to date with what is happening at school is via our Twitter feed. We now have 312 followers.