



St John's Newsletter

Friday 10th May 2024

An update from Mr. Rubin...

It will not surprise you to read that it has been a busy couple of weeks since I last wrote to you. I hope that those of you who were able to attend, found our parents/carers afternoon/evening useful. Thank you to everyone who filled out the survey, I will share the outcomes later in the newsletter.

The children have been out on trips, learning to ride bikes, producing beautiful pieces of work including some art which I cannot wait to share with you and as usual, being kind and helpful. I hope you enjoy reading about what the children have been learning and experiencing in this edition.

Finally, a quick mention to our students in Class 6 who hopefully will be having a stress free weekend. They have worked extremely hard for these SATS tests and we are proud of them. There is nothing to worry about and we look forward to seeing them bright and breezy on Monday morning for their Pre-SATS delicious breakfast!

Have a great weekend and be kind to one another.



Kindness and Compassion at St John's

It is so important to be kind to one another and every week we celebrate Kindness and Compassion with our Kindness Cup award. It is a very difficult trophy to win as you have to be consistent and there is only one awarded a week.

These two children are consistently kind and were two very popular winners.

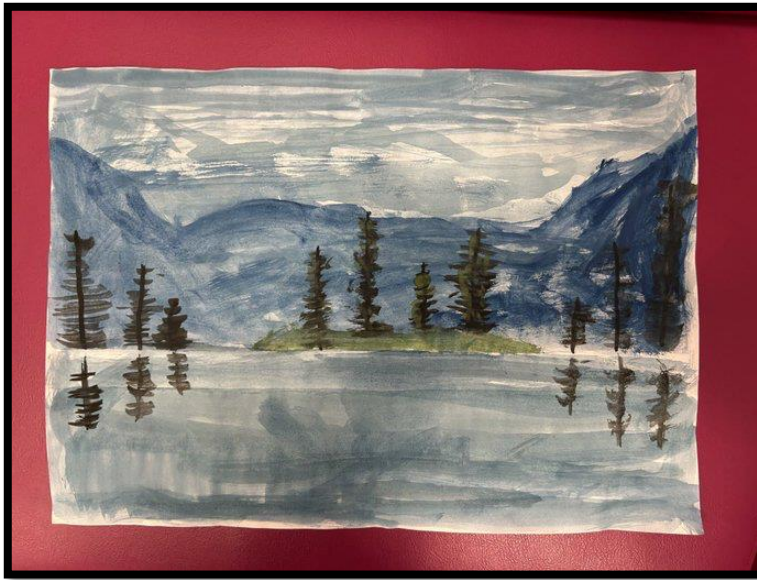


Follow Us on Twitter

The very best way to keep up to date with what is happening in our school is to follow us on Twitter <https://twitter.com/5tJohnsTower>.

We have 550 followers and the more followers we have, the more people will see what a fantastic school this is.





Incredible Art

I was so impressed with these two children who came down to the office to share some incredible pieces of artwork they had produced using watercolours.

The detail is so precise and you can clearly see how they have worked so hard to produce the reflections on the water. I am sure it will not be long before their work is hanging in a gallery!



Reception Class Update

In the picture below you can see some of our children in Reception class who have been learning about nocturnal animals and, creating cosy spots for shared reading time with our friends





Laughter and Learning in the Early Years



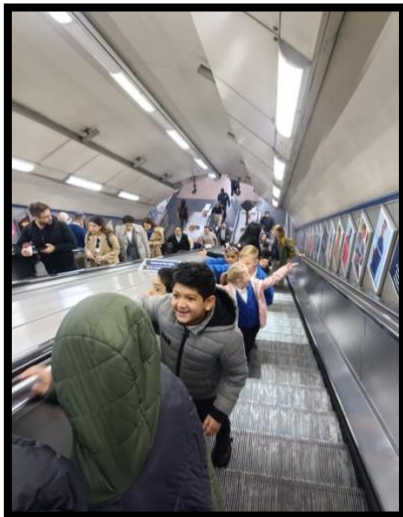
Follow Us on Instagram

Another way to keep up to date with what is happening in our school is to follow us on Instagram by clicking this link.

https://www.instagram.com/stjohnsbethnalgreen?igsh=NHZsODQzc2w4NHZ2&utm_source=qr

We have 67 followers so far and there is some lovely content on there so if you have this platform, please take the time to have a look and follow us.





Year 2 Visit Pizza Express

Children in Class 2 were very excited to spend the morning in Pizza Express where they learnt how to make delicious pizzas.

Children made their own pizzas using the delicious ingredients on offer and then got to sample them. The good news is there was plenty of spare pizza so enough to bring home to share with family and friends.



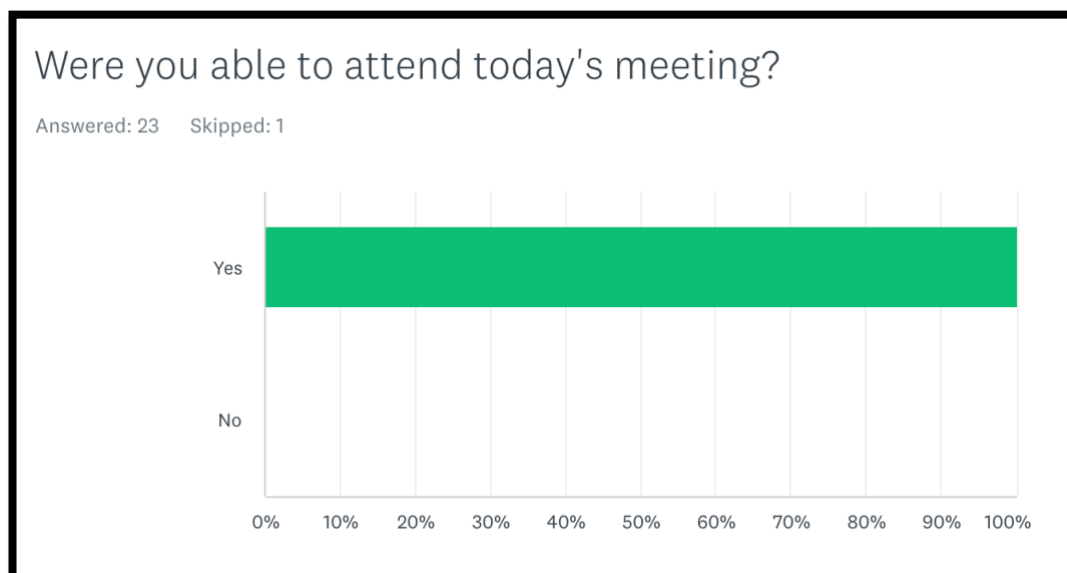
Cycle Training at St John's

Thank you to our friends at Bikeability who have been working with our children as they perfect their cycle skills. Children in Class 3 and 4 have enjoyed being out on their bikes!



Parents and Carers Afternoon/Evening

Thank you to everyone that filled out our survey on the recent parent teacher evening. We had 24 responses. Everyone that attended you found the information received helpful which is good to know.



I have added some quotes that you sent in to us about what went well and what we could do better.

What went well:

- Very informative feedback from teachers. Thank you!
- My son class teacher gave details on how my son did in the SPAG test. It was lovely to see the pride in her eyes when she shared that with me. It sure was a proud moment for me.
- It was very informative and detailed. The teacher was able to comment on my child's progress over time and had assessment data at hand to clarify.
- I was surprised and happy about the useful activities of my daughter, which were done with the help of her good, kind and capable teacher.
- Having the time to sit and ask questions to teacher without feeling rushed at end of a school day. Finding out what my child is learning.
- Everything was very smooth and the feedback about my child's learning was amazing. The advice how to improve few things was also good
- Excellent - well organised.

What we could have done better:

- Maybe have the children present whilst the meeting was happening.
- I didn't get to look at any of my child's work like we normally do
- I feel during these parent evenings it would be nice to receive a report that we can take home which shows the children's age and stage of development and where they are at in each area of development in the EYFS. This would be a great way to track children's progress and especially the areas they need more support etc in.
- Nothing. The process was perfect!

Thank you for the feedback and a big thank you to our staff who worked very hard to make the sessions as organised as possible.

BETHNAL GREEN BULLDOGS



CRICKET

SUMMER COMMUNITY SESSIONS

THURSDAYS 7.00pm-8.00pm

16th May until 25th July 2024 (10 weeks)

WEAVERS FIELD, MAPE STREET, BETHNAL GREEN, E2 6HD

- ☐ All sessions are free to students from Bethnal Green & Globetown Primary Schools
- ☐ Open to boys and girls
- ☐ Level 2 qualified & DBS checked coaches
- ☐ Opportunities to take part in competitive matches



PLATFORM

Supporting young people to progress
through and in cricket

Please contact Jahid Ahmed (Hub Supervisor) to confirm your place: 07872 947 882

jahid.ahmed@thysf.org

Breakfast Club
@ St John's

Did you know our breakfast club is open every morning from 8am? You can have a delicious nutritious breakfast, play with friends or get your homework completed. It costs £1.00 a day from 8am and is free to everyone from 8:30am. Give it a try!



St John's CE Primary School
Bethnal Green

BREAKFAST CLUB

8:00 - 8:45am Monday- Friday



Our Breakfast Club is available to all St John's pupils from Nursery to Year 6 for only £1 when arriving before 8:30. After 8:30 our Breakfast Club sessions are completely **FREE** of charge to all.

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breakfast
fuel for learning

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SEND IASS

Your guide to information and
services for families in Tower Hamlets

LOCAL OFFER
localoffer@towerhamlets.co.uk



SEND SUPPORT GROUP

- Come along and meet other parents
- Share information
- Younger children are welcome
- Monthly guest speakers
- No Diagnosis needed

This Terms Sessions are:

Thursday April 25th

Thursday May 9th and 23rd

Thursday June 6th and 20th

Thursday July 4th and 18th

10:00AM ~ 12:00PM

**For more information or to book a parking space
contact:**

Tower Hamlets & City SEND IASS

30 Greatorex Street, London

E1 5NP

0207 364 6489



CONTRACT CATERING SERVICES

LUNCH MENU

Apr 2024 - Oct 2024



Week 1	 Monday 'Planet Earth Day'	 Tuesday 'Street Food Day'	FREE FROM Main Allergens Wednesday 'Traditional Day'	 Thursday Turkish	 Friday 'Favourites'
Dates	15 April - 29 April - 13 May	27 May - 10 June - 24 June	08 July - 22 July - 05 Aug	19 Aug - 02 Sept - 16 Sept	30 Sept - 14 Oct - 28 Oct
Option 1	Vegemince Penne Pasta Bolognese	Beef Chilli in Soft Taco Shell with Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Beef Kofta in Sweet Pepper & Tomato Sauce with Pita Bread or Rice & Tzatziki	Cod or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips
Option 2	Chickpea & Vegetable Jambalaya	Red Pepper & Sweetcorn Pizza with Potato Wedges	Vegetarian Tikka Masala with Rice	Turkish Vegetable Ratatouille (Turku Turku) with Rice	Battered Vegetable Sausage with Chips
On the side	Sweetcorn & Broccoli	Roasted Mediterranean Vegetables	Green Beans & Roasted Cauliflower	Shredded Green Cabbage & Carrots	Peas & Baked Beans
Salads	Tomato, Basil & Red Onion Salad	Crunchy Red Coleslaw	Chef's House Salad	Turkish Shepherd's Salad	New Potato & Chive Salad
Dessert	Fruity Yoghurt Bar	Cheddar Cheese with Breadstick	Fresh Fruit Salad	Minted Lime & Strawberry Yoghurt	Apple & Berries Yoghurt Crunch

DAILY OPTIONS - Daily Salad / Fresh Bread / Seasonal Fresh Fruit Platter / Yoghurt

Week 2	 Monday 'Planet Earth Day'	 Tuesday 'Street Food Day'	FREE FROM Main Allergens Wednesday 'Traditional Day'	 Thursday Puerto Rican	 Friday 'Favourites'
Dates	22 April - 06 May - 20 May	03 June - 17 June - 01 July	15 July - 29 July - 12 Aug	26 Aug - 9 Sept - 23 Sept	7 Oct - 21 Oct
Option 1	Macaroni Cheese	Southern Fried Chicken Burger with Cajun Potato Wedges	Minced Beef Cottage Pie	Puerto Rican Chicken and Rice	Battered Pollock Fillet with Chips
Option 2	Bombay Vegetable Biryani	Honey & Ginger Veggie Strips Stir Fried with Egg Noodles	Vegetable & Beans Chilli with Rice	Quorn Carne Guisada with Garlic & Parsley Bread Slices	Cheese & Broccoli Quiche with Chips
On the side	Peas & Sweetcorn	Green Vegetable Medley	Carrots & Green Beans	Latina Broccoli & Baby Corn on the Cobs	Peas & Baked Beans
Salads	Couscous Salad	Crunchy Coleslaw	Chef's House Salad	Cauliflower Caviche served with homemade tortilla	Asian Noodle Salad
Dessert	Fruity Yoghurt Bar	Cheddar Cheese with Breadstick	Fresh Fruit Salad	Tropical Fruity Yoghurt	Apple & Banana Yoghurt with Rice Krispies

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Please Note that some dishes maybe subject to local changes to suit individual school needs



CHICKEN RICE AND VEGETABLES

Recipe Inspired by
Elijah
Year 4
St. Anne's & Guardian Angels Primary School

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:
Every effort is made to minimise risk of cross-contamination. However, it should be noted that our food is prepared in a kitchen where known allergens may be present and therefore the risk of cross-contamination remains a risk. Please ask staff for further details regarding specific dietary requirements and/or allergens.

This term we are making
WEDNESDAY ALLERGY FREE DAY
With a new menu that does not contain any of the
14 MAJOR ALLERGIES

Bethnal Green

JUNIOR CHOIR

... welcomes new members!



Wednesdays, 5-6pm

St. James the Less Church
St. James's Avenue, Bethnal Green,
London E2 9JD

Completely free of charge!

Tower Hamlets & City SENDIASS

(Special Educational Needs Information, Advice and Support Service)

The SENDIASS Team provides free and impartial expert advice to parents of children with SEND and to children and young people themselves who are residents within Tower Hamlets or City of London. Some of the ways we can support you are:

- **Attending meetings with schools/professionals**
- **Applying for an Education Health and Care Plan**
- **Mediation with the Local Authority**
- **Preparing and attending SEND Tribunals**
- **Providing information about other support services and departments**

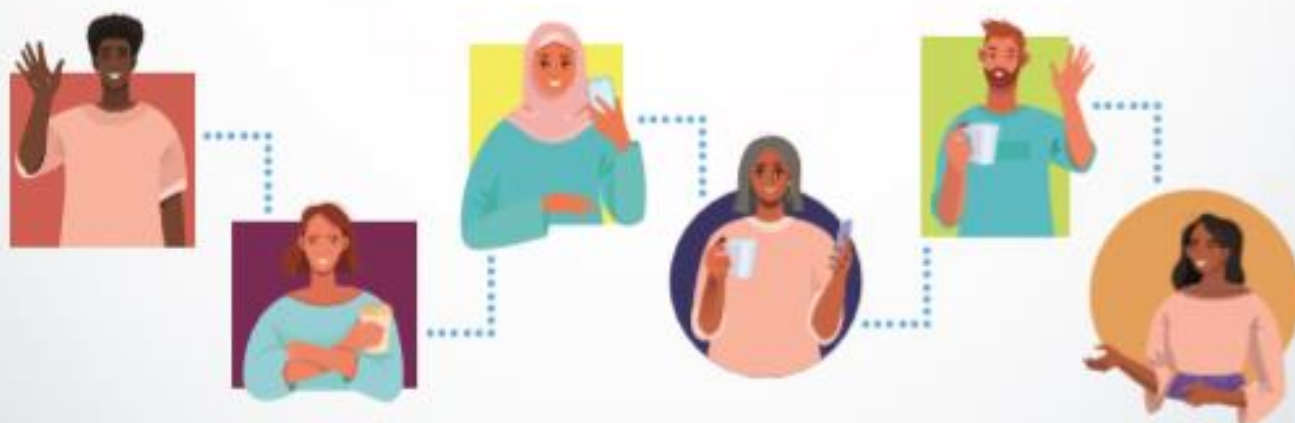
Our team also runs workshops for parents around the EHCP process, Annual Reviews, and Secondary School Transitions.

If your query can not be resolved during the telephone consultation, we will take a referral and you will be allocated a caseworker who will contact you within 10 working days.

We have a dedicated telephone line, **020 7364 6489**, that you can call to speak to an advisor Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m-17:00 p.m.

You can also email us at:
towerhamlets&city.sendiass@towerhamlets.gov.uk

You can visit our website at:
<https://www.towerhamletsandcitysendiass.com/>



St John's & St Paul's Whitechapel CE Primary Schools

Term Dates and Holidays - 2023/ 2024

Autumn Term 2023 (75 days)

Staff Training	Mon 4th & Tue 5th September
First Day of Term	Wednesday 6 th September
Half Term	Monday 23 rd – Friday 27 th October
Second half of term	Monday 30 th October
Last Day of Term	Friday 22 nd December

Christmas Day Monday 25th December

Boxing Day Tuesday 26th December

Spring Term 2024 (54 days)

New Year's Day Monday 1st January

Staff Training	Monday 8th January
First Day of Term	Tuesday 9 th January
Half Term	Mon. 12 th to Fri. 16 th February
Second half of term	Monday 19 th February
Last Day of Term	Thursday 28 th March

Good Friday Friday 29th March

Easter Monday Monday 1st April

Summer Term 2024 (66 days)

Staff Training	Monday 15th April
First Day of Term	Tuesday 16 th April
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 6 th May
Staff Training	Friday 24th May
Half Term	Monday 27 th to Friday 31 st May
Second half of term	Monday 3 rd June
Last Day of Term	Tuesday 23 rd July

*Ramadan begins Sunday 10th March 2024**

*Eid Al-Fitr Tuesday/ Wednesday 9th/ 10th April 2024**

*Eid Al-Adha Sunday/ Monday 16th/ 17th June 2024**

195 days including 5 staff training days

* to be confirmed



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 John's are:



Darren Rubin –Executive Headteacher

Monday -Wednesday



Bal Jheeta – Deputy Headteacher

Wednesday – Friday