



St John's Newsletter

Friday 10th November 2023

An update from Mr. Rubin...

I hope you enjoyed the half term break. Our recent exam results have been very pleasing and St John's sits nicely above National and Local average scores in almost all areas. This is testament to the hard work that our staff put in and the perseverance and endeavour from our children.

In this edition, you will find out what our children have been up to as they go out and about on school trips, I will share pictures from our Harvest Festival and share some news about our first Evensong service with our brand new Choir Church.

Our Value of the Term is Compassion and you will see throughout our newsletter just how kind our community is. I know that Mrs Jheeta and her team are working hard to make this term special. There is a lot planned so have your diaries ready!

Have a lovely weekend and be kind to one another.

Harvest Kindness

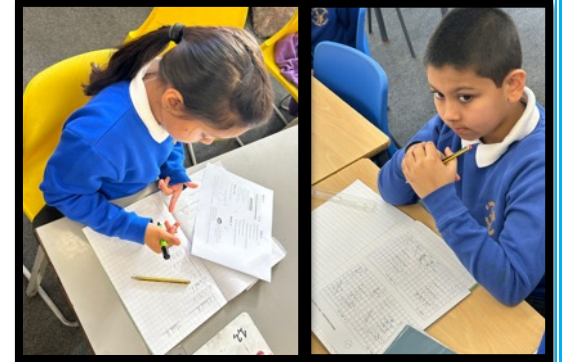
Thank you to Mrs Bahi, Mrs Jheeta and Reverend Philippa for organising and leading our Harvest Festival. A big thankyou to our Courageous Advocates in the Worship Council who sorted out all of the donations, bagged them up and made sure food went to members of our school community that need it the most. Whilst we missed being in our church, it was a beautiful service in our school.



High Standards at St John's

I am delighted to report that once again, St John's students have produced some very favourable outcomes in the recent examinations mostly higher than National and Local Tower Hamlets averages:

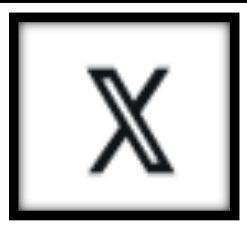
- In the Early Years, children who have achieved a Good Level of Development at St John's is above Local and National averages,
- Children who passed their phonics tests at St John's is over 10% higher than local and National average scores.
- In Key Stage 1, children at St John's achieving the expected standard for Reading, Writing and Mathematics once again beat National and Tower Hamlets averages,
- At Key Stage 2, Reading Writing, Grammar and Mathematics are higher than our counterparts Nationally and higher or broadly in line with Tower Hamlets scores.
- Our combined scores for children achieving Expected Standard in Reading Writing and Maths was higher than National and Local Tower Hamlets scores.



Acts of Kindness

As I already mentioned, Compassion is our Value of the Term and this was very evident with a number of our pupils. I am delighted to say that the one of our children was given a Headteacher's Award for giving up his time before going out to lunch to make sure that all of the chairs in the lunch hall had been pushed in. The other picture shows one of our students making sure that our younger children have a good serving of healthy salad at lunchtime.

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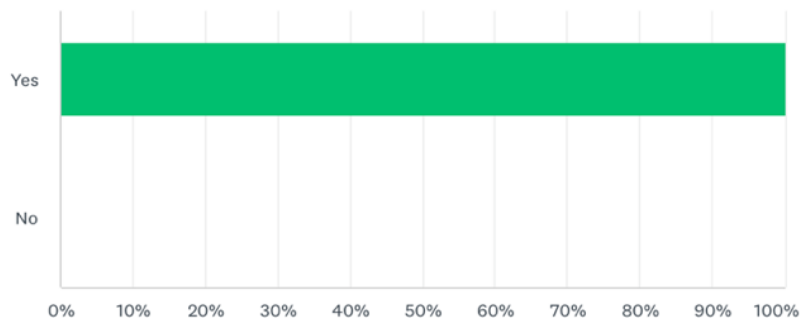
The very best way to keep up to date with what is happening in our school is to follow us on Twitter <https://twitter.com/5tJohnsTower> . We have 493 followers and the more followers we have, the more people will see what a fantastic little school this is!

Parent Carer Afternoon/Evening

Thank you to all of the parents/carers that took the time to give us some feedback about the recent meetings you had with your child's teacher. We value your opinions and your comments help us to improve. Everyone that replied, noted that the information that was shared was helpful. Thank you to all of those families that were able to come along. I have included some quotes which our staff were overjoyed to receive!

Did you find the information given to you helpful?

Answered: 30 Skipped: 0



What Went Well?

"Very detailed description of how my child is doing at school."

"Friendly teacher – good information."

"It's a great way to catch up with the teacher on how your child is progressing after the six week holiday."

"An opportunity to find out how my child is progressing. Teachers are usually very busy with the children. The uninterrupted conversation was very helpful and reassuring."

"The school vision is let our light shine. This means to be the best version of yourself. I will be the best version of myself by helping the younger years around the school."

Oliver Year 6

School Vision

Our Worship Counsellors were asked to discuss what our school vision means. Taken from the Gospel of St Matthew, Oliver has clearly defined what our school vision means to him and how he intends to live this out this year by showing compassion to our younger children across the school. What a fantastic role model to others!



Cross Country Success

Once again, St John's pupils acquitted themselves well at the Borough Cross Country competition. Despite the fact that we are a smaller school, we brought the biggest squad assisted by staff, parents, carers, and family members.

Mr. Malcolm has been training the children diligently and was pleased with the results. Most importantly, our children had a fabulous time as the pictures suggest!

Thank you to everyone that helped make this happen and to Miss Pink for organising.



Christmas Acts of Kindness

By now, you will have picked up on the theme of Compassion running through the newsletter and our school.

We encourage our children to be Courageous Advocates – this means that we want our children to come up with ideas that may make a positive difference to their community and even the world!

The children have thought about how they can help children globally who will struggle during this time of year, as the world celebrates Christmas.

They have kindly put together a shoe box, part of 'Samaritan's Purse', to help those less unfortunate. Our children have put in lots of goodies creating these at home with their families. Thank you to all the families who have supported with this project. You still have time to send a shoe box. Closing date : Friday 17th November.



Year 2 Visit to the Ragged School Museum – Ms Moses

Year 2 had a great day at the Ragged School Museum helping them to immerse themselves in their Victorians Topic.

They got to meet a very strict Victorian school teacher and found out all about punishments there.

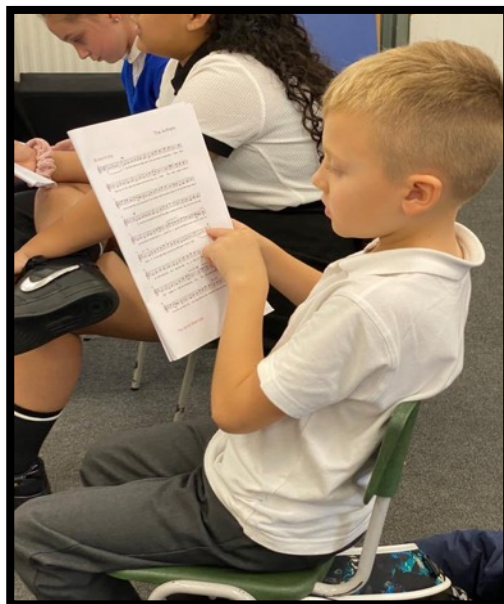
Thank goodness we're living in the 2020s, and not the 1890s!!



Choir Church Perform at St James the Less at Evensong Service

I have to hand it to Mrs Bahi. When the composer Jonathan Pease popped in to drop off some leaflets, little did he know that he would be persuaded to work with our choir and help form our incredible Choir Church.

Children have been working with Jonathon after school preparing for the service and last Thursday we took part in the Evensong Service at St James the Less. Thank you to Jonathan, Mrs Bahi, Mrs Jheeta who made the children delicious bagels and of course our parents and carers who joined us at the church including two parents who gave perfect readings.





St John's Nursery Open Days

Are you looking for a nursery school for your child next September?
Come and meet the Early Years Team and tour our school on one
of our Open Days.

Dates:

**October 11th, 12th & 18th
November 8th, 9th & 16th**

To arrange a visit to our school please
call the school office on:
020 8980 1142

September 2024 intake



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ST JOHN'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Cake sale




THURSDAY 16TH NOVEMBER

3:30pm onwards in the small playground

Please bring your kind donations of cakes to the school office on Thursday morning. Thank you for your support.

MAGNIFICENT MONTH OF NOVEMBER



AT ST JOHN'S CE
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thursday 9th November

Non Uniform Day £1

Thursday 16th November

Cake Sale

Please bring donations of cakes to the
school office.

Thursday 23rd November

Movie Night

Tickets are priced at £3 per child and £2 for each
additional sibling. Available to purchase from the
school office. **Children to be collected at 5:30pm.**

**ALL MONEY RAISED WILL BE PUT TOWARDS
OUR CHRISTMAS FETE IN DECEMBER**

**ST JOHN'S CE
PRIMARY
SCHOOL**



CHRISTMAS FETE

SAVE THE DATE

**FRIDAY 15TH
DECEMBER 2023**

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

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

Term Dates and Holidays - 2023/ 2024

Autumn Term 2023 (75 days)

Staff Training	Mon 4 th & Tue 5 th 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 8 th 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 15 th April
First Day of Term	Tuesday 16 th April
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 6 th May
Staff Training	Friday 24 th 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