



St John's Newsletter

Friday 13th October 2023

An update from Mr. Rubin...

It has been a busy couple of weeks since we last wrote to you. Our children have been reflecting further on how they will shine this year and the display as you walk into the school is inspiring. Thank you to Ms Carly who has worked so hard to put it together and Mrs Jheeta and Mrs Bahi for their ideas and creativity.

Exciting news about our brand new Choir Church who are working hard with the extremely talented Jonathon Pease. Children are already rehearsing to prepare for their inaugural Evensong Service.

We are currently undersubscribed so if you know any families new to the borough and looking for a lovely school, do send them our way.

Have a lovely weekend and be kind to one another.



Kindness and Compassion

I am so proud to share with you our Kindness Cup Winners so far this year. Our children have been reflecting on our Vision and Compassion is one of our Values



The Value this term centres around Wisdom. In Collective Worship we have been exploring stories ranging from The Wise and Foolish Builder from the Bible to the Wise Old Man who advised his friend in Julia Donaldson's classic book 'A Squash and a Squeeze!'



UFO Landing – Year 2 Investigates

There was high drama in Class two last week as they came out into the playground to investigate a rather odd occurrence...

As you can see from the photograph, the area had been cordoned off due to what can only be described as a highly irregular unidentified flying object landing in the middle of the playground, just outside my office.

Despite not hearing the initial noise, the sound of excitement filled the air as many children were demanding answers.

This clever piece of teaching and learning is all part of the immersion work that goes into a unit of English to hook the children in. I am looking forward to seeing the outcomes.

Worship Council and Choir Church Update

Thank you to Mrs Bahi for organising our new Choir Church. We are so fortunate to have Jonathan Pease working with us. For more information about him you can check his website

<https://www.jonathanpease.co.uk/>

We will report about this more in the next edition.



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 491 followers and the more followers we have, the more people will see what a fantastic little school this is!



Internet Safety Workshop

Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote in our school. Last week we invited Ellen from 'One Day Creative' to our school to hold workshops on Internet Safety. The workshops were informative and fun. The children took part in the role-play activities and learnt the key words: **Stop, Get off, Tell!** We know that to stay safe online we need to check the information that we see but above all **TALK TO OUR ADULTS!**

Internet Safety Workshops are a great opportunity for us to re-emphasise the online safety messages that we deliver throughout the year. We would be delighted if you could support your children by continuing the conversation at home. On the next page are 10 tips to Keep your children safe online....

Harvest Festival Service - Wednesday 18th October

Our Harvest Service takes place in school this year with the children. We are requesting dried and tins good and once again, as part of our Courageous Advocacy approach, our Worship Counsellors will be organising all the food we receive to be redistributed to members in our School Community.

We are collecting goods now and all donations are gratefully received.



ONLINE CONTENT

10 tips to keep your children safe online

The internet has transformed the ability to access content. Many apps that children use are dependent on user-generated content which can encourage freedom of expression, imagination and creativity. However, due to the sheer volume uploaded every day, it can be difficult for platforms to regulate and moderate everything, which means that disturbing or distressing images, videos or audio clips can slip through the net. That's why we've created this guide to provide parents and carers with some useful tips on keeping children safe online.



1 MONITOR VIEWING HABITS

Whilst most apps have moderation tools, inappropriate content can still slip through the net.



2 CHECK ONLINE CONTENT

Understand what's being shared or what seems to be 'trending' at the moment.



3 CHECK AGE-RATINGS

Make sure they are old enough to use the app and meet the recommended age-limit.



4 CHANGE PRIVACY SETTINGS

Make accounts private and set content filters and parental controls where possible.



5 SPEND TIME ON THE APP

Get used to how apps work, what content is available and what your child likes to watch.



6 LET CHILDREN KNOW YOU'RE THERE

Ensure they know that there is support and advice available to them if they need it.



7 ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING

Talk about what people might post online and why some posts could cause distress.



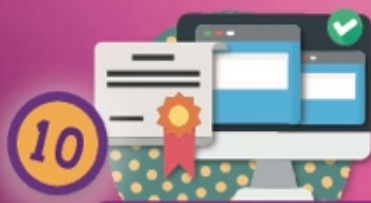
8 LEARN HOW TO REPORT & BLOCK

Always make sure that children know how to use the reporting tools on social media apps.



9 KEEP AN OPEN DIALOGUE

If a child sees distressing material online; listen to their concerns, empathise and offer reassurance.



10 SEEK FURTHER SUPPORT

If a child has been affected by something they've seen online, seek support from your school's safeguarding lead.



McMillan Coffee Morning



Musician Of The Week Update

Every fortnight, Mrs Bahi choses a new composer/musician for us to enjoy. She never fails to select someone who our children enjoy. See below for our current choir – they are amazing!

The Kingdom Choir

The Kingdom Choir is a British gospel choir based in London. It was founded by choir conductor Karen Gibson. After performing for more than 20 years, the choir became world-famous after being invited to perform at the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle. On 19 May 2018, they sang a gospel version of "Stand by Me". The conductor, Karen Gibson, was described by the British press as "Britain's godmother of gospel". When their performance of "Stand by Me" topped the U.S. Hot Gospel Songs chart, the choir signed a record deal with Sony Music. More recently, a group comprising members of the Kingdom Choir performed at the Coronation of King Charles. Some years ago, our school choir won a workshop to work alongside Mark De Lisser, one of the members, in an incredible choir workshop. I hope that you enjoy listening to their beautiful music over the fortnight.

Genre: Gospel





Early Years Update

Popping over to our Early Years never fails to bring a smile to my face. There is always so much learning, happiness and creativity.

Here you can see some of our children using the water tray, developing their fine motor skills by cutting and colouring ,having a fun play with toys as well as being very musical with Bosh from Artis!



DRUMMING FUN IN YEAR ONE!





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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YOUNG TOWER HAMLETS FREE ACTIVITIES AND SESSIONS

**Calling all young people in
Tower Hamlets!**

Come along to Young Tower
Hamlets Youth Club for a range
of activities and sessions.

Whether you're into sport,
music, dance, arts and crafts
or just want to hang out with
your friends – there is
something for everyone!



YOUNG TOWER HAMLETS FREE ACTIVITIES AND SESSIONS

Sessions will be held at:

- Goulston Street Youth Club
- Columbia Road Youth Club
- Limehouse Youth Club
- St Andrews Wharf Youth Club
- Urban Adventure Base

No need to book, just drop by and you will be welcomed with a friendly face. This is your chance to meet and socialise with other young people from your area, so don't miss out!



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Scan the QR code to
find out more!



Harvest FESTIVAL

AT ST JOHNS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY 18TH OCTOBER



DONATIONS OF NON PERISHABLE FOOD WOULD
BE GRATEFULLY RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE
WEDNESDAY 18TH OCTOBER FOR OUR HARVEST
COLLECTIVE WORSHIP



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