



St John's Newsletter

Friday 21st June 2024

An update from Mr. Rubin...

I cannot believe how quickly the time has gone this year but as ever, there is a lot to pack in. I hope those of you who celebrated Eid had a lovely time.

As we welcome one of my favourite values Koinonia, it is an opportunity to reflect on how our school community really does 'Let our Light Shine' and we will make sure that we will be doing all we can to support our community this term.

We will be celebrating our outstanding SIAMS report from February on 25th June. We have a church service in St John's Church along with a few exciting events planned.

I will set out the dates for the remainder of the term later in the edition so you have everything in your diary.

Have a lovely weekend and be kind to one another.

Year One Visit London Zoo

Children had a thoroughly enjoyable visit to London Zoo to explore the variety of animals housed there. The minibeasts were a particular favourite as children have been studying and thinking about how to classify them.



St John's in Debating Competition with St Paul's

St. John's squared off against St. Paul's in a lively debating competition recently. The children presented well-reasoned arguments, delivered strong rebuttals, and demonstrated excellent teamwork. It was a pleasure to see their debating skills flourish. A big thank you to the teachers for organising this enriching experience, and to Ian Graham for giving up his time to judge the competition. We're so proud of the progress our young debaters have made!



Breakfast Club Visitor

Our breakfast club is open every morning from 8am where children can come in and have a delicious nutritious breakfast. It is totally free of charge from 8:30am and children of all ages are welcome. It has become so popular that a journalist from the New Statesman came in to see it in action speaking to Mrs Jheeta and Miss Maggie.



Follow Us on Instagram

One of the very best ways to keep up to date with what is happening in our school is to follow us on social media. We are on X <https://twitter.com/5tJohnsTower> and on Instagram

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

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



Class Assemblies

I wrote in the last edition how lovely it has been to have whole class assemblies back. Year two entertained us with a fantastic stroll through what they have been learning through the academic year. Thank you to everyone who has been able to spare the time to visit. Our children really love performing in front of an audience!



Federation Training Day

We were very fortunate to have two excellent speakers on our INSET day on Monday 3rd June. Firstly Claire from the Healthy Lives team visited to speak about Did you know that in Tower Hamlets the percentages for children in Year 6 that are either obese or overweight stands at 43.1% and over 30% of five year olds in the borough have visually obvious signs of dental decay. Clearly this isn't just a school problem but in our Federation we are working very hard at helping our children learn the importance of making healthier choices. At breakfast and lunchtime.

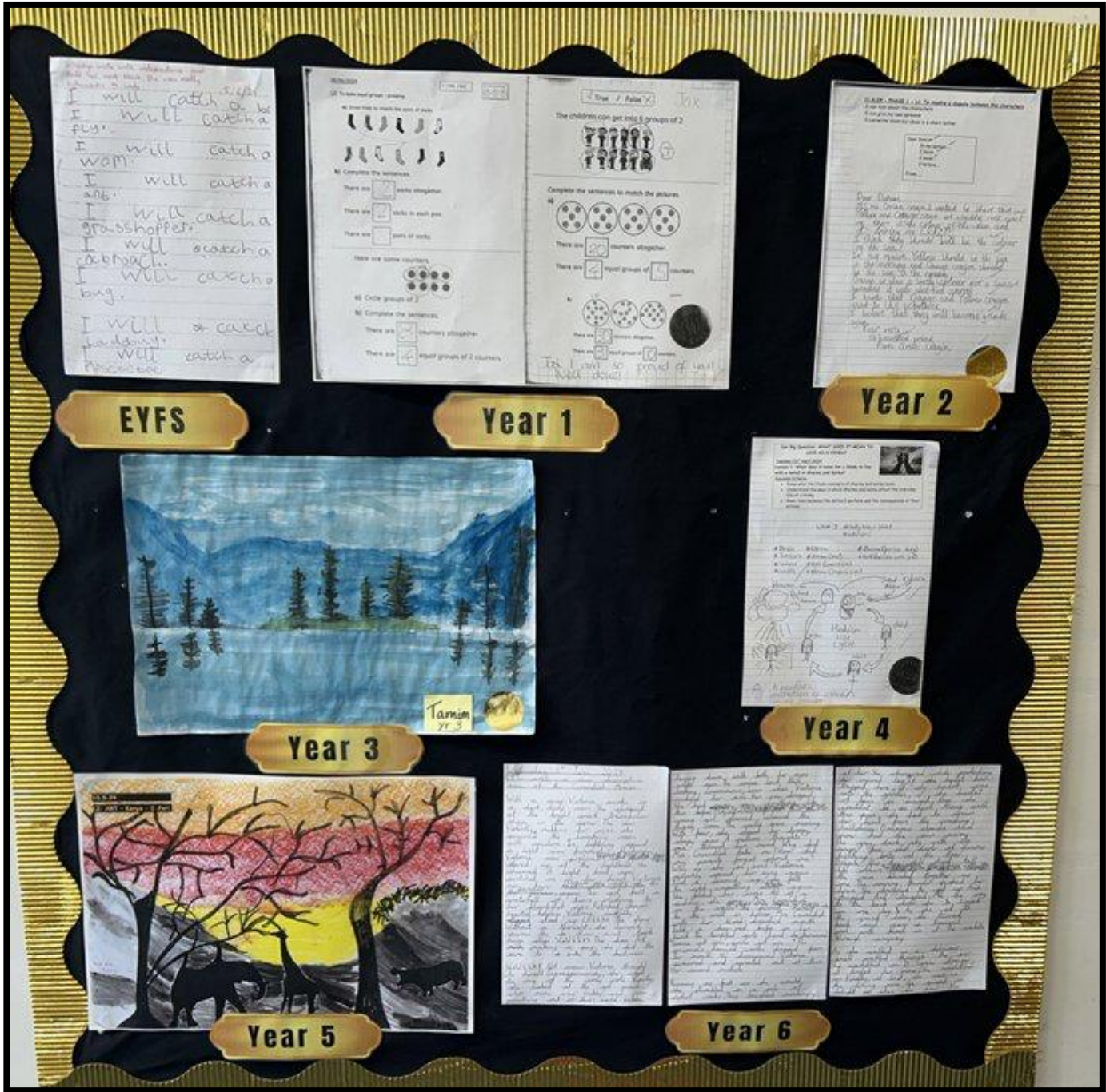
Our second session focused on wellbeing which is such an important area. We want the best teachers and support staff to be working with the children so therefore we need to make sure that we are equipping them with the tools and strategies to make sure they are being well looked after. INSET sessions are important to help our staff team get even better.



Outstanding Work Wall

I really like where my office is situated. I get to see the children walk in from breaktimes and my door is nearly always open.

Just outside my door is one of my favourite displays that show off the amazing variety of work that our children produce.



Year 3 and 4 Visit the Mandir in East Ham

In RE, children in Class Three and Four have been studying Hinduism. They recently visited a Hindu temple called a Mandir in East Ham. As you would expect from our children, they asked such thoughtful and considerate questions. As ever, their respect and behaviour was impeccable.



Reception Class Update

Reception class have been very busy learning all about The Life of Vincent Van Gogh and his masterpieces. You can see how they have recreated some of his masterpieces which I am sure will be worth fortunes in years to come.



"The school's desire, through its vision, to be a beacon of hope to its community, is a living reality. The vision is inspirational."

SIAMS - Feb 2024



**St John's CofE
Primary School
Bethnal Green**
'Let Our Light Shine'

"Staff have high expectations of pupils. They expect pupils to do their best by working hard. Pupils respond well to this challenge and enjoy learning new things."

Ofsted - Nov 2021



**FREE
NURSERY PLACES
FULL TIME & PART TIME
AVAILABLE**

Breakfast Club available to all
Nursery children from 8am onwards.

Contact our school office for more information.

☎ 020 8980 1142
📍 Peel Grove,
Bethnal Green

✉ admin@st-johns.towerhamlets.sch.uk
🌐 www.stjohns.towerhamlets.sch.uk

Nursery Update – Ms Kaylah

This week in the Nursery, we decided to soak up the sunshine and have our snack time outside! The children greatly enjoyed our mini 'picnic' and always remember to use their manners, such as 'Yes please' and 'No thank you' when receiving their fruit. We've also been learning about growing seeds in our story of the week 'Jack and the beanstalk'. We are doing an experiment to see if we can grow our own bean stalks too! When asked to name our class plant, the children came up with the clever and funny name, 'Ice Cream the Plant'.



Coming up.... Thank you to Mrs Jheeta for getting all of these dates nice and organised. We will be sending out information closer to the time for some of them but they are all laid out here so it is clear what is happening.

SUMMER TERM DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

25.06.24	SIAMS celebration – all day Church Service @ 9:30am at St John's Church
26.06.24.	Year 6 Cricket Trip
27.06.24	Deanery Service for Year 6
28.06.24	Koinonia Day Year 2 at Hyde Park
Wb: Mon 01.07.24	Year 5 & 6 Bikeability all week
02.07.24	Year 3 & 4 Bowling & Picnic
03.07.24	Music Showdown
04.07.24	EYFS New parent meeting in the ICT Suite – 9.45-10.45 & 2.15-3.15 Year 6 Singing at St Paul's Cathedral
05.07.24	SEWA Day 2024 & Year 6 Enterprise Day
10.07.24	Year 3 & 4 trip to seaside to beach Year 6 Cinema Trip & Choir trip to see child choristers late PM
11.07.24	Year 5 trip @ Discover
12.07.24	Year 6 End of Year Performance 2pm-3pm – Parents only 5pm-6pm – Parents only
15.07.24	Year 6 at Southend
16.07.24	EYFS Sports morning – 9.30 – 11am Year 6 at Tate Britain trip
17.07.24	Sports Day from Years 1-6
18.07.24	End of Year Church Service
19.07.24	Year 6 Graduation 9.30am – 10.30am
19.07.24	Summer fete 2pm – 6pm
22.07.24	Reception Graduation
22.07.24	Year 6 class party (small playground).
23.07.24	Last day of the school year – 1:30pm Finish

School term and holiday dates

School term dates 2024/25

Autumn term 2024

Period	Dates
Term 1	Monday 2 September 2024 - Friday 25 October 2024 40 Days
Half Term	Monday 28 October 2024 - Friday 1 November 2024
Term 2	Monday 4 November 2024 - Friday 20 December 2024 35 Days
Christmas break	Monday 23 December 2024 - Friday 3 January 2025

Spring term 2025

Term 3	Monday 6 January 2025 - Friday 14 February 2025 30 Days
Half term	Monday 17 February 2025 - Friday 21 February 2025
Term 4	Monday 24 February 2025 - Friday 4 April 2025 30 Days
Easter break	Monday 7 April 2025 - Monday 21 April 2025

Summer term 2025

Term 5	Tuesday 22 April 2025 - Friday 23 May 2025 23 Days
Half term	Tuesday 27 May 2025 - Friday 30 May 2025
Term 6	Monday 2 June 2025 - Thursday 24 July 2025 39 Days

INSET Days Monday September 2nd Tuesday September 3rd 2024

(3 more to be arranged)

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.

**magic
breakfast**
fuel for learning

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SEND IASS

Your guide to information and
services for families in Tower Hamlets

LOCAL OFFER
@thlocaloffer 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	05 July - 19 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 Pitta 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								

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Week 2	 Monday 'Planet Earth Day'	 Tuesday 'Street Food Day'	 Wednesday 'Traditional Day'	 Thursday Puerto Rican	 Friday 'Favourites'	
Dates	22 April - 06 May	20 May - 03 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 Cajan 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

Fantastic FOOD IN SCHOOLS

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/>



Children's activities with St Margaret's House

Click on the photos to find out more on our website.

Family Workshop:

Summertime Family Workshop with Talitha Arts:

Join us for a unique and engaging creative arts session for all the family. We will explore games, movement and crafts as well as a creative scavenger hunt. Discover creativity, connection and community. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to come together, explore their creativity and bond over shared summertime experiences. The combination of games, movement, crafts and the theme of the summer season promises to be engaging and enjoyable for participants of all ages.

Date: Saturday 22nd June

Times: 10.30am-12noon and 1.00-2.30pm

Location: St Margaret's House, 21 Old Ford Road, E2 9PL

Ticket: £5 per adult, children go free



Term-time activity:

Crafterschool:

Weekly Wednesday Arts and Crafting Workshops for Children to have fun, learn skills, and be mindful.

Suitable for children in School Year 1 to Year 5.

Dates: Running until Weds 3rd July

Time: 3.30-5.30pm

Location: The Create Place, 29 Old Ford Road

Session fee: £3 per child (£5 for two siblings)



Term-time activity:

Saturday Circus:

Weekly Saturday Circus in the Tramshed Community Hub (Digby Street, E2 0LS) - develop new skills in juggling, balancing and much, much more!

Dates: Running until Saturday 29th June

Family Circus - 9.15-10.15am: Ages 5-7 (School Years 1-3)

Saturday Circus 10.30 - 11.30am: Ages 8-11 (School Years 4-6)

Session fee: £2/£4/£7



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)

<i>New Year's Day</i>	<i>Monday 1st January</i>
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