



# St John's Newsletter

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023

## *An update from Mr. Rubin...*

It may be a little way away yet but the Christmas spirit is ramping up at St John's. We have already had our bake sale and movie night and Mrs Bahi has collected a lot of special parcels from our compassionate children and families to share with those less fortunate than us. Thank you for your support with all of this

In the last couple of weeks we have had visits from Penny Roberts MBE who is the Director of Education for the London Diocesan Board for Schools and our RE advisor Mary Thorne. Both were very impressed with their visit and as usual, our children shone.

Thank you for your patience as we work with the film crew that have hired out our playground. They have been incredibly gracious guests and the children and our staff have been incredibly patient and accommodating.

Have a lovely weekend and be kind to one another.



## Mr Smee Update

I am very sad to report that Mr. Smee will be away from school for a little while as he recovers from an accident that he had on his bike. During the recent wet weather, Mr Smee was riding his bike to work. When he applied his brakes the wheels skidded on the wet leaves and Mr Smee came off his bike, breaking his shoulder.

Mr Smee is in good spirits and when I asked him for his reflections, he wanted to share with you the importance of wearing a cycle helmet when you are riding on your bike as it saved his life as he landed so awkwardly.

We send him all our love and look forward to seeing him back at work soon.

## School Vision

Here is another reflection from one of our Worship Counsellors who was asked to discuss what our school vision means to him. Callum will live out our vision by being kind to others and always trying his best and he is certainly doing that!



"The school vision is 'Let Our Light Shine. I will live it out by showing way more kindness and trying my best.'"

**Callum Year 6**



## **Newsround Presenters of the Future...**

Two of our children were selected to present a report for Newsround recently at the Young V&A Museum.

This was a fantastic opportunity for our children and they were both naturals. I will share the clip on our twitter feed once it is released and I would not be surprised if we do not see these two on our screens in the future!



## **Presentation Training Class Six**

A huge thank you to Mr. Ian Graham, our former Chair of Governors who gives up his time every year to coach our children on presentation and oracy skills.

Pupils in Class Six were asked to present for a minute on a subject of their choice.

Ian listened very carefully giving the children feedback at the end of their talk with clear targets to work on.

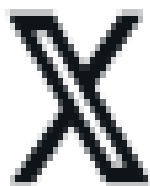
Children will meet Ian a few more times honing their skills until a team will be created to debate against children from St Paul's



## **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> .

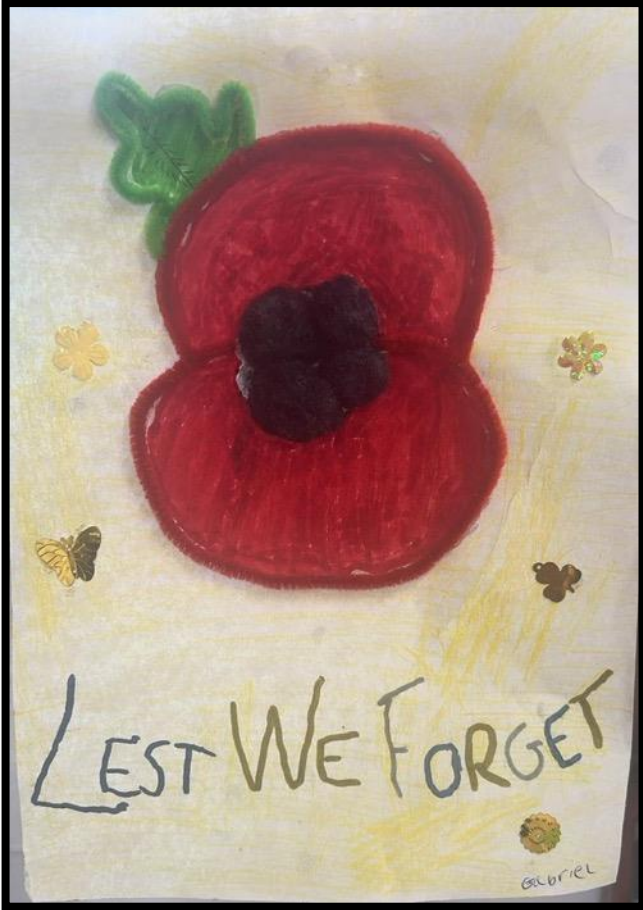
We have 498 followers and the more followers we have, the more people will see what a fantastic little school this is!





## Remembrance Survey

Thank you once again to Phillipa who led our Remembrance Service in school a couple of weeks ago. Children were respectful and reflective as our Worship Council led us in prayer. Thank you to Gabriel too who produced such a breath taking piece of art.



## **St John's Girls Football Team 2023/24**







## **Christmas Acts of Kindness**

Our Value of the term was highlighted by our school community in response to our Samaritan's Purse appeal. You will remember from the last edition that 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!



Children donated so many boxes that we struggled to fit them into Mrs Bahi's car! As ever, our communities kindness shone through, In the picture on the right you can see the boxes ready to be distributed to help those in need that may be less fortunate than us. Thanks to our Worship Council and Mrs Bahi for their innovative ideas and support.



## **EYFS Update**

There is always something magical happening in our Early Years. In the picture to the left, you can see that the children are learning about 'People who help us in the community.'

We were so grateful that members of the police and community safety officers were able to take some time out of their busy schedule to explain the work they do and to answer questions from the children.





## Fundraising Update

Mrs Jheeta promised a magnificent month of November and she certainly delivered.

Thank you to her and our brilliant staff team for all of their efforts.

I can't wait for the Christmas Fete on Friday December 15<sup>th</sup>!



## 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

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### **ARTIS Update**

We are so fortunate to be able to have Artis back in our school once again for another year and the staff and children are delighted to welcome back Bosh! Artis do such a great job with our children and Bosh works with all of our Year groups on a Monday. A big thank you to Dasha – a great friend of our school. Her generosity makes this happen. You can find out more about the brilliant work that Artis do by looking at their website below.

<https://www.artisfoundation.org.uk/about/>

**artis...**  
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Children in the Early Years on an Autumnal trip over to the allotment to think about how the season is changing.



# RAFFLE PRIZES

Tickets on  
sale from 27th  
November in  
the small  
playground

50p per  
ticket  
or  
£2 per strip

**PANDORA**



£50 gift voucher

**Nando's**  
gift voucher

**TESCO**

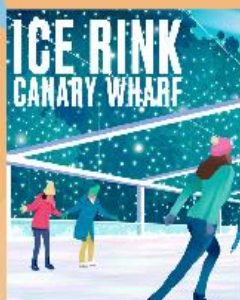
£100 Tesco voucher



**JVC 43"android TV**



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free skate



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Amazon Fire HD 8  
Plus Tablet

Southend  
Sealife Centre  
2 free tickets

Pellicci's  
Cafe meal  
for two  
voucher

food  
hampers

Elis Restaurant  
at Town Hall  
Hotel voucher

free wash and  
blow dry at  
Rembrants hair  
salon

**plus more !**



Protect your child this winter from

# Influenza

Children's Flu vaccination clinics 2023

**1 To consent your child for a FREE vaccine:**

We are holding clinics for school aged children at **East London Mosque** in November and December this year.

These are **free walk in** IM flu clinics, where we are offering the **gelatine-free** flu vaccine.

You can walk in and get the vaccine, or we can book you an appointment. Please contact our team at **[appointments@v-uk.co.uk](mailto:appointments@v-uk.co.uk)** or call on **0207 613 8370**.

**2 Follow up clinic dates and times:**

**East London Mosque  
46 Whitechapel Road  
London  
E1 1JX**

**Monday 20th November - 3pm - 6pm**

**Tuesday 5th December - 3pm - 6pm**

Available to all  
children from  
Reception to Year  
11



**SAFE!**

*For further information go to: [www.schoolvaccination.uk](http://www.schoolvaccination.uk)*



# THSCP Bulletin



## SAFEGUARDING MONTH – ANTI RACISM CONFERENCE

Save the date: **28<sup>th</sup> November 2023!** We would like to invite you to a special event during Safeguarding Month. This time, we're focusing on something very important - Anti-Racism.

This conference aims to give you a great understanding of Anti-Racism and its related concepts as our guest speakers will be delivering informative sessions.

The speakers for this conference are:

- The Independent Scrutineer
- The Learning Academy
- The Met Police (Discussion on the Casey Report and Child Q)

In addition to the informative sessions, we have also arranged some activities and a dedicated Question and Answer (Q&A) session which will provide you with the opportunity to actively participate in discussions and engage with our speakers.

When: 28<sup>th</sup> November @ 10:00 – 13:00

Where: In Person Event - PDC 229 Bethnal Green Road London E2 0AH

Sign up here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/safeguarding-month-anti-racism-conference-tickets-739275381567>

Please share through all your agencies!! The conference is for any professional who works or volunteers with children and families in the borough.

Calendar invites with the joining links will be sent out a few days before the event so please mark the time in your own diaries to attend the events.

For more information email [thscp@towerhamlets.gov.uk](mailto:thscp@towerhamlets.gov.uk)



AUTUMN TERM 2023

LOCAL OFFER  
@localoffer localoffertowerhamlets.co.uk



The Tower Hamlets Independent SEND Parent Forum in partnership with the City Parent Carer Forum would like to invite parents and carers to

# Let's Talk SEND Information Marketplace

An information event for parents, carers and young people with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND)

**Thursday 30 November 2023, 10.30am-1pm**

**Brady Arts & Community Centre, 192-196 Hanbury Street, E1 5HU**

## SCHEDULE

**10.30am** – Information marketplace opens

**10.30am-1pm** – Opportunities to network and find out how you can get involved in local parent groups

**11am** – Tower Hamlets senior leaders share future plans and actions

Refreshments provided

## MARKETPLACE

Meet a range of service providers who support families, including:

- The SEN Team
- SEND Information, Advice and Support Service
- Family Information Service
- Parental Engagement Team
- Health Services
- Young V&A (Museum of Childhood)
- Community organisations

## CONTACT US

For more information contact:

Family Information Service

Tel: **020 7364 6495**

Email:

[fis@towerhamlets.gov.uk](mailto:fis@towerhamlets.gov.uk)

Information from previous Let's Talk SEND meetings on the Local Offer.

[www.localoffertowerhamlets.co.uk/pages/local-offer/send/let-s-talk-send](http://www.localoffertowerhamlets.co.uk/pages/local-offer/send/let-s-talk-send)

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This event is organised by the Tower Hamlets Independent SEND Parent Forum and co-produced with the City SEND Parent Carer Forum and the Tower Hamlets Parent and Carer Council.

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## 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 <sup>th</sup> & Tue 5 <sup>th</sup> September
First Day of Term	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September
Half Term	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October
Second half of term	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October
Last Day of Term	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December

*Christmas Day Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December*

*Boxing Day Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> December*

#### Spring Term 2024 (54 days)

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

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

*Good Friday Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March*

*Easter Monday Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April*

#### Summer Term 2024 (66 days)

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

*Ramadan begins Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024\**

*Eid Al-Fitr Tuesday/ Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>/ 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024\**

*Eid Al-Adha Sunday/ Monday 16<sup>th</sup>/ 17<sup>th</sup> 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**