



St John's Newsletter

Friday 26th April 2024

An update from Mr. Rubin...

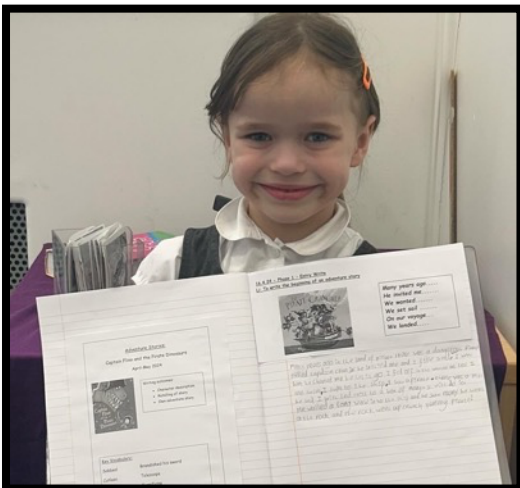
I hope you had a lovely Easter break and families and friends who celebrated Eid had a wonderful day. Our Value of the Term is Endurance which is an apt one as we transition into exam season for our children.

I am conscious that tests can be nerve-wracking. The key message that we give to our pupils is that they have worked hard and they are ready! One set of tests test does not define a child and as a school, we are more concerned about our children being happy, feeling secure and then being in a good place to learn. I have said on many occasions that happy children learn and I believe that when you come in to see the children, they are happy, engaged, working hard and achieving. We make sure that children hear the message that they need to be as Mrs Jheeta would say, 'the best versions of themselves.' We are fiercely ambitious for all of our children and our results compare most favourably with national and local scores.

Our office team are working hard to make sure that you have the dates for the term shared on our website. I know it can be extremely difficult to attend events if you do not have the details. Whilst sometimes in primary school, we receive last minute opportunities, I do hear the feedback around communicating as effectively as possible.

I hope you enjoy reading what the children have been up to – it has certainly been an action packed first couple of weeks back.

Have a lovely weekend and be kind to one another.



Sharing Success at St John's

There is nothing better than children coming into the office and sharing great work and seeing the excitement on someone's face when they have won the Kindness Cup!



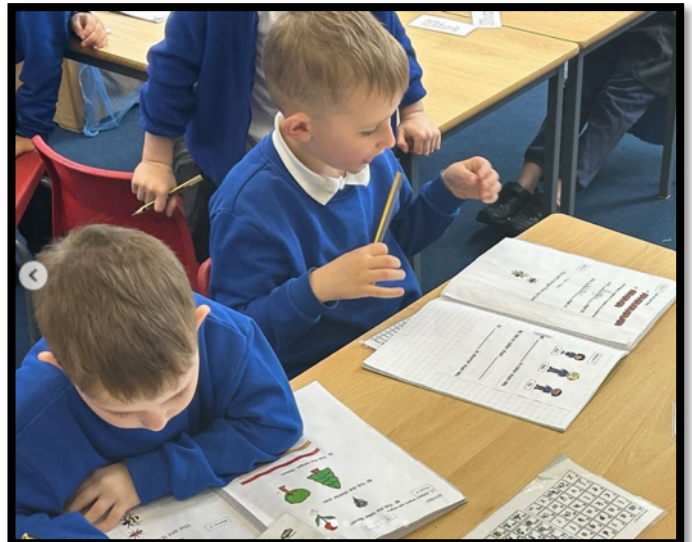
Follow Us on Twitter

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

Year 1 Update

Year one is now nicely settled into their new classroom and it has been a smooth transition for them. In the picture below, you can see the children working hard in their mathematics lesson.



Follow Us on Instagram

Another way to keep up to date with what is happening in our school is to follow us on Instagram @stjohnsbethnalgreen

We have 42 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.



Food Bank Update – Mr Rubin

The Easter break saw our busiest foodbank yet. The school receives donations from The Felix Project, Reynolds Greengrocers, Tower Hamlets Council and assistance from The Cooks Livery and Hygiene Bank. Thank you to Mr. Andy from St Paul's who collected lots of goods in his car.

Families that visited our foodbank received a selection of goodies and hygiene products. This foodbank would be impossible to do without the assistance of our staff and their families who come into the school in their holidays to set everything up. It is a lot of lifting and carrying and I am immensely grateful to all of our staff that were and have been able to support this project. If you need assistance, we do receive regularly donations of food. Please email us on parents@st-johns.towerhamlets.sch.uk or mention it to me or Mrs Jheeta at the gate and we can organise a slot for you and your family.



Reception Class Visit the Farm

What a lovely opportunity to get back to nature and see so many beautiful animals. Thank you to Ms Shebli for organising it and all the staff and volunteers who assisted. The children had a wonderful time!





Year 6 Update

On the first page I spoke about it being test season. Soon, our Year 6 children will be sitting their SATS tests. I know they have been working extremely hard.

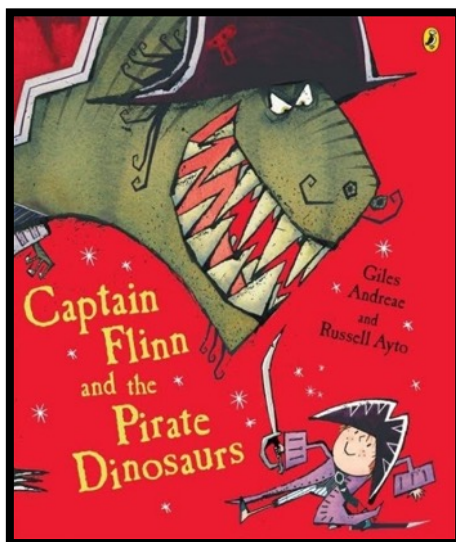
What is important is that children receive a balanced education – our school is not just about teaching to tests.

Recently pupils visited Morgan Stanley to learn about the importance of finance and the trading market. You can also see them enjoying a challenging game of bench ball.

Class Two Update

Children in Class Two have been working very hard, immersing themselves in the fantastic text, 'Captain Flinn and the Pirate Dinosaurs.'

To understand more about the context and the characterisation, children explored and role-played pirates, making props and modelling boats.



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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Your guide to information and
services for families in Tower Hamlets



LOCAL OFFER
@localoffer 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 Chili in Soft Taco Shell with Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Beef Kofte 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

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	Mixed 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 Chili 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 Ceviche 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

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

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

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 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