



St John's Newsletter

14th February 2019

An update from Mr Rubin...

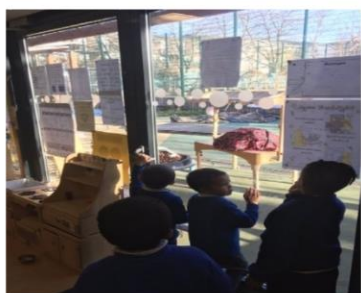
I am trying to figure out how to cram everything that has been going on in the last couple of weeks into the space that I have and it really is quite the challenge! I have managed to squeeze in an article that Rashina and Denise gave me about our parent volunteers too which is well worth a read! Rashina and Denise are doing a great job and I am so pleased they are in our team.

Mrs. Dixon and I have completed our pupil progress meetings with the staff which was very useful. We have had mental health week which reminds us of the importance of looking after ourselves. We have looked at strategies to help us relax which can help us to learn and achieve more. We do lots of work around our zones of regulation in school. They help our children to recognise what to do if they are finding things a bit tricky. Talk to your children about this – they should have lots to tell you. I use it and it works!

Have a restful weekend, a peaceful half term and be kind to one another.

Congratulations Ms Wall!

On Saturday 8th February Ms. Wall married Jack at St. Paul's Cathedral. They had a fantastic day and the weather was lovely. Our whole school community would like to wish them both a happy and healthy marriage. It is no surprise that Ms. Wall was back at work on Monday! She has assured me that she will be having a honeymoon during half term.



Sandpit Success

Mrs. Brownbill has been correctly pointing out for a while that the sand area we had was in need of modernisation.

Buying a new one would cost thousands of pounds and the school simply does not have the money in the budget. Undeterred, Mrs. Brownbill used all of her powers of persuasion and spoke to her contacts at Mace, an international construction company who built us one! Thank you for your ingenuity and resilience Mrs. Brownbill. Everyone is so grateful and our children love it! A big thank you to the builders who gave up their time, especially Chat, Ben and Michael.



Year 2 Update Mrs Moses

Year 2 had a great trip to Hyde Park last Wednesday. They went pond dipping, log rolling and bird watching. They found out all about different habitats and micro-habitats and the animals that lived there. The children had a fantastic time learning about nature that lives on their doorstep.

St. John's Awarded Silver Accreditation in Philosophy for Children

As a school, we promote philosophical enquiry and reflection through the teaching of P4C (Philosophy for Children). Due to the amazing teaching and learning that has taken place in this subject, St John's has been awarded with a silver accreditation! We are so proud to have been acknowledged for all the hard work demonstrated by our teachers and children. A special thank you to Miss Bentley for getting this up and running in our school and to Ms. Wall who now leads this subject. Next stop gold!!!



Year 3 Update – Mr. Smee

Year 3 have been learning all about volcanoes. Children have built and painted models to simulate lava flow during an eruption. Watch out for the pyroclastic flow (That's the ash cloud that is much faster than lava!)



Please follow the school on Twitter @5tJohnsTower for all the latest news in and around our school. It is a great way to stay up to date with all the exciting things that are going on. We have 153 followers!

Safer Internet Day @ St. John's – Mrs. Moses

On Tuesday we celebrated Safer Internet Day with an assembly all about how important it is to keep your personal information and identify safe on the internet. We also handed out prizes to our two winners for the E-Safety Poster Homework to Kaitlyn - y5 and Emma y1. Thank you Mrs. Moses for organising this.

Parents/Carers: Please help your child to keep safe online by reminding your children about the following:

1. Only talk to people you know and trust in real life
2. Don't give away personal information to strangers - like what street you live on, or where you go to school. Say "no" if they ask you to share photos or videos of yourself
3. Set your profiles to private
4. Be 'share aware' - once you share something online, you've got no control over what anyone else does with it. And it's illegal to take, share or view sexual images of under-18s, full stop
5. Be mindful of your digital footprint - it could come back to bite you
6. If you see something upsetting, or someone bullies you, tell an adult you trust
7. Don't assume everything you see is true to life. People often make their lives look more exciting online
8. Watch out for hoaxes and scams, like messages you're asked to pass on or that ask you for payment details or passwords
9. Be wary of schemes that promise easy cash in return for you receiving and transferring money
10. Watch out for loot boxes or other ways that games get you to pay - before you know it you can spend a lot on them



Oracy Project

Our focus on oracy continues to gain momentum. We are fortunate that our former Chair of Governors Mr. Ian Graham has volunteered his time to work with our children to develop their presentation skills. Children were asked to present on a topic of their choice for one minute and then given feedback to build on next time.



Parent volunteers at St John's



Parents from **St John's CE Primary School** have been learning how to support children's learning in a specialist course delivered by the Parental Engagement Team. **The Volunteering in Your Child's School** course equips parents with the skills necessary for their role as volunteer. On completing the course, the proud parents received huge applause from children and staff as they were presented with their certificates at the whole school awards assembly.

The parent volunteers have already been playing a key role in school life. They have helped organise an international evening and Christmas Fair to raise funds for extra-curricular activities.

Keen to support families at the school, the volunteers have even taken over responsibility for the maintenance of the parents' notice board. Using this, they hope to keep parents informed and encourage them to become more involved in school life.

Two of the parents have also gone on to gain employment in schools.





Governing Body Strategic Away Day 5th February

In the last newsletter I spoke about the important role Governors play in supporting the work of the school, helping to oversee the plans for the future and evaluating the effectiveness of the work that is being done. We will be conducting an election for a parent Associate Governor in the week we return to school which is fantastic news.

Our Governing Body met on the 5th February to review the school improvement plan and self-evaluation forms. We also had a fantastic presentation from Ms. Kam and Ms. Carly on the important work Place2Be is doing in our schools.

We are so fortunate to have such an enthusiastic, committed group of Governors who give up their time to help us. A special thank you to our friends at the Town House hotel who donated a room for us to work in.

Year 3 Girls Visit Fire Station



This week, our ICANBE girls visited Nicola at Bethnal Green Fire Station. She showed everyone around and let them use a real fire hose! The children tried on Nicola's uniform, sat in the fire truck and waved the firefighters off as they had a live emergency. I Can Be brings 7- and 8-year-old girls into the world of work, introducing them to inspiring women and helping them to discover the breadth of opportunity around them.



Thank you Kaitlyn and Oliver!

Mrs. Brownbill and her whole team wanted to thank Kaitlyn and Oliver for taking such good care of 'Rock', their class guinea pig, over the Christmas holidays.



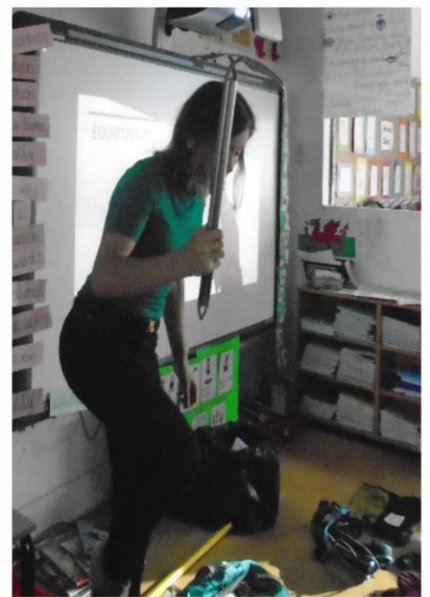
Children's Mental Health Week

We marked Children's Mental Health Week with a variety of activities. We have added to our 'toolkits for calm' by making lavender bags, glitter jars and mindful colouring. Classes 1&2 were visited by a yoga teacher who taught us breathing and calming techniques. A big thank you to Ms. Pink and Ms. Kam for organising this.



Year 1 Update Ms. Pink

Year 1 had a visit from a real-life explorer! We have been learning about the Arctic and Antarctica in science and in IPC we have looked at significant people in history - Captain Scott and his expedition to find the South Pole. Children really enjoyed meeting Chloe who spent 4 weeks in Antarctica and showed us all the equipment she needed for her expedition and photos of the animals she saw there. Now we can compare exploration in past and present.



St. John's Journalism Club will be spreading some love this Valentines Day and we want YOU to join us!

We will have 101 love hearts hidden around the building this week.

If you find one, upload a picture of yourself and your positive affirmation to twitter, but don't forget to tag us @StJohnsTower and use the hashtag #stjohnsarespreadinglove

Good luck everyone and we look forward to seeing you share your hearts with us!

Consultation for Early Years End of Day

I have been thinking for a while now that it would be good for all of our children to finish the day at the same time at 3:30pm. This would give our children in the early years an additional 50 minutes of learning per week. I would like parents to consider this and send their views in to reception@st-johns.towerhamlets.sch.uk so that our governors and leadership team can reflect on your views.

Attendance W/B 13th of January 2020

	Class	Sessions Missed	Class attendance as a percentage
1 st	C1	2	97.88%
2 nd	C5	2	97.71%
3 rd	REC	2	96.67%
	C2	3	96.62%
	C3	5	95.94%
	C6	2	94.92%
	NUR	1	93.33%
	C4	10	88.99%

Significant Achievement

Name	Class
Joshua Buyoya	Year 1
Keymyah McIndoe-Wilson	Year 1
Georgie Kirrage	Year 2
Scarlett O'Grady	Year 2
Raidah Chowdhury	Year 3
Cairo Ward Brown-Edwards	Year 3
Jack Cox	Year 4
Ronnie Condon	Year 4
Rhylee Gurley	Year 5
Taiba Miah	Year 5
Ronnie Goggin	Year 6
Jessica Williams-Cox	Year 6

**Birthdays 21st January- 27th January**

Name	Class	Age
Taiba Miah	C5	10
Tylan Hassan-King	C4	9

Awards

Year 1: GREEN: Mason Goni and Emilise Berekiah Chovu

Year 3: GREEN: Aaliyah Hickey, Faiza Rahman, Armaan Kabir, Beau Philips, Kalan Hassan-King, Aidan Fox, Sharon De La Portilla, Max Cox and Connie Day-Leigh

Year 4: GREEN: Jay Moss-Hart, Anya Brown, Jack Cox, Siata Kamara, Dakota McIndoe-Wilson and Ayman Uddin. **BRONZE:** Lucy Richards

Year 5: GREEN: Benedict Jutta, Jack Slade

Year 6: BRONZE: Ruby Cross and Samad Samad

Kindness Cup

Sophie Pickford – For always kind to other members of the class.

Golden Bus Nominations

Year 1 – Ayah Hussain and Yousra Ahmed

Year 2 – Benjamin De La Portilla Dominguez and Teddy Angove-Danaher

Year 3 – Azim Hussain and Katy Klinprachum

Year 4 – Anaiya Steadman-Akerelele and Taylor Hassan

Year 5 – Hannah Elezaj and Amy O'Kane

Year 6 – Medow Cohen and Ahmed Khan

Attendance Good Awards

Year 1 – Mason Goni

Year 2 – Eliza Elezaj, Georgie Kirrage and Joju Popoola

Year 3 – Lila Balderstone, Raidah Chowdhury, Max Cox, Sharon De La Portilla and Katy Klinprachum

Year 4 – Jack Cox, Dillon Philips and Ayman Uddin

Year 5 – Lottie Carter, Hannah Elezaj, Joseph Igbomor, Tiago Muto Dos Ramos, Jack Slade and Kartar Solie-Bartle

Year 6 – Poppy Abberley-Bargeman, Jonathon De La Portilla Dominguez and Samad Samad

Attendance Excellent Awards

Reception- Samara Zaman

Year 1 – Alice Carter, Ayah Hussain, Elijah Igheghe, Aryan Kabir, Keymyah McIndoe-Wilson and Anais Morton

Year 2 – Jessica Massey, Scarlett O’Grady, Sophie Pickford, Callum Smith, Lydia Soud and Mun Tasir

Year 3 – Jaiden Ayaoge, Connie Day-Leigh, Aaliyah Hickey, Maleke Horne, Azim Hussain, Armaan Kabir and Shannon O’Grady

Year 4 – Anya Brown, Taylor Hassan, Ethan Husands-Pitt, Siata Kamara and Dakota McIndoe-Wilson

Year 5 – Tawsif Ahmed, Tyrese Ayaoge, Sun Bhuyian, Malachi James, Benedict Jutta, Aysha Khader, Daniel Kirrage, Tommy Pickford

Year 6 – Tahmina Akthar, Ruby Cross, Fahmida Kabir, Hannah Richards, Synicia Weidemann Asare, Onye Nnaji Abara and Jessica Williams-Cox



Attendance W/B 20th of January 2020

	Class	Sessions Missed	Class attendance as a percentage
1 st	C2	1	98.26%
2 nd	C5	4	97.08%
3 rd	C4	4	96.25%
	REC	1	96.00%
	C3	8	94.46%
	C6	6	93.85%
	C1	7	88.57%
	NUR	5	77.27%

Significant Achievement

Name	Class
Emma Woolgar	Year 1
Amani Ali	Year 1
Terence Jenkins	Year 2
Mun Tasir	Year 2
Jaaziel Igbomor	Year 3
Shannon O’Grady	Year 3
Emily Eberhard	Year 4
Ronnie Condon	Year 4
Kartar Solie-Bartle	Year 5
Jamie Horne	Year 5
Fahmida Kabir	Year 6
Harmony Whelton	Year 6

Golden Bus Nominations

Year 1 – Keymyah McIndoe-Wilson and Harley Berry
Year 2 – Teegan Stevens and Lydia Soud
Year 3 – Yaqub Miah and Sharon De La Portilla
Year 4 – Amani Hussain and Charlie Wheeler
Year 5 – Tawsif Ishtiaq Ahmed and Lottie Carter
Year 6 – Jonathan De La Portilla Dominguez and Rahad Uddin

Birthdays 28th January- 3rd February

Name	Class	Age
Rafan Ahmed	3	8
Habene Leoul	NUR	4
Rahad Uddin	6	11
Charlie Wheeler	4	9
Ethan Husabands-Pitt	4	9

Awards

Year 1: GREEN: Harley Berry and Arafah Zahrah.

Year 5: GREEN: Hannah Elezaj, Aysha Khader, Tiago Muto Dos Ramos, Tommy Pickford, Kaitlyn-Rose Bingley, Tyrese Ayaoge, Kartar

Solie-Bartle, Michael Walsh, Tawsif Ishtiaq Ahmed, Taiba Miah and Noosrath Ahmed.

Year 6:

Kindness Cup: Elijah Igheghe for being kind to a friend when they were feeling sad.