



# St John's Newsletter

28th September 2020

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

The children have settled back into school well and there is a lovely atmosphere in the classrooms. There are some differences – Collective Worship, playtimes, and lunchtimes have changed but the children have adapted well. I would like to thank you all for your cooperation with the dropping off and picking up arrangements. We are continually monitoring Government and PHE guidance and will let you know if there are any updates.

In this edition Denise and Rashina have kindly put together some top tips for setting up zoom online and there is also some information about half term childcare. As ever, our Senior Leadership Team are present at the gate in the mornings and after school. If you do need to get in contact with us, please address any questions to our parents email address [parents@st-johns.towerhamlets.sch.uk](mailto:parents@st-johns.towerhamlets.sch.uk)

Stay safe and be kind to one another.



## Artis Update – Mr. Rubin

We are so pleased to be working with Artis. Every Monday, Sian will be coming to St. John's to work with our classes supporting children with their learning, integrating the arts more into the curriculum. The feedback I received from the first week was so positive and I am thrilled we have them in our school. If you would like some more information about their work, do take a look at their website <https://www.artisfoundation.org.uk>



## Dolly Parton's Imagination Library – Mrs Brownbill

St. John's is proud to be working in partnership with Dolly Parton's Imagination library, and all pupils in EYFS will be gifted a free age appropriate book every month! The books will be received in the post to your home address. Please ask Mrs Brownbill if you have any further questions.



We now have 224 followers on Twitter. Thank you to everyone who has signed up. Please follow us @5tJohnsTower – it's a great way to see what is happening in school.

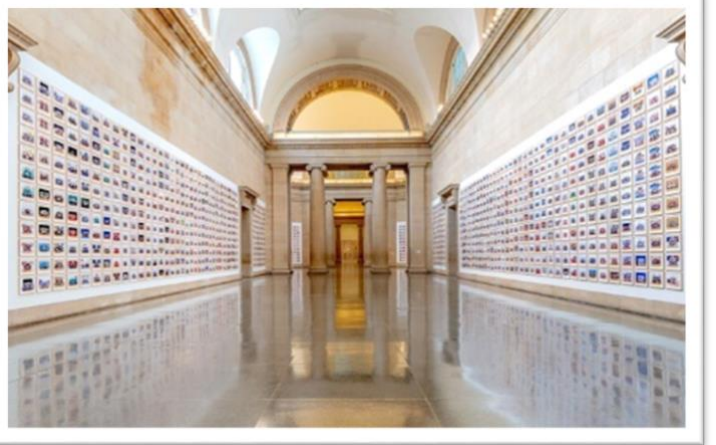
## Welcome

Hello to our new children who have joined us in Nursery: Aaira, Khalil, Rayan, Summer, Ava, Elijah and Selina - A warm welcome to St. John's. We will have more new arrivals in our Nursery class in the weeks to come!

### Steve McQueen Project Update – Mr Hurst

Our current Class 5 participated in Tate Britain's Steve McQueen Year 3 exhibition in 2018, photographed and displayed with thousands of Year 3 children across London. We were due to visit the exhibition in April but this could not go ahead. Whilst Tate Britain cannot re-arrange any previous school bookings due to current restrictions, they are encouraging families to visit the exhibition before it closes on 31st January 2021. We are able to share, although encourage you to use the information safely and responsibly, that our photograph location is Section 13. Please see Tate Britain website for more details.

<https://www.tate.org.uk/whats-on/tate-britain/exhibition/steve-mcqueen-year-3>



### Online Safety Workshops Update – Ms Moses

We're pleased to be inviting back 'Perform' in October to bring us some exciting drama-based workshops and help bring the topic of Online Safety to life. Linked to the National Curriculum and the 'Zip It, Block It, Flag It' campaign, the workshops will deliver the necessary key messages, specially tailored to each age range.

In KS1 the children will become Cyber Superheroes, going on an adventure where they learn about internet safety through making good choices.

In KS2 children will become Digital Detectives using drama to explain the importance of keeping our details safe and understanding potential issues and when to question them.





## Message from Denise and Rashina Support available in the borough

Here is a brief about the Up to Speed project;

The Bromley by Bow Centre are delivering a digital inclusion project which incorporates money management elements. As organisations move towards using digital platforms to connect with their customers, it's become increasingly important to understand how the various platforms work and how to navigate them, particularly during the COVID 19 pandemic.

The project aims to build participants' knowledge and confidence to navigate online platforms. For example:

- People on UC will learn how to navigate their online accounts
- Participants will learn how to use online comparison sites, particularly to save on their energy bills by switching
- Getting people to think about online banking and the benefits
- Shopping online – how to save money.
- Staying safe online
- And more!

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### Upcoming meeting for parent/carers

# Keeping our schools and communities safe

**ZOOM MEETING**  
for Tower Hamlets  
parents and carers

**SPEAKERS:**

**Kevin Courtney** (NEU  
Joint General Secretary)  
**Apsana Begum MP**  
● Other speakers to be  
confirmed

How can we press the government for  
faster Covid testing and more support  
for schools, children and families?

**Wednesday 30th September 6pm**



**Zoom meeting:**  
**Meeting ID: 826 6427 9506**  
**Password: 456174**



**Holiday Childcare Scheme**

## Holiday Childcare Scheme - book for October half term

The Tower Hamlets Holiday Childcare Scheme offers play provision for children aged three to 13-years-old.

The October scheme will be held at St Mary and St Michael Primary School from Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October 2020.

[Book now >](#)

## Free virtual sessions for worried parents

This year it's been a 'back to school' like no other. From worries about class bubbles and schools closing again to figuring out how to get the most out of 'blended learning'- there's been a lot for parents to navigate.

The Parental Engagement Team continue to provide support and respond to parents' changing needs with their offer of free, virtual sessions. You'll have a chance to share your experiences, ask questions and pick up some useful tips from experienced schools and families' practitioners.

Topics include support for parents on:

- Key stage 1 and 2 maths and reading
- Learning in the early years
- Online safety and learning using school websites (also covering online learning portals such as Google Classroom and Purple Mash) which our very own Denise and Rashina are delivering.
- Healthy families' tips

There will also be a session on how to create a rich home learning environment that compliments lessons at school.

The first session delivered via Zoom is on **Tuesday 29 September** with a discussion on supporting your child's learning as they return to school.

For more information, including dates, times and how to attend, please click the link below.

[Information to book places here >](#)

# Setting Up Zoom



A quick-start guide for getting started on the Zoom platform. Tips for before the meeting, how to join, waiting, and during the meeting.

**FamiliesMatter**  
Tower Hamlets Parental Engagement Team



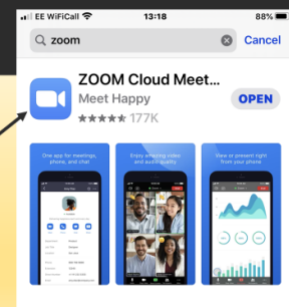
Here is a step by step guide on how to install and use Zoom, which schools are using more and more instead of having face to face meetings.

We will be delivering a number of workshops over the coming months using this portal. More information to follow.

Search the app store for your device and look for the zoom logo

## ADDING ZOOM TO YOUR DEVICE

Before joining a Zoom meeting on a computer or mobile device, you can download the Zoom app at [www.zoom.com](http://www.zoom.com) or on the app store



## JOINING A MEETING ON IOS

Via the Zoom app on iOS (iPhone, iPad, etc.):

Tap JOIN A MEETING (no need to sign in). Enter your MEETING ID and enter your display name (or initials). You do NOT need to be signed in to Zoom.

Be sure your audio and video are on and select JOIN.



## JOINING A MEETING ON ANDROID

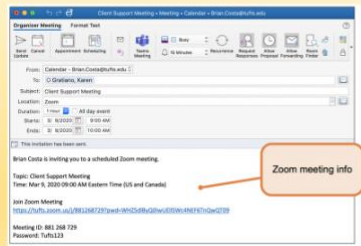
Via the Zoom app on Android: Be sure you have downloaded the Zoom app via the Google Play Store.

Tap JOIN A MEETING. Enter your MEETING ID and enter your display name (or initials).

You do NOT need to be signed in to Zoom. Be sure your audio and video are on and select JOIN.



## JOINING ZOOM VIA EMAIL INVITATION



Via Email sent by a teacher, school staff or other professional  
Click the **JOIN LINK** in your email or calendar invitation.

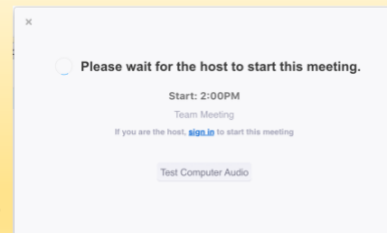
You may be prompted to open Zoom depending on your browser

If you receive an email invitation then you just need to click on the link. You may need to wait for the meeting host to start the meeting, but they always try to start on time.

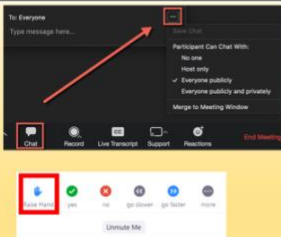
## HOW TO USE ZOOM FOR MEETINGS

Waiting for the Host (teacher/staff) to Start the Meeting:

If the staff have not started broadcasting (meaning he/she is not yet on your screen), you'll receive something similar as the following message (see right image). Just patiently wait a few minutes for them to start.



## DURING THE MEETING



You as the parent/carer have a few controls during the meeting. Here are a few common ones:

- **CHAT:** You can open a chat window by clicking CHAT. This is a great feature to have in case someone's speakers aren't working or are not on. You can alert each other via CHAT if you can't hear one another.
- **RAISE HAND:** You could tap the RAISE HAND button while the teacher/staff is speaking in case you have a question about something that he/she is discussing or working on with your child. This alerts your teacher/staff that you need them when they has a moment.

**PATIENCE:** Technology works great...when it works! Patience and understanding is so important when starting out with something new like this.

## FOR FURTHER ADVICE OR SESSIONS

Contact the Parent Engagement Team at:

[parents@st-johns@towerhamlets.sch.uk](mailto:parents@st-johns@towerhamlets.sch.uk)



## **Bethnal Green After School Club**

**Bethnal Green After School Club** is Ofsted-registered, and open to children aged 3 to 11.

There are two branches of the club:

**Globe Primary**, Gawber St, OFSTED: 2549328 and **Bangabandhu Primary**, Wessex Street, OFSTED: 2549327

Both are open **Monday—Friday, 3 pm—6 pm.**

Cost is £11 per child, per afternoon.

Children are picked up from Bangabandhu, Bonner, Globe, Hague, St Johns and John Scurr Primary Schools, and Rachel Keeling nursery.

For enquiries or to register a place, contact  
Globe Club Manager Amanda Carter

[Bethnalgreenafterschoolclub@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Bethnalgreenafterschoolclub@yahoo.co.uk) or [07593618663](tel:07593618663)

or [Bangabandhu Club Manager Muna Hassan BangabASC@gmail.com](mailto:Bangabandhu Club Manager Muna Hassan BangabASC@gmail.com) or **07**

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