

STJJ NEWS



St John and St James C of E Primary School Newsletter

29th November 2019

From the Headteacher

Christmas is the season of giving and we are supporting lots of charities at St John and St James this year. The children have been busy little elves collecting for the Samaritan's Purse Shoebox appeal and our boxes are on the way to lots of deserving children around the world.

Next Friday we will be dressing as elves in support of Dementia. Miss Glover has added a link to our Just Giving page but you can send a donation in on the day if you prefer.

Supporting charities is a perfect way to show our value this term of 'Community' and the children are really getting into the giving spirit.

BELIEVE AND ACHIEVE

Our vision is to create an inclusive community of aspirational learners, children, families and colleagues, working collaboratively and respectfully within a happy, nurturing environment where all flourish and achieve.

'I have come that you may have life, life in all its fullness'.

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Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

Our school council packed shoe boxes for the 2019 Operation Christmas Child Appeal.

Thank you to those families who donated so generously.



Volunteers around the world hand out shoebox gifts in deprived communities at festive outreach events. Along with the shoebox gifts children are also offered a Bible story booklet called The Greatest Gift, which tells them the story of God's greatest gift, his son Jesus.



On Wednesday 27th, Year 6 had a workshop with Enfield Youth Development team about the changes happening in our local area.

We discussed what makes a community (which is this term's value) and how we think we can improve it. It was great having an opportunity to voice our opinions and be heard by someone from the council.

Next week we will be walking around the local area and taking pictures of what makes us, 'Mad, Sad and Glad' so look out for us! These pictures are going to be made into a collage which will be shared with the council and people within our community.

Pathways Assembly

Each half term we have Christian assemblies by Pathways. These are always inspirational, fun and thought provoking. The children love listening to the Bible stories brought to life in new and exciting ways. Pathway have been coming to St John and St James for many years. This week we had the first of our Christmas assemblies.





KS1 – Madura, Charlotte, Eren, Kezia, Jordan, Christopher, Sara and Zerya

KS2 – Rubino, Donka, Taurian, Kimmarah, Barbara, Rodan, Daren, Latifa, Arben, Mary-Al, Jannelle and Calvin



Community Value Awards

KS1

Leonardo, Paige, Moyinoluwa, Sara, Berat, Christopher

KS2

Donka, Nicole, Gunay, Andrei, Zabetha, Mia, Mirabel, Nesiah





3J worked very hard to put on a fantastic assembly to showcase all the things they have learnt. Not only am I impressed with all the learning they have achieved this term, I am also impressed with the way 3J worked as a team to support each other with their lines and dance routines. Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to watch the assembly and a special thanks to those who supplied African attire for the children to wear. Well done 3J!

Miss Jaiyesimi

Google Legends

Last week the children met visitors from google, who came in to help us learn to stay safe on the internet.

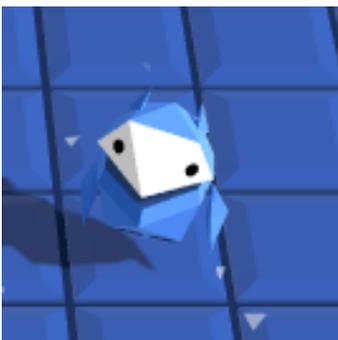
The assembly was interactive and great fun. The children met characters who have made careless mistakes when sharing information on the internet. They learned some important lessons.

They also learned how to keep their accounts secure by using a range of capital letters, numbers and symbols in their passwords..



Go on a learning adventure with your child so they can show you top tips about keeping your internet secure and safe!

https://beinternetlegends.withgoogle.com/en_uk/interland



On Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd years 5 and 6 were lucky enough to have a workshop delivered by the charity Tender. 'Tender is an Arts charity who work with young people to prevent abuse by promoting healthy relationships based on equality and respect.'



We discussed what it means to be a good friend as well as what to do when relationships between family and friends become difficult. We spoke about who we can go to when we are worried

Aurisa - We learned that our bodies are ours and we can say no if we feel uncomfortable.

Danita – In the workshop, I have learned that everyone needs their own personal space even if it is your friend. I also learnt that you can say no if you don't feel comfortable.

Marithe – I have learned that people are all similar and have the same worries.



The Day Explorer

Family Read

Billions to be spent in Black Friday spree

Do we care too much about presents? The busiest shopping day of the year is here. People are rushing to buy Christmas gifts. However, many believe that Christmas is about more than presents.

<https://explorer.theday.co.uk/>



Working together as a community

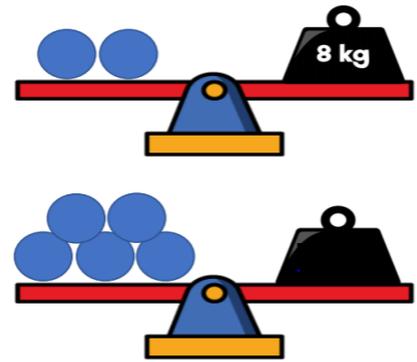
This week Year 2 and Year 6 had the opportunity to take part in a joint PE lesson. This allowed Year 6 to work collaboratively with Year 2 through sports, inspiring, supporting and encouraging them. The lesson was differentiated to accommodate both the needs and curriculum objectives for Year 2 and Year 6. Pupils were able to display what they had learnt in gymnastics through a fun and challenging obstacle course. It was a great way to display our current school Christian value -Community.



Year 5 Riddle of the Week!

I am an odd number. Take away a letter and I become even. What number am I?

Talk someone through how to solve this problem. You may know the answer but can you explain it?



What is the mass of the weight on the second scale?

Y5 Bikeability

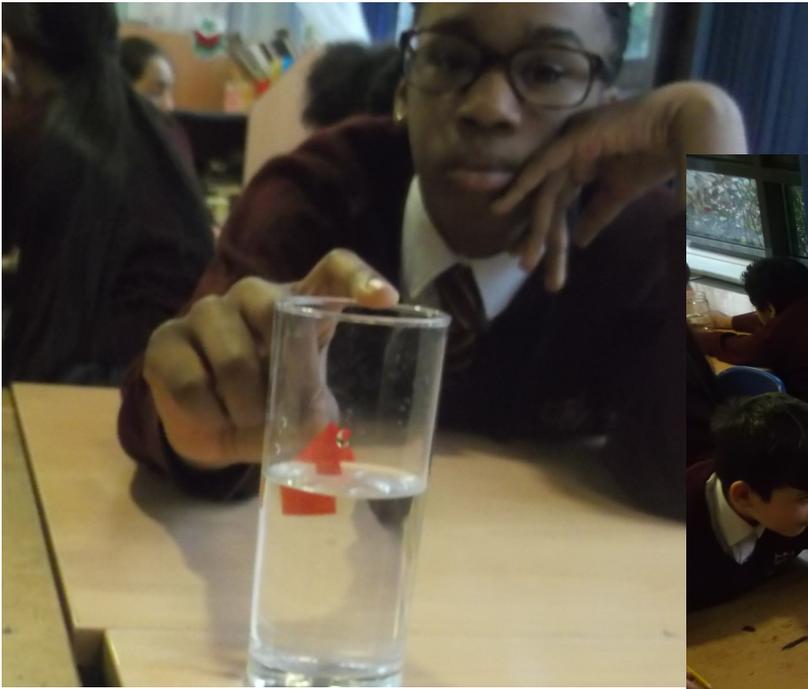
Despite the lovely British weather this week, our Year 5's have had an amazing time learning how to safely ride a bike.



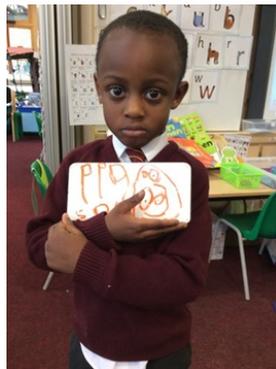
We had a lot of interest this half term and it has been a joy to see so many pupils taking advantage of this opportunity.

We look forward to awarding them their level 1 and level 2 bikeability certificates.

Year 6 Science

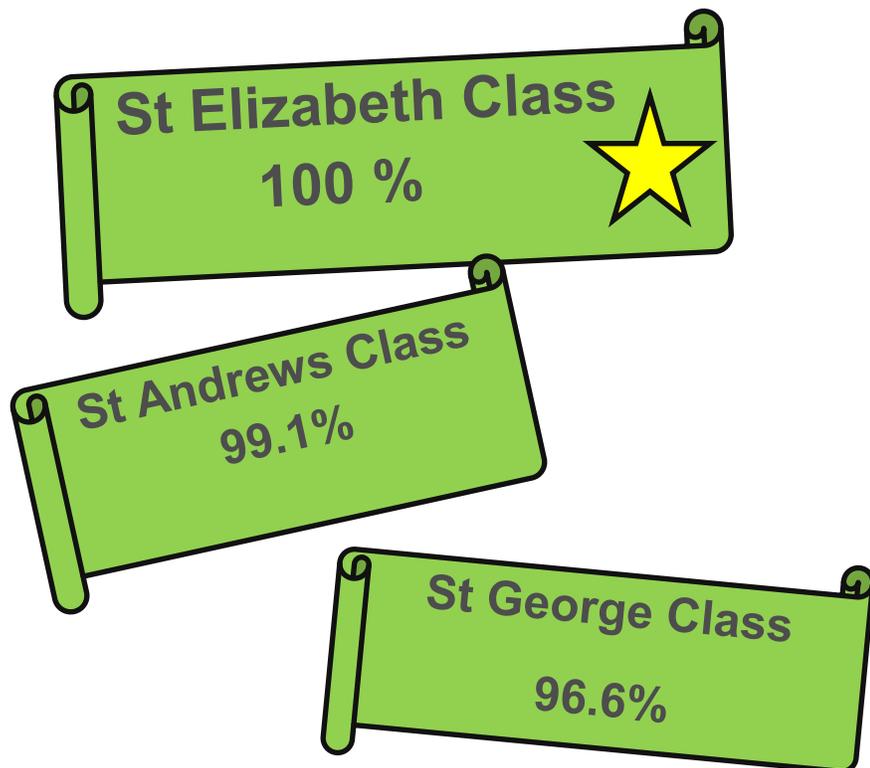


In Science, 6JA have been looking at refraction. Refraction is the bending of rays when they pass at an angle from air into water. We had different glasses filled with water and when we placed an arrow behind the water it looked like image had been bent, however it was just refracted!



Our wonderful reception children have been retelling, writing and performing their favourite stories

ATTENDANCE – Remember Every School Day Counts



Attendance

92.7% - 22.11.19

- Reception—86.5%
- Year 1 - 86.6%
- Year 2—97%
- Year 3— 90%
- Year 4— 96%
- Year 5— 95%
- Year 6— 96%

Sadly, this week only 3 classes met our school target of 96%. We have had a significant number of pupil absence due to sickness. Can we remind you that if your child is feeling under the weather, you should still send them to school, often they feel better once they are with their friends.

However, if your child has vomited or had **diarrhoea** we ask that you keep them home for 48 hours to prevent 'bugs or virus' spreading to others.

If your child is sick or absent for any reason please call the school office as soon as possible.

Contact Us: We always welcome feedback!

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