

From the Headteacher

The Christmas festivities are well underway and the children are having a great time getting into the spirit of Christmas.

Over the next few weeks we have lots of events taking place so make sure you keep track of the Christmas Calendar; it means so much for the children for you to be involved in the celebrations.

Next Friday is our Christmas Cracker Fete and it's turning out to be the biggest and best so far so put the date in your diary.

The Friends of St John and St James are appealing for parent volunteers to help on the day so if you can spare the time, please make yourself known at the school office.

The staff are looking forward to seeing you over the next few weeks so please come over and say 'hello' and let us know what you think and how we can improve things even more!

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'.

1 John 10 vs10



Elf Day

We started the day with an assembly to show off our fantastic Elf costumes. Everyone looked amazing, even the teachers got involved.

'Mentally and Physically Fit'

The children had a great day being busy little elves. Miss Glover had planned the day so that there was not a second to waste.





The children sent their best spellers to compete in the year group spelling bees. We were so proud of the way in which the children encouraged and supported each other. Throughout the day the coaches led Elf races, lots of children competed and there were Impact sports T shirts for the winners! Times tables challenges were also popular and the children performed well, gaining points for their house teams.

Elf Dodgeball was the highlight of the day. The squeals of delight could be heard across the school.



Whilst the children had great fun, the real meaning of the day was not lost! The Dementia charity is close to Miss Glover's heart and we managed to collect over £200 in school as well as over £300 on the Justgiving page, so we would like to thank all of our families for your overwhelming generosity.

We are continually seeking ways to help our children to develop a sense of charity and community



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The children searched for Christmas clues in an outdoor orienteering activity.



Even our lunchtime helpers joined in the spirit of the day!



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On Thursday 5th December 6JA celebrated Elf Day. We had an elf-tastic day doing fun events and participating as a class community. During our Elf Day we took part in an inter house competition and completed a Spelling B, Times table challenges and a house race. We had to come into school dressed in Elf costumes or Christmas accessories to raise money for Alzheimer's and Dementia.

Our winners were:
Spelling B – Lois from Jubilee
Times Table Challenge – Ghaleeb from Forty
Elf Race – Christabelle from Capel

We enjoyed taking part in Elf day as it was fun. It was also nice to support our local community which is our value this term.

As John 10:10 states, "I have come in order that you may have life – life in all its fullness", we want every person to live life to the full and we can support this by donating to charity.

And whilst the day was full of fun and excitement we were delighted with the exceptional behaviour from all children.



Elf Races



Competing in the Spelling Bee



The Times Table Challenge

Lining Up
Cup Winners
KS1 – 2E
KS2 – 6JB

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KS1 – Arjin, Tony, Isaac, Zlatka, Mustafa, Simon, Eliezer & Guney

KS2 – Hunt, Joel, Mary-Al, Jaya, Ethan, Zion, Joshua B, Gabriel, Rowland, Marithe, Cinar, Joanna, Denisa, Jenny, Renee & Ryan



Community Value Awards

KS1

Simon, Joy, Zahra,
Nabil, Enis and Nia

KS2

Narin and Ephraim





Year 2 Song Sack

This term we have had the opportunity to work with Caroline from Song Sack on a Thursday afternoon. She has been teaching us a variety of different songs based around the topics we have been learning about in class. On Thursday we enjoyed performing a selection of these songs to our friends and families. Year 2 would like to say thank you to Caroline for teaching them some amazing new songs. We will be singing them for a long time to come.

Our parents and families were treated to a fantastic musical performance.



Bishop Stopford Christmas Service

Over the last couple of weeks, pupils in Year 5 & 6 at St John and St James have been practicing with teachers from Bishop Stopford School, in preparation for their joint performance on 10th December.

Parents of children in Year 5 & 6 are encouraged to take them to join the performance and stay to enjoy the show.

Refreshments are provided and it would be a great opportunity for Year 5 pupils to get a feel for the school before making secondary applications in the Autumn term.



Service includes:

A drama production with carol singing, gospel choir, soloists and a special joint choir performance with St John & St James's Primary School.



Year 5 Gurdwara Visit



We learned that Sikhism is one of the youngest religions and the first Guru was called Guru Nanak. There were 10 Gurus.



A *Gurdwara* is the place where Sikhs come together for congregational worship.



Did you know?

The first Gurdwara in the world was built by Guru Nanak in 1521 at Kartarpur.

There are about 200 *Gurdwaras* in Britain.

When we were at the door of the Gurdwara, it looked very interesting and had symbols on the top of the building. When we went inside, we took off our shoes, then we wore a head scarf as a sign of respect. We went into a room that had a red carpet, we went to the Guru Granth Sahib and bowed.



WHEN CHRISTMAS COMES TO TOWN

All aboard **The Polar Express**. Year 1 and 4 benefitted from this fantastic, festive dance workshop this week. The children had great fun, it was the perfect way to ignite the festive spirit.



St Johns and St James Primary School
for sharing love and joy in the form of a simple
shoebbox gift through Operation Christmas Child.

Nick Cole

Nick Cole, Director of Operation Christmas Child UK



Visit samaritans-purse.org.uk and learn how to bless a child overseas through a gift-filled shoebbox, given in Jesus' name.



6JB had a great time decorating their classroom in preparation for Christmas. This inspired a discussion around the real meaning of Christmas, which is our current RE topic. The countdown has begun, we can't wait for all the Christmas festivities.

The Day Explorer Family Read

Calls to give six-year-olds the vote

Should children get the vote?
the vote?

The United Kingdom is getting ready for a general election. You must be 18 or over to vote, but one professor thinks the age limit should be lowered to six.

Should children be allowed to vote in elections?

Democracy is one of our British Values. This week we will be looking at the promises from the main parties and having our own school election.

6JA Tower Bridge Workshop

6JA went to Tower Bridge to redesign the east skyline.

We started by taking inspirational drawings of both the east and west side of the bridge.



Next we built our new building with building blocks. Finally, we inputted and made our designs during the SketchUp program.



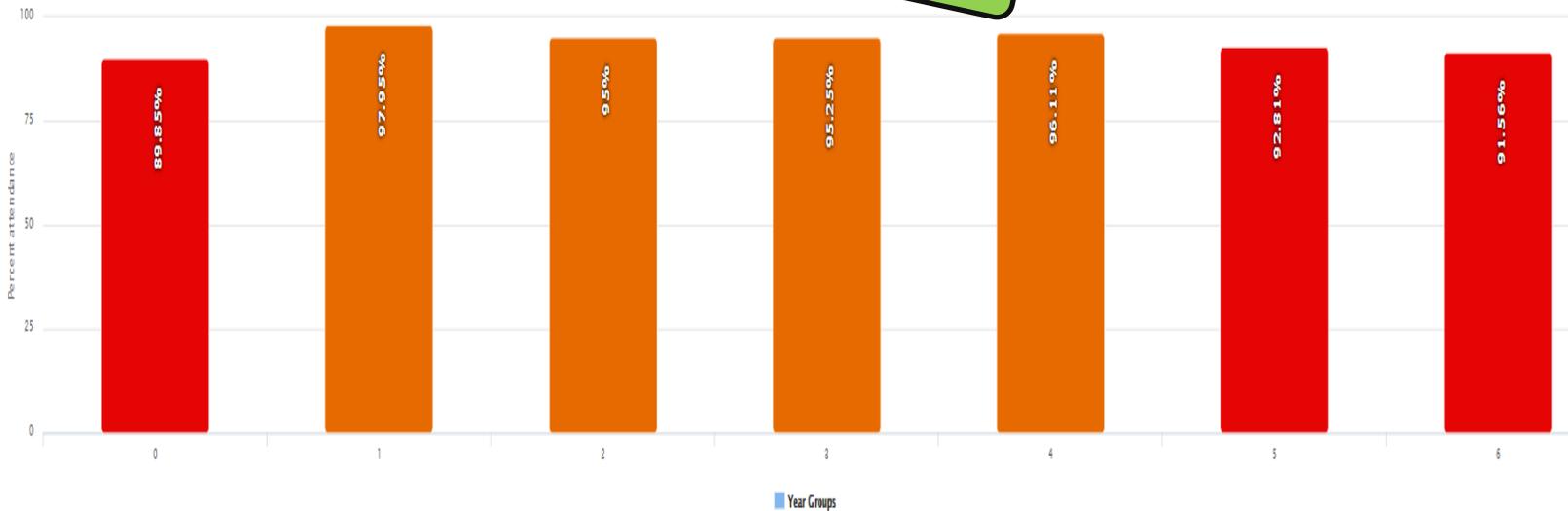


Our work in the Community

As part of our work with the Youth Development team at Enfield Council, on Monday we walked around our local area. We were taking pictures of things that make us 'Mad, Sad and Glad'.



ATTENDANCE – Remember Every School Day Counts



As we approach the festive season, there are lots of coughs and colds going around but please remember attendance is essential for children to continue to make good progress in their learning and of course we don't want anyone missing out on all of the fun activities we have planned!

Contact Us: We always welcome feedback!

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