

STJJ NEWS



St John and St James C of E Primary School Newsletter

31st January 2020

From the Headteacher

This week has been exciting as always at St John and St James. Lots of the planning work in our year group topics has come to fruition and so there are lots of Arts and Crafts going on around the school.

Year 6 are making Benin Masks, Year 5 Greek theatres and in Year 2 they were testing materials on the houses they have been making in their topic of the Great Fire of London.

Key Stage 1 were learning about Chinese New Year, whilst KS2 were learning about the tragedy of the Holocaust Memorial. Understanding history and forgiveness are our foci this term at school but we are always sensitive to the disturbing nature of some of the topics and are careful how we approach them.

This week our Year 6 children are going to the Chickenshed production about gangs and have follow up workshops to discuss some of the issues that are raised. Again, this may raise some strong emotions but we believe that arming our children with knowledge, empowers them to make good choices in life.

With this in mind, I would like to ask parents to remind their children that when they are travelling to and from school alone they should behave in a respectful and responsible way. We have heard from our neighbours about a small number of incidents involving children going home alone.

Please join us at the Parents of St John and St James PTA meeting on Monday at school at 3.45pm. We really value all of your help and support.

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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RC Assembly

St Christopher Class performed their assembly for the rest of the school and parents on Wednesday. The story telling was captivating, as they retold 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' and some of their own versions of the story too.

The singing was beautiful too!



We had the pleasure of taking a small group of children to St Paul's Cathedral, this week. The London Diocesan Board for Schools have an annual celebration of our family of Church of England schools. This year the service fell around Candlemas and so our theme is "Let There Be Light".

Each school made a banner and our banner holders, Zeynep and Dannaye had special seats at the front of the congregation.

The children were able to get a sense of belonging to our huge C of E community of schools.



For all of the incredible opportunities parenting brings, there are some challenging ones too – we're raising the first generation of digital natives, for whom the online world is just as important as the offline one. We know that as a parent it may be hard to understand what your teen is doing online and why they're spending so much time on their phones. While it might seem like posting photos and videos is second nature for children today, many of them actually put a lot of thought into what they share online. It's hard to know how to have an open conversation with children and keep them safe while we're learning to navigate the landscape ourselves. So we have collated some information that you will find useful during discussions.



Did you know that **Fortnite** has an age rating of PEGI 12? This means that the game is unsuitable for children under the age of 12 as it contains frequent mild violence. Children playing this game may access language and visuals that you may find shocking.

Facebook has an age restriction of 13. If your child has an account, they have entered a fake date of birth in order to gain access. You may already know this but ensure that you let your child know that the rules that apply online are the same as the ones that apply offline.



Instagram is a social media app used to share photos, videos and messages. The minimum age to have an Instagram account is 13.

What's App: Did you know that the starting age for WhatsApp used to be 13? However, it has recently been raised to 16. Unfortunately, the children sometimes use group chats to be unkind to each other, which can cause upset, distract them from their learning and waste



TikTok is a social networking app with an age restriction of 13. It replaced the popular Musical.ly app when it went offline in 2017. It gives users the ability to watch and create short clips of up to 60 seconds, it is most popular with under 16s.

[What do other parents say about the app?](#)

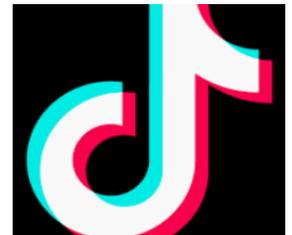
Seeing inappropriate content

Parents have expressed concerns around the inappropriate language of some of the videos posted which may make this less suitable for younger children.

Contact from strangers

Predators seeking to connect with children is another risk that parents have said to their children.

Learn how to set privacy and safety settings on all social media platforms to help your child have a safer ex-



The **CEOP** button is on our Children's learning page on our website.

CEOP helps any child or young person under the age of 18 who is being pressured, forced or tricked into taking part in sexual activity of any kind. This can be something that has taken place either online or in 'the real world', or both. You can visit the CEOP Safety Centre and make a report directly to CEOP by clicking the Click CEOP button.



Children from Nursery to Year 2 found out what happens at Chinese New Year. We had a special Assembly where we sang a Chinese New Year song.



Our assembly exploring authentic Chinese new year re-



We did dancing with the Chinese dragons.



Kuzey explores the fun of using chopsticks



In order, the 12 **Chinese** horoscope **animals** are: Rat, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Goat, Monkey, Rooster, Dog, Pig. 2020 is a **year** of the Rat.

2020 is the year of the rat. Can you work out which animals represents the year you were born?

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Lining Up Cup
Winners

KS1 – 1A

KS2 – 6JA



KS1 – Charlotte, Enis, Hugo, Armando, Joshua, Simon, Sara & Abyad

KS2 – Costel, Raynese, Ayaz, Ziann, Jason, Tiana, Gyulben, Gazi, Chloe, Jennifer, Ashlyn, Jonathan, Orcan, Felix, Renee & Asen



FORGIVENESS



Forgiveness Value Ambassadors

Tyrese, Alvita, Naomi, Evelyn, Romina, Joshua, Euphaim, Sara, Ayo, Diamond, Leonardo

Community Support

Thank you to Pages and Blendz who have donated £150.00 to the school after running a book fayre in their beautiful Artisan café on Fore Street. They are also welcoming our reception children on Wednesday 5th February to the coffee shop where they will be treated to a special storytelling session about Pirates.



Times Tables Badges

In order to achieve their Times Table Champion badges children have to answer 30 written questions in 2 minutes. They need to achieve a score of 28 or above to receive a badge. Children can work towards Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards from Years 1 - 6.

This week's champions

Bronze

Jordan (2F)

Rheyon	Clifford
Hailey	Victor
Starlian	Kerrie-Ann
Isabel	Arben
Rowland	Narin
Gabriel	Sidar
David	Aurisa

Silver

Lois

Gold

Esther (6JA)
Alex (4G)
Thabeeb (4G)



Gymnastics



We wanted to show the great quality of some of our Year 5 Children's achievements in Gymnastics this week. The children have been practicing a range of sequenced movements and balances. The team work was fantastic.





Gymnastics



Year 6 have been practising their gymnastics on the apparatus this week, polishing up their performance skills. In the winter months when the weather is unpredictable, all of the children have a timetabled PE session in the hall.





In D&T year 5 have started to make our Greek theatres. We have laid the foundations and next week we will be building the steps.

At St JJ, we are keen to develop the whole child. We want children to experience all education has to offer and that means they need to access a broad and engaging curriculum. Through music, art and design and technology we encourage all children to be creative.



6JA have had a very messy Art lesson. We are making the outline for our Benin Masks.

We started by blowing up a balloon and used paper mache around it so we have a hard base to add detail on to.



Design and Technology



KS1 Arts and Crafts

The children were having a great time practising their cutting and sticking skills. This week they were designing their own characters in a modern Picasso style, using lots of features. I think I've seen some of those characters in the Toy Story movies!



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Nursery Fun



Outdoor Learning

In Nursery we play outside whatever the weather. The children are learning how to put on their coats and do up the zip and put on waterproof clothes and boots when it rains.

Children from 5P and children in Saint Christopher's class have been learning to manipulate wheeled toys.

They are able to complete an emergency stop, move forwards, reverse and drive around a circular route.

Thankyou to children from 5P, Narin, Gabriel, Bihter, Aurisa and Akil who helped them take their test. They all passed !



The generous donation from Pages and Blendz will help us continue to develop the Reception children's outdoor area. We are always looking for ways to mirror the learning in the classroom to the outdoor area and improve opportunities to enhance their physical development.

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Cookery Club

Children across the school practise food hygiene and prepare different treats each week. This week they were making delicious, healthy, mouthwatering fruit kebabs.

They practised their chopping and presentation skills and of course took their goodies home to share with their families.



Coming this week!



On Friday 7th February we will be taking part in NSPCC number day. As part of this, everyone has been invited to dress in number related outfits for the day and donate £1 for this, which will go to NSPCC. Staff will be dressing up too!

We will have an assembly and children will take part in a fun maths related activities during the day. We will share the photos in next week's newsletter.

Watch the NSPCC Number Day Video for ideas:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-you-can-do/charity-runs-cycles-and-challenges/social-and-special-events/number-day/>



Year 5 Debating Competition, Round 2, at Wilbury Primary School on Friday 7th February.

Year 6 Millfield Theatre Gangs workshops on Tuesday.



Community Value Reward Trip on Wednesday Afternoon.



St Patrick Class Assembly
Wednesday 5th February at 9:10am



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