

STJJ NEWS

St John and St James C of E Primary School Newsletter

17th December 2021

Dear Parents,

What a brilliant first term we have had! The children have enjoyed taking part in a variety of events, including Rugby matches, Gymnastics competitions and the Spelling Bee. We've enjoyed visitors and trips once more and it has been lovely to welcome so many parents back into school for end of term events.

The Friends of St John and St James have done an incredible job of organising lots of fun events over the Christmas Period. Thank you for all the kind donations, and your valuable time, in contributing to the Christmas Market and Christmas Jumper Day.

The children have been learning the true meaning of Christmas, we managed to host 3 nativities and loved singing some well-known Christmas carols (and a few new ones too).

I would like to thank all of you for your response to the rise in Covid 19 cases nationally. Thank you for keeping your children off who have had symptoms, getting tested and keeping us informed. It is because of your diligence we have been able to keep all staff in school and continue with, not only the normal running of the school, but also the Christmas celebrations. If you haven't already, we urge everyone to book their booster if they can, so that we can continue with face to face teaching, without further lockdowns.

On behalf of all the staff at StJJ, I would like to say a huge thank you for the lovely cards and gifts. The staff have worked extremely hard throughout this term and greatly appreciate your kind words of support and encouragement. We are also all extremely thankful for the hard work, determination and resilience the children demonstrate each and every day. We look forward to warmly welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 4th January at 10am, refreshed and ready for the New Year. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas!

From the Headteacher

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.

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

1 John 10 vs 10



Merry Christmas from all the staff, pupils and Governors at St John and St James.

Christmas is the perfect opportunity to thank God for the love that manifests in our lives; love that takes the form of family and friends such as you.



Our School Council



Our school council meet every two weeks to discuss what we would like to improve in our school.

This term our school council voted with their classes to decide what new gym equipment we would like to add to our playground. Next term we will be voting for new books in our library, finding ways to raise money for our wet play boxes and deciding on our inter house competitions.



Enfield Spelling Bee

We are really proud of our Super Spellers who took part in the Spelling Bee this half term. They all did really well and we even had a first place from Jeremiah in Year 3 and a tie breaker round from Ezekiel in Y2. Well done to you all.

Odd Sock Day



On Monday 15th November, we supported anti-bullying week by coming to school wearing our odd socks.

The children loved showing off their odd socks, showing off our individuality and what makes us all unique.

This is a charity close to our hearts because we have a zero tolerance approach to bullying at StJJ, so that all of our pupils and staff can feel happy and safe.



Religious Education



As part of our RE unit we interviewed Mrs Williams. Mrs Williams went on a Pilgrimage to Jerusalem in 2019. We interviewed her to find out, why she went? What she experienced? We also debated whether or not we would go on a Pilgrimage.

Some children said they would go, so they can visit the sacred places that Jesus went to. -thers said that they wouldn't because it requires a lot of walking.

We agreed that Christians go on a Pilgrimage to feel more spiritual, and to develop their devotion to God.



This term Year 6 have been debating and reflecting on the true meaning of Christmas. We debated if we thought Christmas has become very secular. We looked at how Christmas is advertised and, asked Pastor Yan how he advertises Christmas in his church. We found that social media has helped churches advertise more.



On Thursday we had a visit from Pathways, they told us the story of Jesus' birth.

Remembrance Day



In Reception, our big question was Why do people wear poppies? We found out that it is to help people to remember all the people long ago and now who protect and help us. Iasac said 'People wear poppies to remember'. Bella said 'People wear poppies to remember the people who saved us'. We had lots of fun creating our own poppies.



In RE, we learned about Remembrance Day and created poppies to commemorate the soldiers who fought in the war.

And our Y6 Ambassadors sold poppies to raise money for the armed forces and their families.



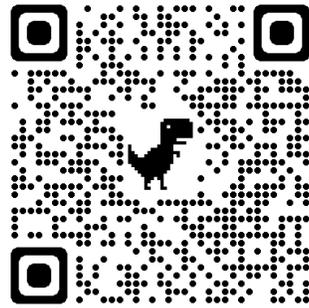
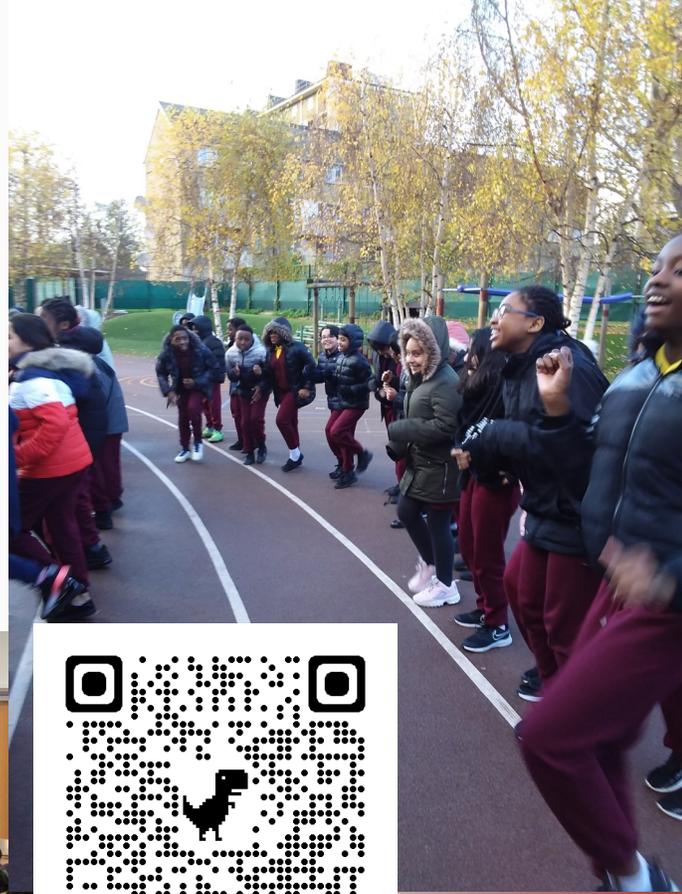
Tiger Monkey



Children across the school benefitted from Art lessons with Tiger Monkey, creating designs for a mural in the local area. Our budding artists came up with some great designs.

Rachel our Art Therapist has also been working on our very own Mural for our Edible garden. The final touches are being added and we'll be having our grand opening when Covid restriction allow.





Ezekiel Ewulo gets STJJ Fit and Active

Ezekiel Ewulo, professional Long Jump Athlete came to visit on 1st December to get StJJ up and active. There were gasps, cheers and lots of fun exercise for the whole day. Scan our QR code to watch our short video of his visit.

Enfield Schools Gymnastics Competition



Our children in year 3 and 4 had an amazing afternoon at our gymnastics competition. They executed their routines beautifully.

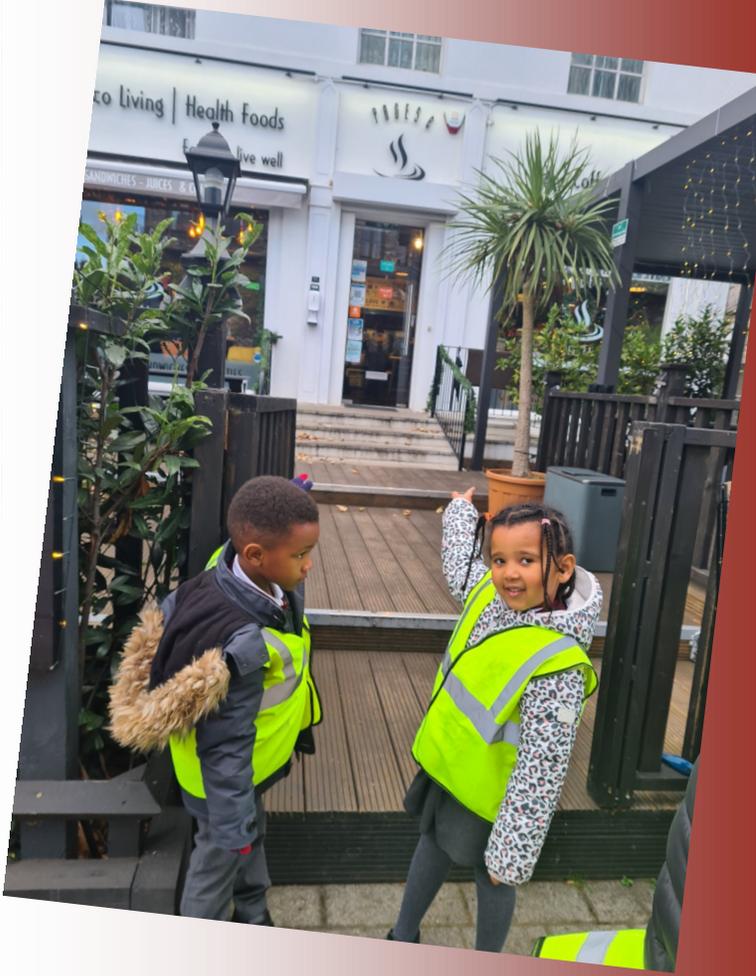
Thank you to our parent helper for coming along and supporting the trip.





The Nursery children had great fun meeting coach Amir for our PE lessons. Our focus was jumping and we did lots of jumping games including jumping like Kangaroos. Year 1 were practising their throwing and catching skills in a fun lesson with balloons, whilst year 3 were throwing shapes and learning dance routines.





Year 1 Geography

Year 1 went on a walk around the local area to find human and physical features in the environment.

KS2 Rivers



Why are dams important?
Daniel- "Dams are important so that the land does not get flooded."
Mario- "This dam stops Pakistan from



Our children develop their understanding of vocabulary through pictures and practical activities.

Year 6—Rivers

Year 6 use Google Earth to help develop their understanding of the different continents.

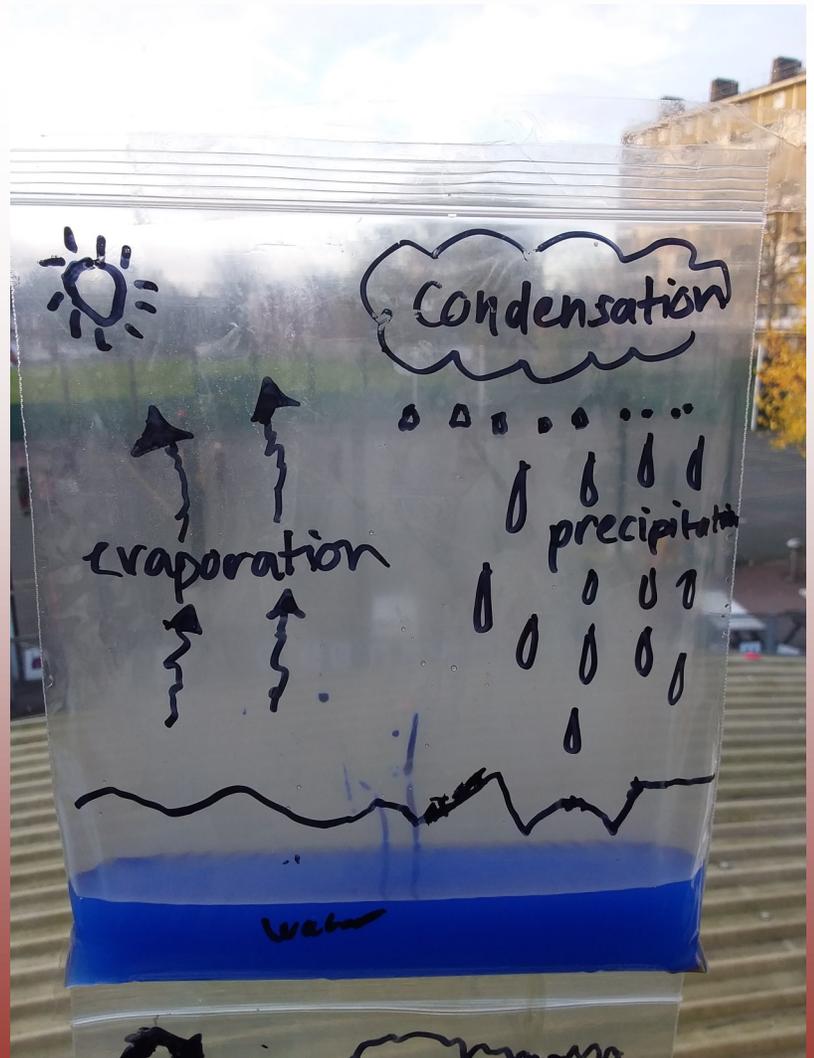
Currently we are focusing on the Continent of Asia. We are learning about the River Indus, which starts in the mountain range (Himalayas) in Tibet, the river then travels through India into Pakistan and finally into the Arabian Sea.



In Geography, Year 4 made rain. We created a model of the water cycle to understand how rivers get their water.

The children love working practically, it helps them to remember more and make connections in their learning.

Try talking about our current topics over dinner, you'll be amazed how much the children know.





The Christmas celebrations started on 10th December, with the Christmas Market. The children made lots of handmade treasures to sell at the market, the Friends of St John and St James supported as always and created another memorable event.





Our Carol Service at the Christmas Market this year, was a real treat. The children loved the opportunity to perform their favourite songs.



6JA's Africa performance of a classic hit was an unexpected treat.

Well done to all of our singers and thank you all for coming out.





Even Covid couldn't keep Santa away and the children loved visiting the grotto.



Our raffle winners were delighted with their prizes!



KS2 Nativity

Some of you may have been disappointed as the evening performance was cancelled at late notice due to some of our key performers not being able to return to school.

If you missed it, you can watch it here: https://youtu.be/T_aV5kJsKsY





Christmas Lunch was a hit with all of the children. It's great to see the dining hall all dressed and Christmas-y. It was also lovely to see Mrs Skinner Clements sitting to enjoy a meal after serving us all, all year round.



The children love the Christmas Disco and this year did not disappoint! Snow and bubble machines and lively dance offs all added to the fun!



Our dancing pictures are all a blur, we just couldn't keep them still. However, judging from these pics, I think someone needs a new camera for Christmas..

