

St. John's N20 Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 - Friday 4th October 2019



HEALTHY SCHOOLS LONDON



Eco-Schools Bronze Award



Dear Parents and Carers,

Tuesday morning was a lovely opportunity to welcome our Reception children and those who have joined us within the year to the family of St John's. Reverend Lynn led us in collective worship and the children received a special blessing. They will also be receiving a small gift from the school too. This week we also had a number of visitors – 11 teachers in fact – from St Mary's and St John's. The teachers came over throughout the week to observe the excellent teaching and learning that takes place at our brilliant school. We also had visitors from the Young Shakespeare Company who delivered drama workshops for our children in Year 5 and Year 6 as well as our weekly visit from the Waste Warriors to deliver workshops in Year 3 and Year 4. RE, PE, Games, Computing, Music, Art, DT, History and Geography always have a place in our weekly curriculum and we are proud to offer such broad and balanced learning at our school. Today is the last day of our Scholastics book fair. Any books sold generate a small commission for the school which we can then use to buy books for our library, so please come and support it! Have a good weekend. God bless.

Mr Sweetingham.

Nurture Encourage Challenge through Christ

Parking

Unfortunately, we have again been receiving complaints from our long-suffering neighbours in Swan Lane that some parents/carers are parking over their driveways at drop-off and pick up times and are not being cooperative when asked to move. **Please do NOT park** over any drive ways or access points or on the yellow zig zag lines, even for a short time; this includes parking in front of the gate by the school field. Not only is this illegal and inconvenient to residents, it also presents a huge health and safety risk and could potentially prevent emergency vehicles reaching parts of the road. PLEASE ONLY PARK IN THE PERMITTED AREAS OF SWAN LANE and respect our neighbours' right to access at all times. Thank you.

Foundation

We have had a very exciting week this week, not least because our Reception class took pride of place in the Welcome Service held on Tuesday at St John's Church. It was lovely to see so many family members and friends watch as children new to the main school were welcomed in to the school community by Mr Sweetingham, Reverend Lynn – and the whole school! We are sure that they all have a very exciting learning journey ahead and we look forward to watching them develop and fulfil their undoubted potential.

Ms Stylianou



Achievements



Nursery	Joshua – being kind to his friends and sharing well Antoni – brightening everyone's day with his beautiful morning smile
Reception	Alex – showing great attention and focus during our writing session Isaac – coming in to school each day with a smile
Year 1	Marlie – making a brilliant start to her time in Year 1 Jamie – having excellent behaviour and enjoying his learning
Year 2	Noah – challenging himself in all of his learning Emmy – having a growth mindset when learning about Carroll diagrams in Maths
Year 3	Evangeline – working well in a group and being a great 'sarcastic seaweed' in role play Alice – producing a well-thought-out piece of descriptive writing
Year 4	Logan – showing growth mindset during his writing and having a go Nicholas – trying his best and being a fantastic, helpful talk partner
Year 5	Finley – having a positive attitude and mindset towards his learning and making mistakes Alfie – writing a fantastic formal leaflet about autism
Year 6	Sarah – writing an imaginative eye-witness account of the Blitz Elena – writing a reflective piece of RE learning

Sports events

As you will see in our calendar below, our sports events are getting underway next week. These provide a great opportunity for our children to take part in activities against peers from other schools; they compete in a variety of events with their usual enthusiasm and commitment – and always with amazing team spirit and fair play. Please remember that, as we are unable to fund a minibus, all such events depend on your help with transport to and from venues. If your child is selected for a sporting activity, it would be greatly appreciated if you are able to provide lifts. This support is invaluable and enables children to participate in events that they would not otherwise be able to attend. Many thanks.

Keith Jones

We would like to take this opportunity to remember Keith Jones, Treasurer of the SJA, who sadly passed away on 25th August 2019. Keith was a stalwart of the SJA for a number of years, volunteering significant amounts of his time to give us the benefit of his financial expertise. He was extremely committed to fundraising for our school and was always seen cheerfully working hard at all the SJA events, for which we are extremely grateful. We are all deeply saddened by this tragic loss and his efforts for our school will always be remembered. He will be greatly missed and our fondest thoughts and condolences are with his family and friends. You are all in our prayers. God bless.

Attendance and Punctuality

This week, **Year 1** had the best attendance, with a perfect **100%** – outstanding! There were only 2 lates this week – fantastic!

Class	Attendance	Punctuality
Nursery	93.1%	0 lates
Reception	97.3%	0 late
Year 1	100.0%	0 lates
Year 2	98.0%	1 late
Year 3	98.7%	0 lates
Year 4	98.7%	1 late
Year 5	95.9%	0 lates
Year 6	99.3%	0 lates
Total	97.9%	2 lates

Admissions for Reception and Nursery

Reception

If your child's date of birth is between 1/9/15 and 31/8/16, you may now apply for a place in Reception for September 2020. You need to apply both online to the borough at www.eadmissions.org.uk and to the school.

Nursery

If your child's date of birth is between 1/9/16 and 31/8/17, you may now apply to the school for a Nursery place for September 2020.

Diary Dates – Autumn 2019

Tuesday 8th October – Y3-6 Boccia event

Wednesday 9th - Friday 11th October – Y5 residential trip to Norfolk

Thursday 10th October – Y4-6 Cross country event

Monday 14th - Friday 18th October – Y6 Bikeability course

Monday 14th October – Individual/sibling photos

Wednesday 16th October – Tag Rugby Festival

Thursday 17th October – Pathway Assembly

Thursday 17th October – Y1-2 Movement Festival *TBC*

Friday 18th October – Be Bright Be Seen Day!

Friday 18th October – EYFS and KS1 Perform4Schools drama sessions

Friday 1st November – Black History assembly

(all Y1-Y6 families invited)

Monday 21st - Friday 25th October – Half Term

Tuesday 29th October – Y4 Trip to Barnet Environment Centre *TBC*

Wednesday 30th October – Y6 Trip to RAF Museum

Thursday 31st October – Y3/4 Cheerleading Festival *TBC*

Wednesday 4th December 9.30-10 am – EYFS Nativity (in school)

(all EYFS families invited)

Wednesday 11th December 9.30-10 am – KS1 Nativity (in school)

(all KS1 families invited)

Thursday 12th December 6.30-8pm–KS2 Nativity (in church)

(all KS2 families invited)

House Points

The House Point totals for the term are as follows:

1st	St Andrew 339
2nd	St Patrick 321
3rd	St George 267
4th	St David 236



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