

# St. John's N20 Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another extremely busy week in school which ended with the individual and sibling school photographs; they are always a lovely memento of your child's educational journey. Staying with the theme of journeys and travelling, I would like to politely remind parents who use the KS2 playground gate to drop or collect their children that they must follow the one-way system. I appreciate that it is tempting to enter and exit by the same gate, particularly if it is a more convenient route to reach your final destination, but the systems and procedures are there to protect our school community. There are sometimes occasions where your child may have a particular injury that could result in parents not wishing them to take part in PE lessons. If this is the case, we would kindly ask parents/carers to send an email to the office for the attention of the class teacher and Miss Hollidge, explaining why you wish them not to take part. The children have been continuing to learn about some truly inspirational people as part of Black History Month. Next week we have a very special treat for the children (and staff) as our trainee teacher, Ms Jarrett, has very kindly arranged a virtual Inspirational Assembly where we will be joined by a renowned gospel singer. She will do a short presentation, telling the children all about her singing career, followed by a short question and answer session. The virtual visit will culminate with our special visitor singing to the children. We are extremely excited! One of the things that we miss so much at the moment is our Monday morning hymns and praise. The sound of children's voices singing is angelic and was always a favourite part of the week for Mr. Sweetingham and I. We pray that this special weekly service can return to school life soon. We believe that collective worship is an integral part of school life at St John's and with the support of Revd. Lynn we are continuing to provide excellent opportunities for our children to reflect and pray. This week has been no different with Revd. Lynn talking to the children about Harvest and God's gifts, and I told the inspirational story of a famous London lad whose life was raised up by God when he sent an amazing teacher called Mr. Pigden; yes, Ian Wright! I think there were a few tears shed in the school on Thursday morning. I wish all our families a restful weekend. The children are all very tired, but we have one more week in school before we can all enjoy the half term break. God bless.

Ms Mitri

**Nurture Encourage Challenge through Christ**



Self portraits in Y1

## Foundation

Reception have been continuing to enjoy learning about Autumn. They have also been reading the book 'Stanley's Stick' and exploring its theme of friendship. In addition, they have been excited to read their letters from their Year 5 buddies and spent time this week writing their replies. Nursery have been reading The Gruffalo; they have been preparing tea parties and joining in with parts of the story. They have also enjoyed using tools to create shape patterns.

Ms Stylianou



## Achievements



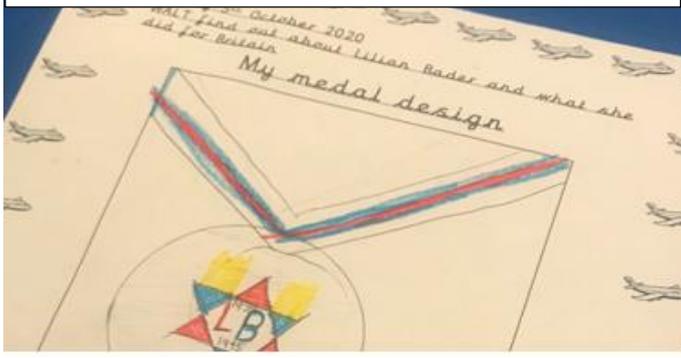
<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Alexander</b> – creating a fantastic boat picture independently <b>Alfie</b> – being well-behaved and having excellent manners
<b>Reception</b>	<b>Adele</b> – for her fabulous cursive writing <b>Etta</b> – settling into Reception so confidently
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Neta</b> – for her growth mindset and mindfulness behaviour <b>Willa-Mae</b> – practising her writing at school and at home
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Melina</b> – being an excellent mathematician <b>Angelos</b> – enjoying all of his learning
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Ozan</b> – showing an excellent understanding of addition and subtraction <b>Premkunj</b> – having an excellent understanding of subordinate clauses
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Anika</b> – having a fantastic learning attitude, always listening and always trying her best <b>Freddie</b> – being enthusiastic about his learning and writing a thoughtful poem
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Livvy</b> – trying super hard in her Maths learning <b>Madelyn</b> – writing a brilliant balanced argument
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Olivia</b> – writing a fantastic diary entry in the role of a character <b>Llewelyn</b> – working hard and always trying his best!

## Handwriting Heroes

Congratulations to our first Handwriting Heroes! All of the children below received certificates this week for making outstanding progress in their handwriting and presentation – fantastic! Ms Stylianou

<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Noah and Nikki-Lucia</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Adrian and Angelos</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Florence and Rita</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Kamil and Evie</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Maya and Jack</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Max and Erica</b>

Year 4 created Lilian Bader medals in their Black History lesson



## Supply Teachers

In line with DfE guidance to minimise the number of 'new' people entering the school, when we need to use supply teachers Ms Mitri is currently working with people who are already within our school bubble. As well as being in line with our risk assessment, using teachers already involved or linked to our school also benefits the children as they are taught by a familiar face and the teacher can hit the ground running. We will only use supply teachers when absolutely necessary.

## Year 6 Roles and Responsibilities

Earlier in the term some of our Year 6 children wrote letters of application for very important positions in the school. These include: House Captains, Librarians, Computer Expert, Sports Captains and Learning Ambassadors. The process of writing their applications and developing each of their assigned roles is a wonderful opportunity for the children to build confidence, be leaders and play an important role in the daily running and improvement of the school. This morning Mrs. Cruickshank and I spent time reading all of the children's letters of application and selected the following children for the positions:

**House Captains** – Amalie (St Andrew), Gina-Marie (St David), Finley (St George) and Erica (St Patrick)

**Librarians** - Cailey, Ronela and Hattie

**Computer Expert** - Ricky

**Sports Captains** – Joelle, Katie, Nadia and Zeki

**Learning Ambassadors** – Olivia, Harry and Llewelyn

Huge congratulations to all of these children; we look forward to hearing all your ideas on how we can improve our school even more. A huge thank you to everyone who applied!

## Tier 2 Covid-19 Restrictions

As you will be aware, from midnight tonight, London is being placed under Tier 2 Covid-19 restrictions. This is in response to the rise in infection rates throughout many of the London boroughs, with the number of cases doubling every ten days. The following rules are now legal requirements:

- People are no longer allowed to mix indoors with other households.
- This includes in restaurants and bars.
- The Rule of Six continues to apply outdoors.
- The 10pm curfew for the hospitality sector remains in place.
- The number of journeys made should be reduced wherever possible.
- 'Hands. Face. Space' should continue to be strictly observed.

We would like to ask our whole school community to do their utmost to protect our children and staff by strictly observing all of the Tier 2 restrictions. We are all aware of how difficult it can be to restrict contact with our wider circle of family and friends, but it is vital that we all play our part in helping to bring this virus under control as quickly as possible. We continue to apply the best safety measures that we can to keep everyone as safe as possible within school; please, please continue to do the same outside of school.

Thank you.

## House Points

The House Point totals for the week are as follows:

**1<sup>st</sup> St David 318**

**2<sup>nd</sup> St Andrew 309**

**3<sup>rd</sup> St Patrick 145**

**4<sup>th</sup> St George 242**



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