

St. John's N20 Newsletter

Summer Term 2 - Friday 9th June 2017



HEALTHY SCHOOLS LONDON



Dear Parents,

I hope you had a wonderful holiday and that you are all well rested for the final half term of the year. This is one of the busiest times of the year for the school community, which brings lots of hard work yet lots of exciting and fun activities. To start our week off, children in Year 1 and Year 2 took part in specialised scooter skills training. The day was pretty gloomy but, by the afternoon, the rain clouds had moved on and the children took part in a fantastic learning experience. We attended St John's Church, as it was the first Tuesday of the month, and took part in collective worship on Pentecost led by the children and Reverend Lynn. Later on in the week, Year 1 were visited by Perform, a drama company, who delivered 5 action packed workshops; the children had a really enjoyable learning experience. The whole school from Nursery to Year 6 took part in a St John's mock election. Children were taught about how the parliamentary system works, electoral campaigns and manifestos. Labour won the vote with 59% of the school voting for the party. Finally, I'd like to thank the PTA and all those who helped represent the school at Wake Up Whetstone last weekend. The event was a great success and raised valuable money for our children. Have a great weekend God bless.

Mr Sweetingham

Nurture Encourage Challenge through Christ

Sports Awards – Girls Football Team

The girls football team picked up their medals and football league trophy at the Barnet Arts Depot last night. The event was a huge success, celebrating the amazing footballing and netball talent in Barnet. The girls were presented with their trophies by two Arsenal under 14

players who previously represented the Barnet District Team. Congratulations! Central Girls League Winners 2017!



Foundation Stage

We have all enjoyed starting the book 'Billy's Bucket' this week. This is a fantastic text for exploring our imagination and building our own stories. Our herbs and vegetables are all beginning to grow now. The children enjoy caring for them and are gaining a good understanding of what plants need to help them grow and where the foods we eat come from. The weather is still very changeable at the moment, therefore we kindly ask that children bring a waterproof raincoat with a hood each day. As we offer access to the outdoor area come rain or shine and also move between the Foundation Stage Unit and main school building regularly, this is very important.

Mrs Stylianou



Achievements



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| Nursery | Ava – making lots of new friends and enjoying all of our activities Aaron – improving his listening skills |
| Reception | Daniel A – producing excellent independent writing – well done! Matin – showing excellent focus during PE lessons |
| Year 1 | Livvy – having fantastic behaviour during the drama performance day Gemma – making outstanding progress in gymnastics |
| Year 2 | Ricky – making so much progress with his handwriting Andrew – always getting on well with his learning and challenging himself |
| Year 3 | Marnie – producing a beautiful Learning Log that brought tears to my eyes Peter – making incredible progress in his Maths |
| Year 4 | Elena – making amazing progress and showing independence when telling stories Kian – showing superb progress and enthusiasm in Science |
| Year 5 | Ruby – having fantastic behaviour and a positive attitude to learning Amelia – showing perseverance in Maths when learning about perimeter |
| Year 6 | Michael – giving an excellent performance as a DJ in our performance Aitor – putting fantastic effort in to his sci-fi writing |

Attendance

This week, **Year 3** has the best attendance with an unbeatable **100%**. Amazing!!

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| Reception | 95.7% |
| Year 1 | 97.7% |
| Year 2 | 98.1% |
| Year 3 | 100.0% |
| Year 4 | 98.0% |
| Year 5 | 97.6% |
| Year 6 | 95.9% |
| Total attendance | 97.6% |

London Trips

In light of the recent terrorist events, I have made the difficult decision to postpone/cancel all school trips to central London for the immediate future. I have taken into account many factors when coming to the decision, including parents' viewpoints, advice from the Local Authority, advice from relevant internet sites and discussions and view point of members of staff. I am personally 100% in agreement with recent slogans such as "keeping strong against terror" and "remaining defiant in the face of terrorism". However, at the moment I am not willing to put my staff and children in an unsettled and uncomfortable position.

Keep in touch

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House Points

This week's House Points are as follows:

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| 1 st | St Andrew | 239 |
| 2 nd | St David | 192 |
| 3 rd | St George | 165 |
| 4 th | St Patrick | 135 |



Summer Camp!

This year we will be hosting a multi-sports camp at St John's in conjunction with All For Sport - who teach our children PE. There will be an exciting range of activities on offer between 31st July to 4th August and 7th to 11th August. Whilst the cost of a week at the camp will be £79 for external children, our pupils will be able to book a place at the exclusive price of **£60**. The daily rate is £20. The camp will run from 10am until 4pm; however, an early drop-off from 8:30am will be available for a cost of £3 and a late pick up will also be offered up until 5pm, also for £3. This is a fantastic opportunity for our children to enjoy some well-organised activities in a familiar and local surrounding and we are sure you will be as excited by this opportunity as we are!

School Uniform: PE Kit

Please ensure that your children have the correct PE kit in school whenever it is required. This comprises the yellow polo shirt with St John's logo, navy shorts and a navy school tracksuit (no non-school logos please). Children should also wear black plimsolls or plain trainers. Please ensure that all items are clearly labelled with your child's name; it is impossible to track down missing items which are unlabelled!

Sports Day - 9.30am Friday 16th June 2017

Next Friday morning we are holding our school Sports Day for YR-Y6. We are all very much looking forward to this exciting morning and invite all parents and carers to come and support the occasion. It will start at 9.30am and is expected to last for approximately 1.5 hours. Children should come to school in their full St John's P.E. kit (see above) with a cap and water bottle. They will not need to change afterwards. Please note that this event is weather permitting - a text will be sent out as soon as is practicable if it needs to be cancelled. In the event of cancellation, our reserve sports day is the following Friday 23rd June 2017.

Diary Dates - 2017

Wednesday 14th June - Y1 Class Assembly (rescheduled)

Wednesday 14th June - Y6 Primary Forensic Workshop

Thursday 15th June - KS1 Movers Festival

Friday 16th June at 9.30am - Sports Day (morning)

Monday 19th June - Y6 Junior Citizenship trip (Mill Hill)

Monday 19th June - Bring filled jam jars for fete (normal uniform)

Wednesday 21st June - Y3 Class Assembly

Wednesday 21st June at 3.30pm - Open Day

Friday 23rd June at 9.30am - Reserve Sports Day (morning)

Wednesday 28th June at 2.30pm - YR Graduation assembly

Saturday 1st July - Summer Fete

Wednesday 5th July - YR Class Assembly

Wednesday 5th - Thursday 6th July - School Production

Friday 7th July - Governors' AGM drop-in session - TBC

Monday 10th July - Y6 trip to Kidzania (rescheduled) - TBC

Sport

Y5/Y6 Girls Kwik Cricket

On Wednesday, an eager group of Y5/Y6 girls participated in the Barnet Kwik Cricket event. We played two competitive matches of which we won one, and then took part in a friendly game. Despite being a little chilly, it was a fun event. Thank you to the parents who helped with transport.

Mrs Hassan

Collective Worship

Please remember that parents/carers are welcome to attend all of our church and school services on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The next service for YR-Y6 is on Tuesday 13th June 2017 in school.