

School Newsletter

Summer 1 2024

In harmony we
Nurture, Inspire, Flourish



Finally the summer weather is arriving and we are thrilled to be focusing on our outdoor learning - Kindness class have been taking the chickens for a walk around the school to see the summer plants flowering and our pollinators at work. Thank you to all parents for their positive responses to mid year reports and parent consultations - and a huge thank you to teachers for constantly inspiring our learning.

We have had some amazing trips this jam-packed term - have a look at all the photos on the next few pages which have included such a depth of learning outside the classroom. In school we have also had a fantastic science day with STEM workshops taking place, Tri Golf and Brass Lessons and we have also completed our Body Awareness week. More exciting experience days and trips have made learning even richer and you will see all the wonderful photos in this newsletter. We have welcomed Laura Elliot to our Reception class who has loved joining the St John's family and we have said a sad farewell to our lovely Debs Harrison, who gave so much to the St John's school and community. Our prayers are with her family.

This term has been a busy one with end of key stage assessments, all children remaining calm and showing their love of learning - they did you all proud.

We were delighted with over £500 raised from our Easter Walk and thank all our volunteers who continue to support our children with reading, swimming, Forest School, cake sales and so much more. Please do get in touch with our Friends of St John's to support our summer fayre - extra pairs of hands would be greatly appreciated.

Kind regards

Jacky Fyson
Executive Headteacher



Year 1 Love Class -Super Scientists!



This last month has been fuelled by Science. The children have shown great excitement and curiosity during our different workshops and trips.

Earth Day

To highlight the importance of protecting our world, the children celebrated by participating in different activities. We are really looking forward to watching our trees and wildflower seeds grow!



Bee Keepers

Our topic this term is 'Bee Happy'. We have been learning all about the life cycle of a bee and how honey is made. We were lucky enough to have a beekeeping talk from the 'Reigate Bee Keepers'. We learnt lots about how to care for bees, we tried their honey and we even got to try on a beekeeping suit.



Science Day

Science Day was wacky, fun and explosive! Please ask your child what was their best bit!



Year 1 Love Class

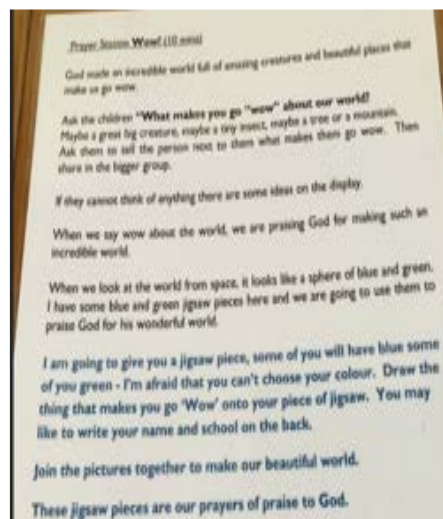
Trip to Polesden Lacey

We spent our time observing bees, studying flowers, drawing as scientists, creating natural art work, visiting the house and of course we ended the day with a trip to the playground. The children were utterly worn out after their busy and enjoyable day.



Year 2 Trust Class

Some of our children were lucky enough to represent our school at Guildford Cathedral for the Eco council day where they had fun and came back buzzing.



Year 2 Trust Class

The Year 2 children have really enjoyed participating in some Earth day activities organised by Vicky and a Science day.



Year 3 Cooperation Class

We had a great Science Day doing experiments in class - seeing if water stops balloons popping; how soap and pepper don't mix in water and seeing if we'd get wet if we put pencils through bags of water over our heads! We then learned all about pendulums and investigated what changes we could make in order to change the rate of the swing.



We've followed up our learning about our local area in geography with learning about the UK - we've been using maps to find out where the different countries, counties and cities are.



Year 3 Cooperation Class

In science, we've been thinking about the functions of each part of a plant and we've been doing our own investigations in class. We are looking forward to recapping our knowledge on our trip to Wakehurst Place next term.

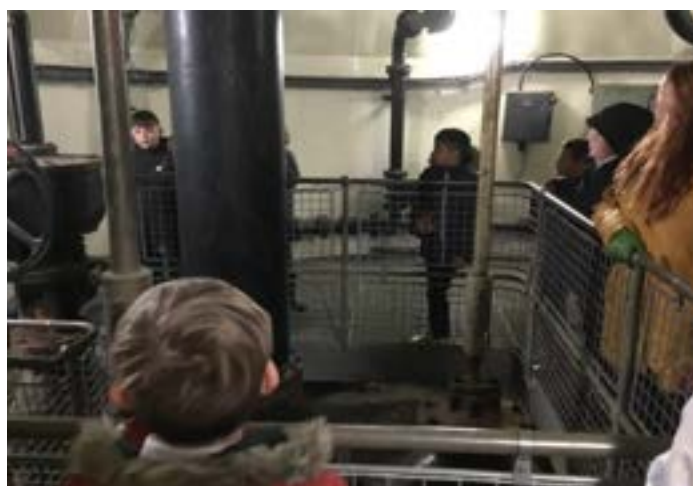


We've been lucky to have a music teacher come in on Tuesdays to give year 3 brass lessons.



Year 4 Resilience Class

Year 4 had a lovely trip to SES Water works this half term, where we learnt how the water from our taps gets to us from the River Eden. We discovered that there is a lot of work that goes into the water that we use everyday and how to preserve water so there is enough for everyone in the area to use.



Year 4 Resilience Class

Some of the Year 4 girls decided to show off their gymnastic skills during the lovely weather.



Year 5 Courage Class

Year 5 had a fantastic trip to the Brooklands Museum this half term. We learnt all about man's battle to master the challenges of air resistance, friction and gravity by seeing and visiting most memorable aeroplanes at the Brooklands Museum. We walked through a Wellington Bomber fuselage, explored a collection of fighter jets from the First and Second World Wars, and discovered Barnes Wallis' Stratosphere Chamber. Also, children had a fantastic workshop 'Downhill Racers' where they harnessed one of our key forces here on this planet – gravity – to create the energy for their own racing car made from recycled materials!



They had a learning-by doing workshop where children discovered the challenges of acceleration on a downhill slope. Lastly, we had a wonderful opportunity to walk through and experience being on a supersonic plane wonder that is - "Concord". We had a blast!

Year 5 Class Assembly

To consolidate our learning about the Space and the Solar System, Year 5 children decided to create a class assembly for the whole school and parents. Children put together a training session for astronauts in training which included presenters, famous scientists and most importantly the Solar System planets.



Children designed their own props, learnt their long lines and then performed them with great artistic flair for the rest of the school and their supportive parents. We have many actors in the making in our classroom!



Year 5 Space exhibition

Children in Year 5 have been busy not only learning all about Space this half term but also building their very own Space Projects for their exhibition. Children used a range of creative ways to show their learning, from Solar Model creations, artistic paintings, dark rooms with Solar System installations to resin sculptures with Solar System. The whole school was invited to visit our exhibition, engage with the children about their learning and projects but most importantly to celebrate their achievements as Young Solar System Experts! We were very proud of their hard work.



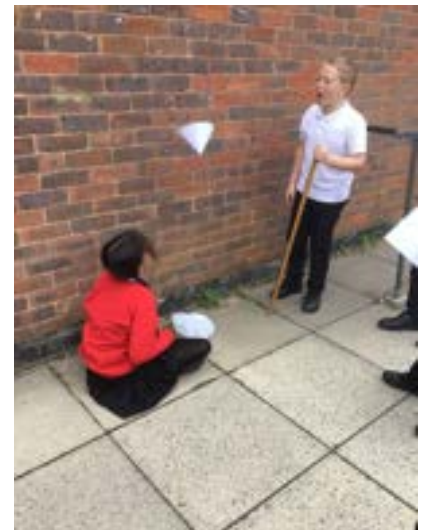
Year 6 Respect Class

Year 6 have spent the term focusing on the key skills that would be assessed in their SATs week. This did mean an opportunity to practice challenging their maths thinking with some tricky work in the sunshine, as well as working hard in the classroom and intervention rooms. Well-fed each morning with a hearty breakfast, they completed their SATs in a calm and purposeful manner of which they and their families can be very proud. A party to celebrate their hard work and resilience saw wolves chasing deer, karaoke in the classroom and a sweet feast to end the day. We are looking forward to more outdoor learning on our Residential trip to The Isle of Wight.



Science Day

St John's School this term celebrated all things Science! In year 1 children tested friction and different surfaces for their race cars; Year 2 created their own glue from natural materials; in Year 3 children made their own pendulums to count time; Year 4 class explored how wind turbines work and how to build an effective wind turbine to create electricity and Year 5 children created rockets and then tested them to find the most effective way to propel them.



Science Day "Energy Live"

Additionally, throughout the day all children had an opportunity to take part in a Science Show by Royal Institute of Science - learning all about Live Energy. Continue to fail, learn and be always curious!



Internet Safety



Please click on the link below to see how you can keep your children safe whilst using youtube.

https://www.youtube.com/intl/ALL_uk/kids/parent-resources/





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Diary Dates 2023/24

May

27th-31st May

Half Term

June

3rd-7th June

Year 6 Residential-Isle of Wight Trip

11th June

Year 2 Rural Life Living Museum Trip

12th June

Year 3 Trip Natural History museum Trip

17th June

Squires Trip to dig up potatoes

13th June

Year 3 Wakehurst Place Trip

18th June

Sports Day

26th June

Year 1 British Wildlife Centre Trip

19th June

Year 6 Guildford c Cathedral Service

27th June

Year 2 Godstone Farm Trip

28th June

Mufti Day-Come in dressed as something you would like to be when you are older

July

2nd July

Move Up Day

5th July

Summer Fair

10th July

Whole School Blessing at St John's Church

12th July

Mufti Day- £1 contribution to the minibuses

12th July

Year 6 Performance and Awards Ceremony

Diary Dates 2023/24

15th July	Year 6 Leavers Service at St John's Church
16th July	Last Day of Term for Nursery
17th July	End of Term Mufti Day- £1 Contribution towards minibus
18th-19th July	Inset Days
20th July-1st September	Summer Holidays
September	
2nd September	Inset Day
3rd September	Children return to school
9th September	Individual School Photos

Lunchbox ideas

Protein and dairy

Cheese slices/squares/sticks

Soft cheese

Sliced ham

Pepperoni slices

Leftover chicken nuggets

Hummus

Tzatsiki

Yogurt

Tuna

Veggies and fruits

Sliced peppers, cucumber, carrots and celery

Crunchy lettuce

Cherry tomatoes

Olives

Fruit salad mix

Carbs

Breadsticks

Pretzels

Pitas (large ones good to stuff and mini for dipping)

Wraps

Bread (preferably 50/50 or wheat)

Rolls

Crackers

Other

Low sugar digestive biscuits

Flapjacks

Granola (nut free)

Lovely combos to try:

Whole wheat pita stuffed with tuna and mayo, slices of cucumber and grapes

Mini pitas and carrot sticks with hummus/tzatziki to dip into, apple slices with cheese slices

Ham or turkey with spread/mayo in a wrap, sliced peppers and carrots with yogurt (if flavoured, plenty of no added refined sugar options available as well as ones with sugar substitute)

Pretzels, cheese and pepperoni slices with mixed berries

Crackers with slices of ham and cheese to stack and blueberries for a sweet treat

Leftover sausages sliced, cherry tomatoes and cubes of cheese with crackers and an apple

Granola, plain yogurt and berries

Cheese quesadilla (melted cheese in a folded over tortilla and then chilled), banana and carrot sticks

Olives, cheese cubes and cherry tomatoes with hummus/tzatziki and breadsticks

Soft cheese sandwich with cucumber slices and a flapjack

Tuna and mayo in a roll with crunchy lettuce, fruit salad

Leftover cheese pizza with sliced peppers

Leftover chicken nuggets/fingers with ketchup (50% sugar option available) to dip and cucumber, pepper and carrot sticks

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Supporting your child in the move to Secondary School

Brought to you by Barnardo's in collaboration with the Surrey
Mental Health Support Teams

Aims of the Group

An opportunity to come together with other parents and carers in a safe space to discuss the challenges and successes that come with supporting children's transition from Primary to Secondary School.

To provide tools and strategies for families to confidently navigate this transition period.
As well as understand how and why their child may present during this time.

Timings, Commitment and Content

Five sessions to choose from:

Tuesdays at 1pm
on June 4th, 11th,
18th, 25th

Wednesdays at 9.30am on June 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th	Wednesdays at 12pm on June 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th	Thursdays at 10am on June 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th	Thursdays at 1pm on June 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th
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- Week 1: What makes a successful transition
- Week 2: How to support challenging feelings
- Week 3: A toolkit for effective communication
- Week 4: Sustaining progress and next steps

The session will be 1 hour plus 15 minutes optional Q&A.

We ask that parents and carers commit to attending all 4 sessions, thank you.

How to Register your Interest - First Come, First Served

Click on the following link to complete a form <https://forms.office.com/e/HWhJlheaS8?origin=lpLink>

Or Email PWS@barnardos.org.uk and add 'transition' in the subject line

Then, a member of the Barnardo's team will contact you to book your place.

Feedback from previous support:

'Helpful suggestions
on how to turn
negative thoughts
into positive'

'All the
information was
easy to
understand'

'I learned strategies to help
calm the worries and the
wording to use'



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Register here: www.studysmartuk.online or scan the QR code

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Dorking Lawn Tennis & Squash Club (Roman Road)

May Half Term Tennis Camps 2024

**TUESDAY 28TH - FRIDAY 31ST MAY
CHOOSE ANY DAYS**

KIDS 4-11 Yrs Old

**TUESDAY - FRIDAY
930 - 12pm**



KIDS 12-16 Yrs Old

**WEDNESDAY
2 - 4pm**



COST: MEMBERS £17 NON MEMBERS £20

Pay By BACS Account: Brian Love Sort: 09-01-28 Acc: 74084211

TO BOOK PLEASE CONTACT BRIAN:

DORKINGTENNIS@GMAIL.COM

**QUOTE: NAME, AGE, CONTACT NUMBER, MEDICAL INFO
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