



St John & St James' C of E Primary School

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Year 6 Secondary Transfer Briefing

The Hackney school admissions team is hosting the last online information sessions for parents on **Thursday 15th October 2020**.

You can watch the briefings live using your smartphone, tablet, laptop or desktop computer. A briefing will also be recorded so it is available to watch at any time in the future. The briefing will take about 1 hour and is repeated on different days and at different times. There will be a chance to ask questions at the end. The slides used during the briefings will be made available on this webpage.

You should watch a briefing if you have a child in Year 6 and you live in Hackney. It is important to understand how the application and offer process works and the briefing will explain this. There will be a chance to ask questions at the end of the session.

Full details and the link to join the meeting are at:

education.hackney.gov.uk/secondarybriefings

#HelloYellow

We are supporting Young Minds this year on 9th October with the #HelloYellow campaign. Pupils can wear something yellow and donate £1.00 online to help raise money for this good cause.: www.youngminds.org.uk/helloyellow



Assembly

This term we will be delivering our assembly in a different format.

Classes will be engaging in a whole school zoom assemblies.

For Autumn 1 there will be no individual class assemblies.

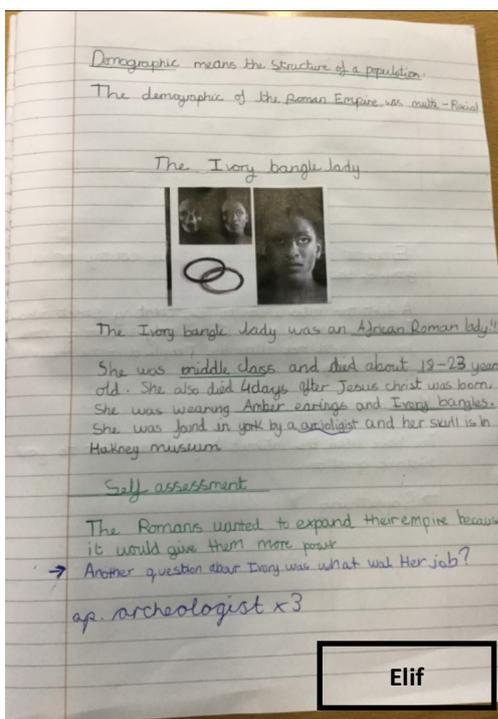
Annual Review and IEP Meeting

Due to current changes in Primary Advantage COVID safety measures we have decided that we will no longer be having face to face parent/carer IEP and Annual Review meetings.

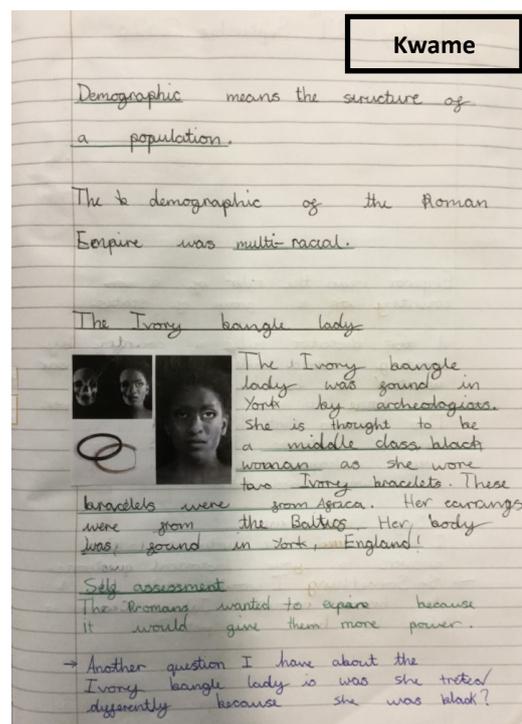
Where possible we will connect with our parents via Zoom. If this is not possible, we will be in touch with parents over the phone and reports and targets will be updated and sent home as usual.

Achievements

In Year 5, the class researched the demographics of Roman Britain and found out that Roman Britain was a multi-racial society. They found that the remains of a black woman from the Roman period was found in York. She wore ivory bangles around her wrists which were from Africa and she is commonly referred to as the 'Ivory bangle lady'. Her skeleton can be found in a museum in York. The class thought it was very important to know that our British society has been diverse for many years and we can't wait to research more questions that we have about the 'Ivory bangle lady'!



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National Poetry Week

To celebrate National Poetry Week at St John & St James, each class practised and virtually performed a poem, by poet Valerie Bloom. The children were fantastic at performing their class poems virtually. They recited their poems with confidence and enjoyment. Valerie Bloom was born in Jamaica, the oldest of nine children, and grew up in a small town surrounded by mountains. Nature played a big role in Bloom's poetry, which has been highlighted by two of our classes whose poems focus on rivers.

Bloom began writing poetry when she was in primary school and soon had a poem published in a national newspaper. She became a teacher, and in 1979 she came to Britain, where she continued to write and perform poetry. In 2008 she was even awarded an MBE for her services to poetry.

Family and food, storytelling and singing – these are the memories of Jamaica that are woven into Valerie's poetry. Older people are a particularly important part of Jamaican family life because of the wisdom they have to impart. As a child, Valerie spent a lot of time with her grandmother, and remembers her in several of her poems. This was showcased in Year 3's poem Granny Is.

Valerie Bloom writes some of her poetry in Jamaican dialect. If you don't find it easy to understand these poems when you read them on the page, you will almost certainly find it much easier when you listen!

In the Caribbean, poetry, music and dance are not seen as separate things – so a poem can also involve singing and dancing. Valerie's poems draw on this Caribbean tradition, and many sound very musical. In fact most are written to be performed.

Valerie's poems draw on Caribbean folk tradition, using riddles, question and answer and rap. Many have very regular rhythms and rhyme – which makes them great to perform. We loved learning, discussing and performing our poems this week and look forward to reading other Valerie Bloom poetry.

The poems we performed by Valerie Bloom:

Year 1: seasons

Year 2: River

Year 3: Granny is

Year 4: Pirates

Year 5: Three ships

Year 6 I asked the river



Recycling Week

Year 6 won last week's recycling week! Our wonderful team representatives were busy running an audit each day on how effective each class we recycling.

They took into consideration different criteria such as whether the correct materials were being put into recycling bins and whether the class had an elected recycling monitor. They then made a decision on which were class were recycling most effectively and year 6 won!

Well one Year 6 and well done everyone at SJSJ for putting s much effort into recycling and protecting our environment!



Walk To School Week

Next week is Walk To School Week. We would really like to encourage all families to walk to school for all five days of next week as a way to raise awareness and celebrate walking for all.

Walking is a fantastic way to help children reach their recommend 60 minutes minimum of physical activity per day. Not only will it set them up for a positive day in the classroom, it will also help create healthy habits for life!



Reminder

Children in Years 1 and 2 are to be dropped off at the gate and come in to school by themselves.

To help stop the spread of the virus we kindly ask parents/carers to wear a face mask when entering the school grounds.



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Important Dates for your Diary

| Details of Event | Time | Date |
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| Black History Month | - | October 2020 |
| World Mental Health Day | - | 09.10.2020 |
| Flu spray: Reception through to Year 6 | 1.00pm | 23.10.2020 |
| Last day of term | 3.30pm | 23.10.2020 |

Message from the PTA

Next meeting of the SJSJ Parent-Teachers Association (PTA) There will be a meeting of the SJSJ PTA on Thursday 8th October at 9 PM by Zoom. A link to join the meeting will be circulated by text, and to the SJSJ PTA email circulation list, early next week.

Whilst this will, by no means, be a typical year for the SJSJ PTA we still warmly invite you to get involved. Please join us to plan for the 2020/2021 academic year and help us to find some creative solutions for socially distanced fundraising! Everyone welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

If you are not able to attend the meeting but would like to receive information about the SJSJ PTA's activities please email: stjohnandstjamespta@gmail.com to be added to the email circulation list.

Gold Award

| Name | Class | Reason |
|----------------|--------|---|
| Andrea | Year 1 | For using exciting adjectives in her writing. |
| Rupert | Year 1 | For being an outstanding role model in year 1. |
| Jack | Year 2 | For always being a fantastic role model. |
| Hawaa | Year 2 | For great improvement in maths and always trying really hard. |
| Tashan | Year 5 | For amazing humanities research carried out independently at home. Well done! |
| Babak and Ella | Year 6 | For making a huge effort with their presentation. |

Online Safety Tip

Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if something or someone makes you feel uncomfortable or worried.

Mindfulness Tip

Spend time in nature. This will give your mind an opportunity to rest from the day, allowing space for body and mind rejuvenation.