



St John & St James' C of E Primary School

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Welcome back to spring 2. The government has announced that from the **8th March** all children are to return to school.

We are very pleased to be opening the school to all year groups and to welcome all our families back. This has been such a difficult time for all and we would like to thank all the families who have been so supportive of the school and for all the positive feedback you have given to the staff who have worked very hard to keep some form of education going. As a school, we appreciate all your efforts and dedication throughout this lockdown.

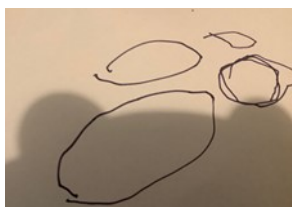
Next week, I will be sending out a letter outlining our plans on how we can reopen safely. We will be using national government and local authority guidance to review our risk assessment to ensure stringent measures are in place to provide a safe environment for our school community.

I would also like to take this opportunity to share with you my gratitude and thanks to all the staff who have been working so hard to keep the home learning package that we offer creative, engaging and balanced and for all their work and care in keeping in touch with the children. I am sure you will join with me in thanking them and thinking they are fantastic! We are so lucky to have them and applaud their commitment and professionalism.

Jo Smith

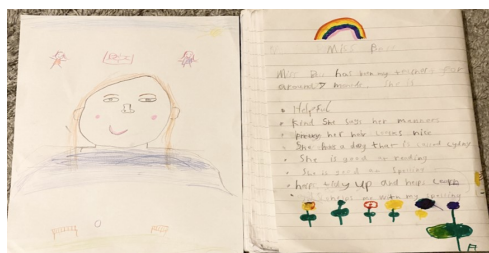
School and Home Learning

Nursery have been practising their mark making skills. This week they have been drawing circles in an anti-clockwise direction. An anti-clockwise motion can be difficult to create, so a BIG 'pat on the back' is deserved for all of your amazing circles. Well done!

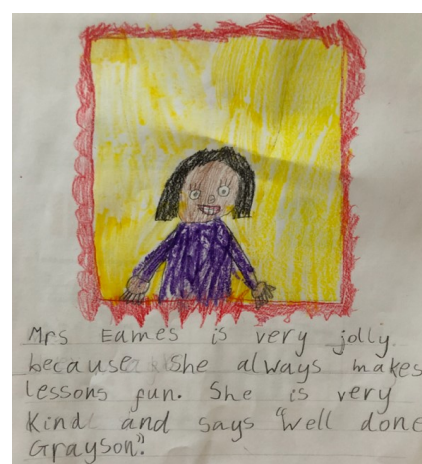
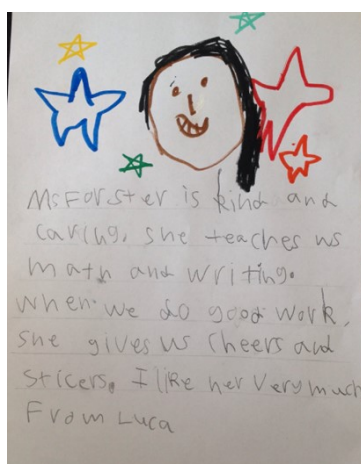
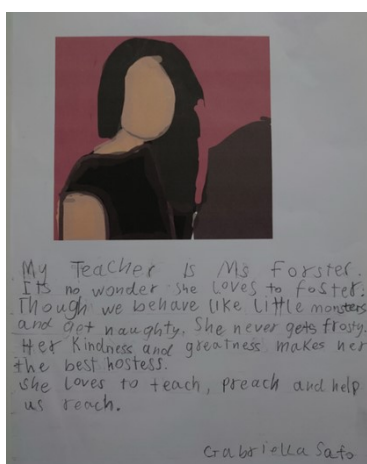


Homework over the last couple of weeks has been a celebration of the wonderful teachers and support staff we have in our school. You have been identifying what makes your teachers special and describing their lovely attributes. You have all be extremely creative. A BIG whoop whoop ye to you all.

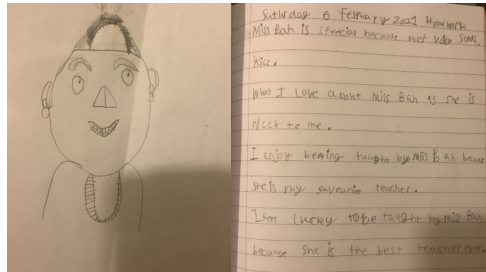
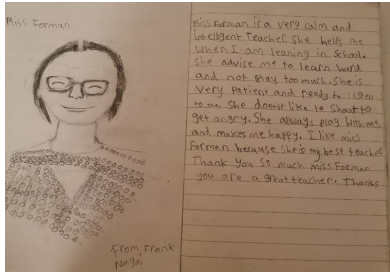
Reception



Year 1



Frank and Zara in Year 2 have displayed their exceptional drawing skills and written fantastic sentences about what makes the adults in their class great. Well done to all the year 2 children on their amazing homework. Sending you all a shooting star!



Iyi has written a wonderful poem about Mr Watson and **Fabian** has painted a fabulous portrait of Miss Christian. We have some very talented children in **Year 4**. Sending you all a ninja clap.

While we work, Mr Watson is kind, answers questions all the time .
 When we are nice he is always kind, helpful, funny and other good things .
 He has a good big heart and show it out .
 Every break time , On his desk is rubbish and lot of things .
 He is good at football and always loses with his team (sorry for that).
 When he is gone his team lose or win but one time it a draw .
 His smile is big and year 4 loves him .
 At the end of the day we shout and scream “
 BYE BYE MR WATSONNNNN “ If your ears hurt it's year4 fault but we will miss you .
 You are the best Mr Watson .

From lyi.;)) :))



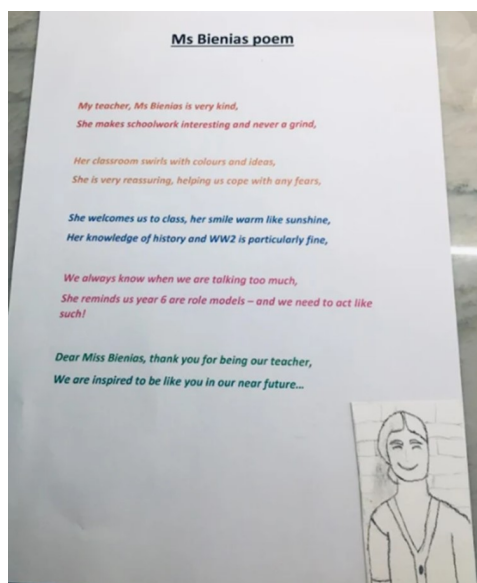
In **Year 5**, **Elif** has showcased her creativity with a fantastic portrait drawing of Mrs Mann. She has used her artist skills of shading to create this realist portrait. **Ife** has written a wonderful poem about Miss Tinmouth. Well done to all the children completing amazing homework. Sending you all a firework!



My poem about Miss Tinmouth

*Miss Timmouth is fair,
She is always there.
She is always kind.
Miss Timmouth is positive,
And never negative.
Thank you Miss Timmouth for all you done!
You made this half term really fun.
You never gave up on me,
You always make me the best I could be.
You had the courage,
To share your knowledge.
Thank you for everything you have done
for me!*

There were so many fantastic poems about the **Year 6** team. Have a read of **Gina's** and **Alyssa's**. Let's send you all a nice, big Italian Mamma Mia celebration as you have all been so creative.



Ms Lawrence is special because she always helps out with whatever you need and she's so lovely and kind to all of us. What I love about Ms Lawrence is her personality, as she has such a big heart and cares for everyone. She does alot of jobs around school and I find that quite generous. If someone's in need of support she'll be there.

I enjoy being taught by Ms Lawrence because she's very easy to work with, she makes our learning much easier and quite fun. We always have a good laugh with her and get our work finished quite quickly so sometimes we have time to play games.

I feel lucky to be taught by Ms Lawrence because she's a very sweet and amazing TA. I'm not sure if she realises but she makes everyone's day better and always puts a smile on my face.

My favourite thing about Ms Lawrence is what I said before she's so thoughtful - listens to all of us. She always puts others before herself and ALWAYS has a smile on her face :) :D.

I am very thankful to Ms Lawrence because when doing maths she makes it a whole lot easier and goes through it slowly if not all of us understand. She is very considerate. Thank you Ms Lawrence!

Wellbeing Tip

Build positive routines. We know it still may not be easy, but try to reintroduce structure around regular routines, healthy eating and exercise. A good night's sleep is also really important!

Non Screen Activity

Use an old sock to create a puppet. Can you put on a puppet show for someone?



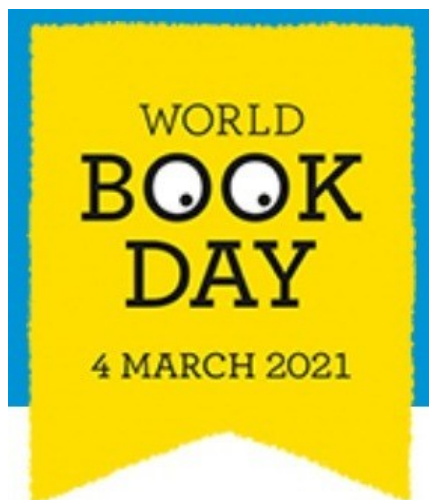
Online Safety Tip

Ask your child to show you what they enjoy doing online or apps they're using so you can understand them.

World Book Day

On the Thursday the 4th of March we will be celebrating our love of reading with World Book day. All children at home and at school are invited to dress up as either their favourite book character or if this is a little tricky, children can wear their pyjamas as part of a bedtime story costume.

All week children will be engaging in a variety of reading activities to promote the love of reading. We look forward to seeing some lovely World Book work and costumes from children both at home and in school.



Diverse Britain - Stories of Migration

During the week commencing Monday 15th March, the children will be continuing their work on our 'Diverse Britain' curriculum.

They will be looking at stories of immigration to Britain and how these stories have shaped the rich, multicultural society that we have in London today. The children will be learning about what immigration is and the push and pull factors which may have encouraged people to move to our country through history.

We would be greatly appreciative if we have any parents, carers, or members of our school community who would be able to share their own story of migration to Britain, with our children.

If you have an experience to share and would be able to join a video call with your child's class, please do contact the office. Real-life stories would be an invaluable asset to our teaching of this hugely important topic.

MHST Parent Workshop

MANAGING BEHAVIOURS THAT CHALLENGE

MARCH 8TH FROM 4-5PM

FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENTS ONLY

HOSTED BY OUR EDUCATIONAL MENTAL

HEALTH PRACTITIONERS:

JENNIFER & IMOGEN



AIM OF THE GROUP:

TO PROVIDE PARENTS AND CARERS WITH INFORMATION, SKILLS AND STRATEGIES TO HELP MANAGE UNDESIRABLE BEHAVIOURS YOU MAY BE FACING, INCLUDING POSITIVE PARENTING STRATEGIES FOR MAINTAINING POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS AND FOR HELPING CHILDREN WITH THEIR ROUTINE.



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Gold Awards

Name	Class	Reason
Ariella	Nursery	For a fantastic effort in maths 'animal spots' counting game and always drawing wonderful pictures.
Zion-King	Nursery	For an amazing effort with his junk model life size car. Well done!
Ahria	Reception	For amazing effort in her work since half term.
Vera	Reception	For settling back into school life so well.
Andrea	Year 1	For her effort and positive attitude towards her learning.
Grayson	Year 1	For his effort and positive attitude towards his learning.
Abraham	Year 2	For amazing improvement in his reading this week.
Sabrina	Year 2	For fantastic contribution to the group meetings everyday.
Juno	Year 3	For producing excellent work EVERY SINGLE day of home learning. Well done!
Khamil	Year 3	For producing excellent work EVERY SINGLE day of home learning. Well done!
Lacey	Year 3	For producing excellent work EVERY SINGLE day of home learning. Well done!
Maggie	Year 3	For producing excellent work EVERY SINGLE day of home learning. Well done!
Adil and Alissa	Year 4	For amazing writing about trolls. Well done!
Kwame	Year 5	For doing such hard work in his morning sessions.
Tanisha	Year 5	For amazing effort with her online maths work.
Aadam	Year 6	For fantastic ideas for his descriptive writing this week.
Naomi	Year 6	For outstanding effort with her home learning. Well done!

Fairtrade Fortnight

Fairtrade Fortnight runs from 22nd March - 7th March 2021 and is an opportunity from people across the UK to come together to share the stories of the people who grow our food and drinks, mine our gold and who grow the cotton in our clothes, people who are often exploited and underpaid.

Fairtrade are holding a writing and art competition and they want 5 - 25 year olds to share a vision 'Of the World you Want.' We encourage children at St John St James to share what they envisage for the world around them in order to celebrate this year's Fairtrade Fortnight.

Follow this link for more information on this competition and how to submit your work!

<https://schools.fairtrade.org.uk/teaching-resources/choose-the-world-you-want-an-activity-for-young-people-ages-5-25/>

