



St John & St James' C of E Primary School



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I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome you all back.

I would like to say huge well done to all of the pupils who have returned after months of home learning with an improved sense of maturity and responsibility.

Everybody came into school this week in a calm and sensible manner, which has resulted in a wonderful start to the spring 2 term.

"I felt very happy to be back at school to see my friends".—Ryan, Year 3

"I am happy to be back and it's great to get back to my lessons".—Jakub, Year 4

"Its really nice to be in school and see all my friends".—Victoria, Year 5

"Going back to school has been a roller-coaster of emotions but for sure a good experience for the first week of coming back".— Alyssa, Year 6

"It was really good to be back at school and seeing all my friends".— Livia

COVID Safety Reminders

- Children must wear full school uniform each day.
- Children need to bring a water bottle to school with them each day.
- Parents and carers must wear a face mask when they are on site; you will not be allowed to enter the school grounds without a face covering.
- No child is to attend school if any member of your household is showing symptoms of COVID 19. Household isolation rules must be strictly adhered to.
- No child is to attend school if they have been in contact with somebody who has tested positive for COVID 19. Isolation rules must be strictly adhered to.

Midnight

Midnight, the school rabbit needs a home for the Easter holidays. If you would be interested in taking care of Midnight during the holiday, please inform the school office.

Thank you.



Week

'This week has been British science week!

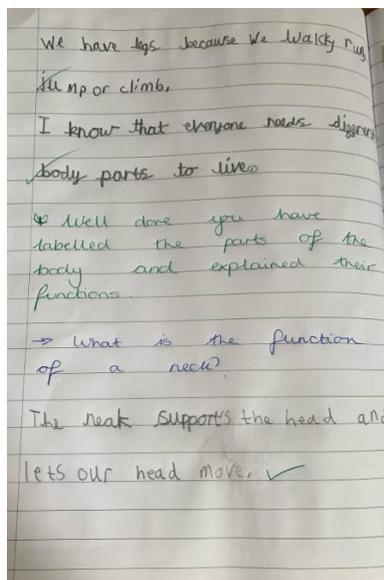
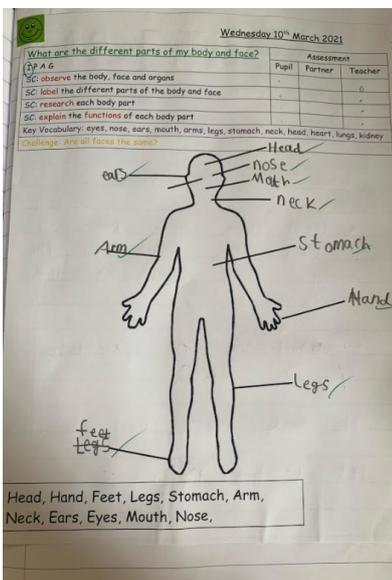
The children have been doing some amazing science learning. Each year group has focussed on a different area of scientific ranging from learning about our solar system to plants and animals. The children have been conducting enquiry-based science investigations and working practically throughout the week to further their scientific knowledge.

If you would like to continue celebrating British science week at home this weekend, go to the British Science week website here: <https://www.britishsienceweek.org/> .

There are fun competitions to participate in and resources to do more science at home!'



As part of **Year 1's** science week, they focused on the human, their body parts and senses. They investigated all of their 5 senses which included sight, smell, touch, hear and taste.





In **Year 2's** science, they have been learning all about animals including humans. To start with, they looked at the foods which make up an animal's diet and then used this information to sort different animals into three categories: carnivore, herbivore and omnivore. The class discovered that most humans are classified as omnivores because they eat a combination of meat and plant-based foods! They then moved their learning on by thinking about other ways that they class can group animals and used their features to help decide which animal species they belonged to. Miss Lawrence shared some pictures of her pets with us and the class grouped them first, and then they did a little bit of research to find out about the diet and features of other animals. Take a look at Sariah's work below:

Animal	Dietary information
 Dogs	Dogs are <u>mammals</u> . Their diet is made up of mostly <u>meat</u> , so they are <u>carnivores</u> .
 Tortoises	Tortoises are <u>Reptiles</u> . Their diet is made up of <u>plants</u> , so they are <u>herbivores</u> .
 Cat	<u>Cats</u> are <u>mammals</u> . Their diet is made up of <u>meat</u> , so they are <u>carnivores</u> .
 Horse	<u>Horses</u> are <u>mammals</u> . Their diet is made up of <u>plants</u> , so they are <u>herbivores</u> .
 Fox	<u>Fox</u> are <u>mammals</u> . Their diet is made up of <u>plants</u> and <u>meat</u> , so they are <u>omnivores</u> .

Year 3's lessons this week, they have been planting cress seeds to test which conditions they grow best in.



Year 4 looked at Forces and Magnets for science week. They investigated a range of objects and materials that magnets attract and repel and also investigated different coins that are magnetic too!

The class discovered that the metal steel is a common magnetic material however, not all metals are magnetic!



Year 5 have been learning all about sound. One of the investigations they did was observing the effects of distance on volume. They conducted this experiment in the playground and used trundle wheels to measure distance in meters. The class found that the further the distance, the quieter the volume. They also made ear defenders from plastic cups and tested different materials as sound insulators. They compared their findings to the materials used in real ear defenders and applied their scientific knowledge to suggest why real ear defenders were more effective at insulating sound.



Year 6 entry point lesson, they carried out a carousel of activities based around Space, our Solar system and the planets within it.

The class used researched skills to find out about the position of the planets in relation to the sun, as well as how the Solar system was found. The class really enjoyed find out how the planets orbit the sun and the process of the moon's orbit of planet Earth. Have a look at these image of them completing their range of activities this week.



Year 2's Amazing Homework

Anna used inspiration from the artist Anthony Goldsworthy to create this beautiful pattern from things she could find in the park.



Maria Siena also created some beautiful artistic design.



Daily Mile at SJSJ

This half term we are beginning the daily mile at SJSJ!

Every day, a class will be running a mile in a drive to get moving and be more active! We will also be incorporating some fitness in class too!

If you have some time at home as the weather improves, please feel free to get involved too!





Parent Workshop - Managing Child Anxiety

Worry, uncertainty and fears may be especially present during the current climate, given the changes in our lives, and the health concerns that people are experiencing. This workshop aims to provide information about what is anxiety and what parents and carers can do to help their child to manage and reduce the impact of worry and fear in their life

23rd March and 20th April from 4-5pm with Alex and Olivia.

Book your place via Eventbrite on the link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/managing-child-anxiety-parent-workshop-tickets-115476143253>



Year 4's My Emotions Workshop

On Monday our MHST clinician Imogen Bowls (part of CAMHS Mental Health Support Team) delivered the workshop "**My emotions**" to our Year 4 students.

In the workshop we spoke about different emotions and how they may effect us. Pupils were shown a short video created by the Anna Freud organisation, describing what mental health is. Following this, they spoke about who we can talk to when we experience negative emotions and the students created an illustration of their back up team (in their school mindfulness books).

The students were given an opportunity to ask questions at the end of the session and Imogen was incredibly impressed with the level of knowledge and curiosity the students held around this topic.

"We loved the workshop! It was nice to learn that talking about a problem will help. It can be scary but it's very useful!" - Noah

"The workshop went really well. I liked that Imogen was able to answer lots of my questions".—Tianah

"We watched a YouTube video on how to control your emotions and I found it really good. It advises on techniques on how to calm yourself".—Kiara



Parent Governor Election

There was recently an election for a new parent governor for Primary Advantage Federation.

There was one candidate who was Mondli Makina whose children attend St John the Baptist. Mondli was therefore elected automatically.

Congratulations to her. Mondli's term began on 10 March and lasts for four years.



BADU Easter Camp

BADU **FOOTBALL** **CAMP**

DATES: Tues 6th – Fri 16th April
TIME: 8.30am - 3.30pm
Age: 7 – 15 years
CAMP PRICES:
Early Bird: £66 per week
Full price: £87 per week
NHS/Key Workers/Sibling discounts: £82 per week
LOCATION:
THE CITY ACADEMY, HOMERTON
ROW,
LONDON, E9 6EA

BADU will be running a Football camp for the Easter holidays. BADU football camp will provide practical and classroom learning to develop keen footballers. Your children's safety is our priority! Our camp adheres to the Government's COVID-19 guidelines.

Please provide your child with a suitable packed lunch and other snacks they can have throughout the day. We will also be providing healthy snacks during camp.

PLEASE BOOK VIA OUR WEBSITE:
www.badusports.com

We are only accepting online bookings and have limited Early Bird tickets available, please book early to avoid disappointment.

ENQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT:
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For any enquires please contact: cams@badusots.com or call 020 8432 2322

Sign up here: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/badu-easter-camp-tickets-145036214221?aff=odeimcmailchimp&mc_cid=aa1b1078dc&mc_eid=1614efc711



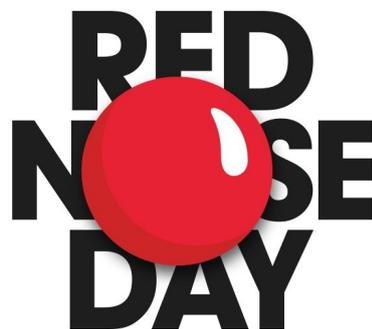
Gold Awards

Name	Class	Reason
Jerry	Year 1	For his improved handwriting.
Sienna	Year 1	For always participating enthusiastically in reading lessons.
Evar	Year 2	For being an amazing scientist this week and asking loads of fantastic questions.
Jayden	Year 2	For brilliant engagement and effort in maths this week.
Muyiwa	Year 3	For participating enthusiastically during lessons and answering questions confidently.
Iliana	Year 4	For a great focused start to school.
Tianah	Year 4	For an extremely mature week with a positive attitude to her learning.
Efe	Year 5	For fantastic operations in science.
Ellie	Year 5	For helping her partners in all of her subjects, especially in maths.
Alyssa, Ella and Naomi	Year 6	For amazing active listening, stopping as soon as the teacher's hand goes up and using eye contact as a sign of their listening. Incredible RESILIENCE in maths. Well done!
Peter	Year 6	Making a huge effort with his participation and engaging in his learning so well.

Red Nose Day 2021

On Friday 19th March it is Red Nose Day.

Come to school wearing a red nose and bring along a £1 to donate. In school we will be celebrating Red Nose day with lots of fun activities.



Gold Awards

Give yourself a moment today to pause and breath. If you need a focus during your meditation - zone in on the sounds you can hear - so many birds out there chirping away!