



St John & St James' C of E Primary School

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Midnight

Midnight, our school rabbit has sadly passed away and gone to rabbit heaven. He was with us for 12 years and we will miss him tremendously.



Free Singing and Songwriting Session

Hackney music have a series of absolutely **free of charge singing / song-writing sessions**, plus a series of **Jazz sessions and Film Music sessions for instrumentalists** that are a bargain at just £20 for a 5 week block, or £10 for Pupil Premium pupils. All projects are targeted at KS2 year groups.

Here is a link to further details about all three courses:

<http://www.hackneymusic.co.uk/activities/ensembles-choirs/>



MHST Workshops

Mindful Parenting Group drop in - Fridays at 4-5PM (Started 16th April, and running until 4th June)

This 8-week Mindful Parenting Group is for parents and carers who may be feeling stressed or worried about parenting their children. Mindfulness is an evidence-based approach to stress management. The group is designed to give you the tools to start your own mindfulness practice, while also offering guidance on how to parent your children mindfully

Eventbrite link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mindful-parenting-group-tickets-143081417371>

Managing Child Anxiety- Parent workshop: Tuesday 18th May from 4-5pm

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 lives.

Eventbrite Link:

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

Parent support group for Managing child anxiety – Thursday 6th May-10th June from 4-5pm

This **6-week support group** aims to provide a sharing space for parents and carers to continue to build understanding of anxiety and evidence-based ideas of what parents and carers can do to help their child to manage, including challenging unhelpful thoughts, relaxation strategies and building up brave and confident behaviour.

Eventbrite Link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parent-support-group-for-managing-child-anxiety-tickets-146731571079>

Supporting your child's transition to secondary school – 2-part workshop: Thursday 10th & 17th June from 4-5pm

This workshop is aimed at parents of YEAR 6 students going into secondary school. This two- part workshop will include, how to support your child with worries and fears during the school transition, COVID related worries during the school transition and problem solving and Effective responses to your child's anxiety around transitions.

Eventbrite Link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/supporting-your-childs-transition-to-secondary-school-2-part-workshop-tickets-151189609191>



Green Team

This week, the green team conducted a survey all about how each child travels to school and how they would prefer to travel to school. The green team representatives went to their classes to conduct a survey. They then analysed the results from the survey, adding up totals and communicating our findings in written statements. Well done Green Team!



School Uniform

Below is a reminder of our school uniform expectations; please be reminded that we are no longer selling school uniform directly from school. All uniform supplies are available to buy at www.mandsyourschooluniform.com

Click on—Uniform by school

Click on—London (n-z)

Scroll to find St John & St James' C of E Primary School (look for our school logo.

The link can be found on our school website.

Leggings are not to be worn under dresses or skirts. Your child may wear plain red, white or grey socks or tights.

Standard	PE
<p>Grey trousers, shorts, dresses, tunics or skirts. Plain red, white or grey socks or tights. Red and white checked or striped summer dresses. White or red polo-shirts, shirts or blouses. Red sweatshirts, cardigans or zip fleeces; with or without the school logo. Black shoes, plain black trainers or sandals which strap around the back of the foot/ankle.</p>	<p>Black jogging bottoms or leggings. Green t-shirts; with or without the school logo. Bottle green jumper; with or without the school logo. Plain black trainers or plimsolls.</p>

Amazing work...

This week **Nursery** have been keeping a watchful eye over the plants they planted a few weeks ago. The class have been taking turns to water them at the end of the school day.

The children have really enjoyed making colourful water potions in the water area using their new water dispensers.

Continuing with their 'Minibeast' theme, the children have been creating their own individual butterflies. But together, in a small group, they created two large painted butterflies which are now displayed in the classroom.

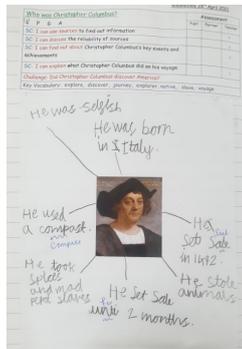
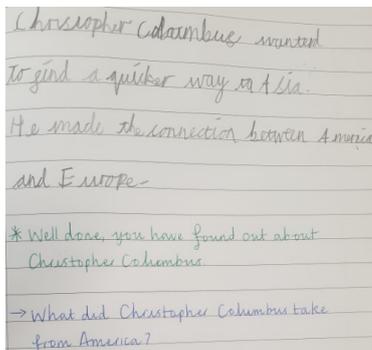


Reception class have been working on number bonds in maths this week. They have been using 'part whole models' to help them find all the different ways to make 7.

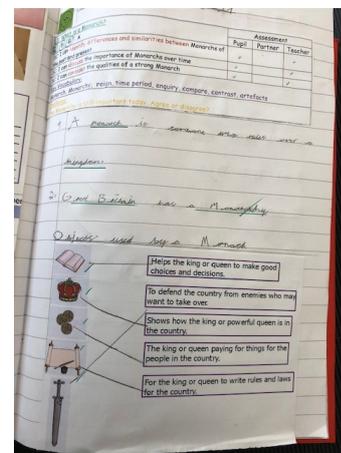
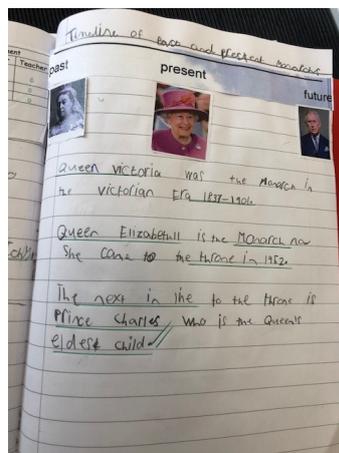
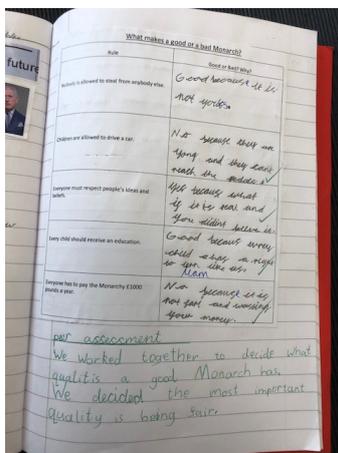


This week **Year 1** have started learning about explorers. They were finding out more about Christopher Columbus and what he did on his voyage.

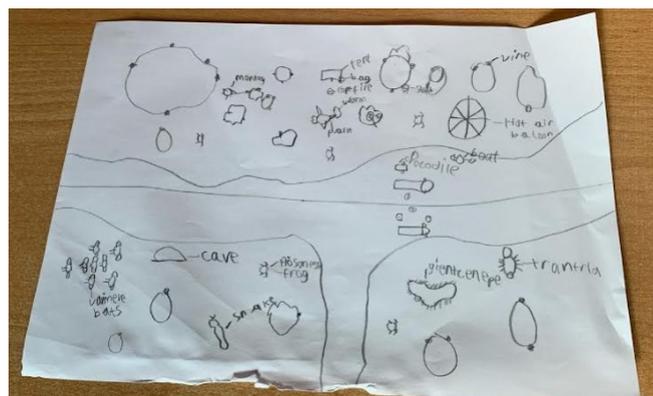
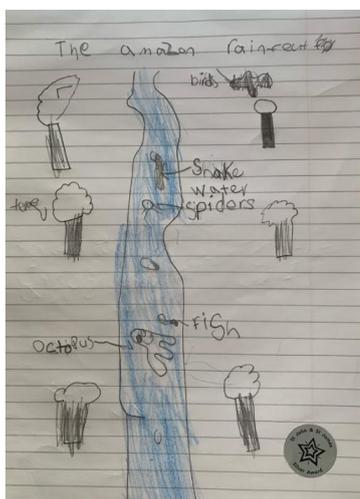
Ocean and **Eliana** made Neil Armstrong's rocket. **Orlando** made the Santa Maria the ship that Christopher Columbus sailed on.



In **Year 2's** History lessons this half term the class are learning all about what a Monarch is. Have a look at **Sariah** and **Lily's** work, they have thought about the timeline of our Monarchy and the qualities needed to be a good Monarch!



As part of their homework, **Krishnaun** and **David** in **Year 3** drew a map of the Amazon river.



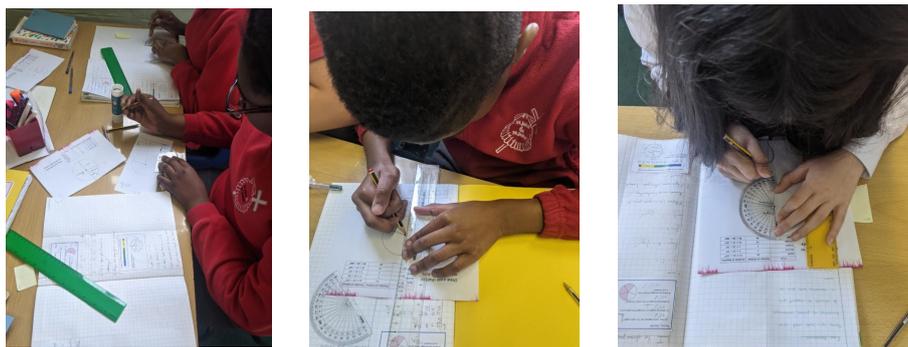
This week in **Year 4**, they learnt about the capital cities of South American countries! The class used the lines of latitude and longitude to identify the cities and their four figure grid references.



Keichardae and Elif have done some fantastic homework all about **Year 5's** new humanities topic 'Safari'. They are keeping these models in the classroom to decorate our humanities displays. Well done!



In **Year 6** this week, we made fossils! We discussed the process involved in fossilisation and the role of a palaeontologist and then became SJSJ's very own palaeontologists! We created a seabed out of plasticine and then buried dog bones inside. We then created sediment by layering paper towels on top. This created a fossil when we peeled the layers back. We had a really interesting lesson and had fun at the same time! For maths they also learnt how to use protractors this week and created their own pie charts!



Raising Money For The PTA

Winkworth signboard sponsorship

Can you help the PTA raise money for SJSJ?

Winkworth Estate Agent has offered to sponsor SJSJ by donating £25 for every signboard that they can put up outside a property. Each signboard (which is like an estate agent's 'for sale' sign but which will have different wording on it) will have the Winkworth logo plus the wording 'proudly supporting St John and St James' C of E Primary School'.

The boards will be put up by Winkworth and will be taken down six weeks later. The exact timing is yet to be agreed but is likely to be in June or early July.

For every 20 signboards we can display the school will receive £500, so it really is worthwhile!

Unfortunately, flats are not eligible. (Although, if you are the freeholder, or you can get the freeholder's permission, it might be possible.)

If you are able to help, please email stjohnandstjamespta@gmail.com by **Friday 8th May** with;

your name

your child's name and school year

the address of the property

the full postcode.

There is no upper limit to the number of signboards Winkworth will sponsor so please enlist any friends, neighbors and relatives who live locally so we can maximise this fundraising opportunity. They do not have to have children at SJSJ.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact stjohnandstjamespta@gmail.com

Thank you!

PTA



Example of a signboard sponsored by Currell

Next Chairperson For The PTA

The PTA Committee has some amazing fundraising ideas and is looking for a new Chairperson with the drive, determination and time to take these forward. Do you have some spare time to help build the PTA community and raise money for SJSJ?

Pre Covid, the PTA ran a twice termly cake sale, arranged an annual bag-to-school collection and estate agent signboard sponsorship and organised events such as the Christmas Fair, carol singing fundraisers and an Easter egg hunt.

The Chairperson is responsible for overseeing the arrangements for these events and taking forward any new initiatives.

If you are interested, or would just like to know more about what is involved, please email stjohandstjamespta@gmail.com or speak to one of the PTA Steering Group members: Karen Widdowson (Chair), Selma Kaya (Secretary), John Heaton (Treasurer) or Lucia Fry (Treasurer).

School Council

Reducing emissions around school

Car free and anti-idling zones are some of the ways in which we are helping to reduce children's exposure to harmful vehicle emissions.

We want to work with parents and carers to make it easier for children to walk or cycle to school and increase public awareness in relation to air pollution and children.

Did you know?

A lack of clean air can make it hard for people to breathe and can lead to lung disease.

Please do not drive or park outside our school area.

Thank you
SJSJ School Council





Gold Awards

Name	Class	Reason
Cyrus	Nursery	For remembering and using scientific vocabulary (chrysalis) when talking to family about the life cycle of a butterfly.
Ruben	Nursery	For beginning to form recognisable letters in his name using mark making materials.
Chloe	Reception	For such amazing effort in everything she does.
Rupert	Year 1	For his consistent effort in all his learning.
Sienna	Year 1	For her amazing attitude towards her maths learning.
Dominic and Maria Siena	Year 2	For being outstanding role models in after school clubs.
Miss Forman's reading group	Year 2	For great use of our vocabulary words in context this week.
Emilio	Year 3	For a terrifying adventure story, scaring Mrs Lloyd!
Khamil	Year 3	For an exciting adventure story using lots of techniques to create suspense.
Krish Shaun	Year 3	For brilliant homework showing his knowledge of the Amazon rainforest.
Ryan O	Year 3	For an adventure story full of fantastic twists and turns.
Alissa, Daniel and Kimberly	Year 4	For making a great effort to improve their presentation.
Gabrielle	Year 5	For amazing focus and listening in grammar showing eye contact and excellent active listening.
Jia-Ling	Year 5	For fantastic maths work comparing fractions with unlike denominators.
Jeffrey	Year 5	For excellent active listening in all his lessons.
Arion	Year 6	For amazing participation in maths lessons and showing excellent listening.
Nancy	Year 6	For being a caring and supportive partner.

Wellbeing Tip

Nature trails aren't just for kids. When walking, have a list of items to look out for, it will distract your mind and help you immerse in the outdoors. Look for wild flowers, pond life or particular birds.

Online Safety Tip

You may be sophisticated enough to know not to click on a URL that's supposedly from your bank or a friend, but does everyone in your household know that? Teach your kids about phishing scams and warn them not to click on URLs in an email or social network message.

