



St John & St James' Primary School

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COVID-19 Reminders

Covid Reminders:

The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)

a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If anyone in your household has any of these symptoms you **all** must isolate and get a test. If anyone in your household is isolating or waiting for a test result you must not send your children into school. They need to be isolating too.

Most people with symptoms have at least 1 of these. **About 1 in 3 people with COVID-19 do not have symptoms** but can still infect others therefore the NHS is suggesting all adults should do a rapid flow test twice a week.

Lateral Flow Tests:

The NHS recommends that adults and secondary school pupils should do a rapid test twice a week (every 3 to 4 days) to check if you have the virus. If people test positive and self-isolate, it helps stop the virus spreading. Lateral Flow Tests can be collected locally from pharmacies.

We are asking that all parents test twice a week to protect the school community and help stop the spread of Covid.



Amazing Work...

Continuing to explore our literacy text 'Anna Hibiscus song'. The children in **Nursery** have looked a little closer at the continent of Africa. Focusing in particular on the country of Ghana (the location of Anna's home). The class have identified similarities and difference between Anna's home country and the country we reside, England.

The children have used their knowledge of shape, patterns and colour to create Ghanaian flags. Drawing freehand a rectangle shape and then using a ruler to mark straight lines across the rectangle to divide it into three.



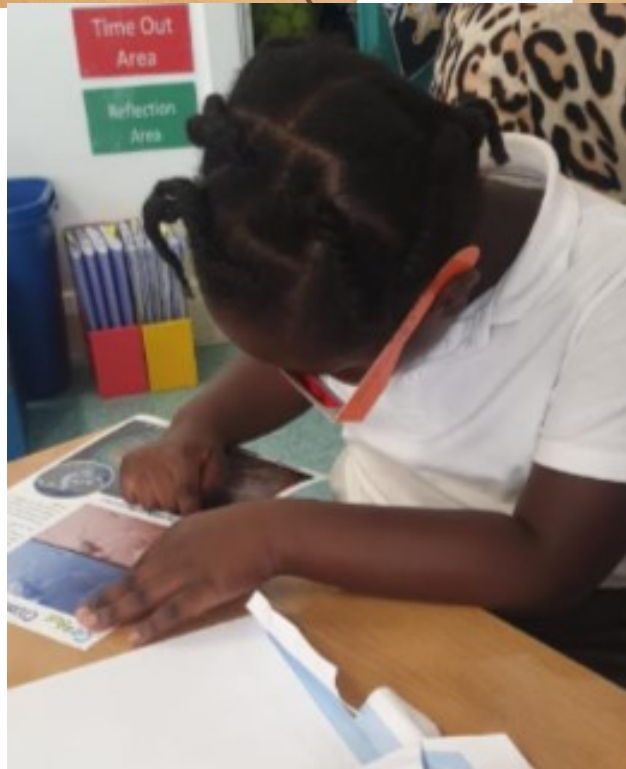
This week the children have been tending to the plants, making sure they are well watered in the hot temperatures we have been experiencing. Some of the plants have grown so tall that it was needed to move them to a larger pot.

Look at how lovely their gardening area is coming along.



Reception Class have been incredible at switching to online learning again this week. They have been writing great setting descriptions for their made up beaches in writing. Estimating with larger quantities in maths and making paper boats for Topic. Well done Reception Class for always taking on new challenges with enthusiasm!

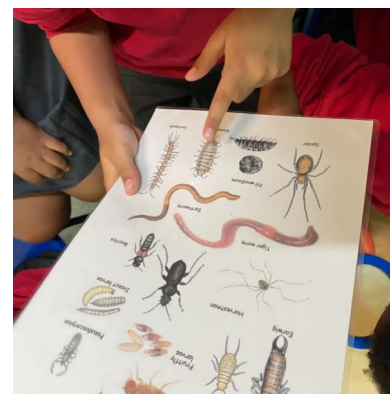
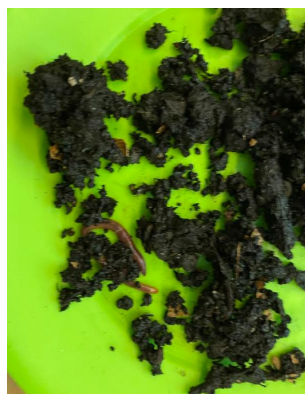
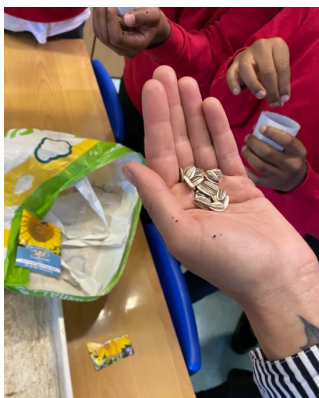
Year 1 enjoyed learning about sustainability this week. They had a zoom workshop about climate change and the effects it has on the Arctic. The children learnt how a rise in global temperature is contributing to rising sea levels and changing weather and they had the opportunity to wear 3D glasses to see what the Arctic is like.



Year 2 had an ECO workshop this week where they thought about what they could do to make the planet greener. They explored different recycled materials and used some of these to make their very own plant pots. They then planted their own seed to take home and look after.



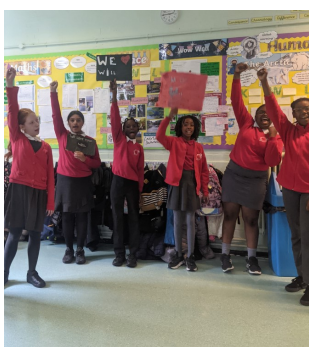
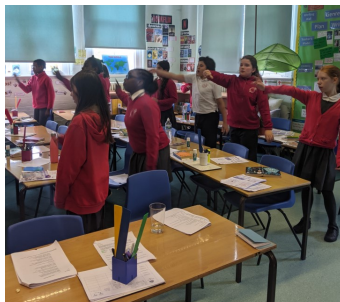
Year 3 and **Year 4** enjoyed their sustainability workshop this week where they learnt about how to reduce food waste. They made their own recycled pots out of newspaper and planted a sunflower seed to take and grow at home. They also found lots of mini beasts like worms and wood live in compost and learnt about why we need them.



Year 5 have been on an exciting school trip this week. The children travelled to Stanhill farm to pick their own strawberries! They filled their punnets to the brim with all of the local produce they found. The class brought the strawberries back to school and they will be making jam and chutneys from the strawberries.



Year 6 are in full swing with their performance practice! They have been working recently on the choreography for the songs and have been thinking about their stage presence and techniques to best engage their audience. They are extremely excited to share this wonderful musical with the rest of the school and we are so proud of all of their efforts going into making sure it is an outstanding show!

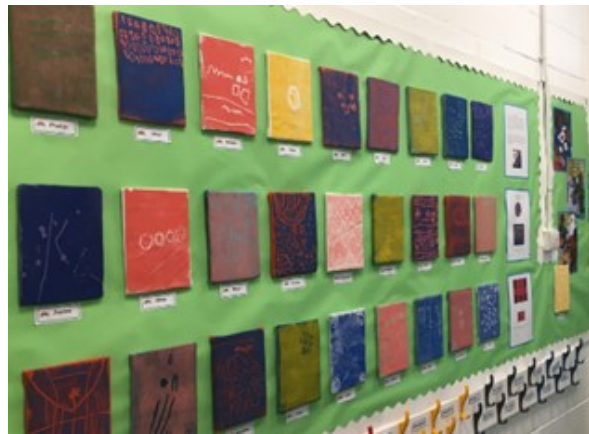


Our Curriculum - Art

At SJSJ Primary School we believe that art inspires creativity, imagination and inventiveness. We believe that art gives our pupils the skills, concepts and knowledge necessary for them to engage and express responses to ideas and experiences. It fires their imagination and is a fundamental means of personal expression.

We teach art lessons in a block of lessons across a week, four times a year. Each block focuses on a particular art skill and each class has a focus artist to research and be inspired by.

Sketchbooks, for children to record and experiment in, are used through the school. They are also used to track progression and skills development. Pupils learn to appreciate works of art and use artistic language to describe paintings, sculptures and other art forms.



Pride Youth Network

Some **Year 6** children have formed a Pride Youth Network. They are working with the fantastic charity Educate and Celebrate to think about how we celebrate diversity in our school and represent and welcome all different types of families in our school community, as well as how we challenge stereotypes and discrimination.

They were asked to come up with a group name and logo and have aptly called themselves "Diverseteam!" They are going to be thinking of ways to ensure every part of our school community is inclusive of all identities and sharing their research with all of the school pupils.

Have a look at some of their hugely creative logos that they have made and look out for more details of the projects they are working on in upcoming weeks!



School Uniform Promotion

We have just been made aware that there has been a last-minute change to the M&S 20% promotion. There has been delay by a week and will now run across the bespoke website, in stores and on M&S.com from 6th July until 3rd August, and not from 29th June as had previously been communicated.

20% off M&S School Uniform, excluding accessories, from 6th July to 3rd August
Sale Price applicable at checkout.

School Shoes

Please ensure your child's school shoes are black.

During hot weather your child may wear sandals but please ensure they too are black.



Summer Reading Challenge

This summer, we strongly encourage all pupils at St John St James to get involved with the very exciting Summer Reading Challenge with the theme of Sustainability this year.

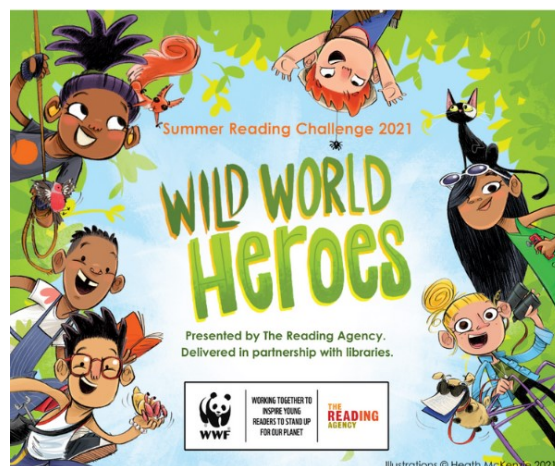
You can get involved at any library that you are part of so please ask about it at your local library or find out more about the challenge at this link: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

All your child needs to do is read 6 books over the summer! When you take out the first book from the library, you can collect a folder, which will have stickers and a comments box for your child to comment on the book they have read.

They can then go and collect their next books up until their sixth, at which point they will receive an exciting prize. Your child can read any types of books as part of the challenge and the libraries encourage the children to go and share with the library staff how their challenge is going! They can of course also read more than 6 books over the summer too.

If you are not part of Hackney library and would like to be, the link to join is https://llc.ent.sirsidynix.net.uk/client/en_GB/hackney

We can't wait to hear about all of the children's' reading when we return in September!





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Important Dates for your Diary

Details of Event	Time	Date
NHS Big Tea	TBC	05.07.2021
Year 5 and 6 Bikeability	TBC	TBC
Sports Day	ALL DAY	21.07.2021
Year 6: End of Year Performance	4.30pm	22.07.2021
Year 6 Leavers Service @ St Luke's	9.15am	TBC
School Closing at 12pm	12pm	23.07.2021

Unfortunately we will no longer be able to hold Multi-Cultural Evening due to government guidance.

Gold Awards

Name	Class	Reason
Fatimah	Nursery	For growing in confidence to verbally engage in activities, especially with the class gardening project.
Jagjot	Year 1	For his effort in maths and writing
Lucia	Year 1	For her beautiful presentation about June Goodall.
Oscar	Year 1	For researching and trying out Olympic sporting events.
Aisha	Year 2	For being amazing in all lessons and always showing enthusiasm towards her learning.
Jack and Lila	Year 2	For brilliant partner work in reading this week and working together to work out any unfamiliar words.
Adil, Alissa, Blessing, Gabriella, Juno, Kate, Muiyiwa, Ryan, Samuel and Tyler	Mrs Lloyds Reading Group	For working hard in EVERY reading lesson for the WHOLE year and making excellent progress. Well done and keep it up!
Daniel	Year 4	For writing a fantastic and creative writing assessment.
Tianah	Year 4	For an amazing improvement in her presentation.
Amelle	Year 5	For being so helpful around the classroom.
Zi Qi	Year 5	For being a fantastic role model to others.
Aadam, Akiira and Julijs	Year 6	For exceptional maturity and coherence when talking to visitors about the school curriculum.