Our Lady & St John's Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

We had our first 'Stay and Play' in Early Years for parents this week. It was lovely to see the parents in both the Nursery and Reception classes getting involved in all the activities with their children. There is a second 'Stay and Play' next Wednesday.

School gates

We are still waiting for a part to have the bottom car access gate fixed. Please can we remind all parents and children that this drive way is for staff cars and deliveries only. All children and parents need to walk up the path to access school. To ensure we all keep safe please dismount from bikes and scooters. Thank you for your help in keeping everyone safe.

There is no school tomorrow as it is an INSET day, so we will see you all on Monday 25th November.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs. Cunningham

Stars of the Week
18th November 2024

Rec : Sam & Liliana
Yr1: Cleo & Kerri
Yr2: Leen & Noad
Yr3: Emma & Dawid
Yr4: Emily & Szymon
Yr5: Julia & Reina
Yr6: Leo & Sheena



We are a PEANUT & NUT FREE SCHOOL

Due to severe allergies of some pupils and staff, please ensure no nut or peanut products are brought into school.



Safeguarding

The wellbeing of our children is of paramount Importance to all staff.
Should any parent have a concern regarding a child's wellbeing, please inform the school's designated safeguarding officer:
Mrs Cunningham or in her absence the deputy safeguarding
officer Mrs Sheehan. In cases where school staff have concerns, they have a statutory duty to discuss the issue with their line manager, Mrs Cunningham to seek further advice.

Congratulations to the children in St. John's who received the most house points over the last week.

The children in St. John's will receive 15 minutes of extra play in Key stage 1.

The children in St. John's in Key stage 2 will receive a Homework pass for this weeks' homework.

House point winners for this week



HOUSES	Score
St Patrick	110
St Andrew	192
St George	152
St David	222
St John	236
Overall Winner	St John's

Punctuality & Attendance

Position	Year	%	Late
1st	6	100	1
2nd	1	98.4	6
3rd	5	97.9	3
4th	2	97.8	2
5th	Nur	97.6	2
6th	Rec	97.3	1
7th	3	95.3	5
8th	4	87.7	0







Congratulations to Year 6 on their 100% attendance!

They will receive 10 minutes extra play

Important Dates November/December

Tuesday 26th November
- Yr6 trip to Benjamin Franklin House

Wednesday 27th November
8:30-9:30 Nursery & Reception Stay & Play
2:30-3:30 Nursery & Reception Stay & Play

Friday 29th November
8:50 Yr4 class mass

Monday 2nd December
- Yr3 Gunnersbury museum

Wednesday 4th December
9:00 Nursery & Reception nativity
- Yr2 cake sale

Thursday 5th December
- Yr4 @ Gumley House 'Nativity' performance

Friday 6th December
- Mufti day for Christmas fete

Monday 9th December
6:00 GB meeting
- Reception height weight & vision check

Wednesday 11th December
9:00 Yr&2 Christmas production

Friday 13th December
8:50 Piano assembly
3:15-5:15 Christmas fete

Monday 16th December
- Christmas parties & toy day

Wednesday 18th December
9:00 Yr5/6 Junior carol service
9:45 Yr3/4 Junior carol service

Thursday 19th December
9:00 End of term mass

Friday 20th December
1:00 End of term

The calendar is updated on our website. Please take a look to note new dates and updates.

EYFS 'Stay & Play'

In EYFS the children enjoyed having their parents come and see their learning.

Thank you to all the parents that came to stay and play on November the 20th. The children enjoyed showing their parents their classroom, friends and learning journeys. We look forward to next week's session on the 27th November. We will have more stay and play sessions in the spring term.













YEAR 3 AND 4 GIRLS FOOTBALL

On Friday 15th November we took part in the Hounslow year 3 and 4 girls borough football tournament. Our girls have been making great progress during their PE lessons and continued their development into very competitive lunch time matches. We had great numbers to the trials and selected 7 for this competition and the other 7 will play in the football festival in the new year.

This years competition was at a different venue than normal and was also 5-a-side instead of 6, giving our girls more freedom to play in. We were put in a tough group of 5 teams but we came through it with flying colours, winning 3 of our group games and drawing the other. On top of this, we managed to go through all of those games without conceding a single goal!

We were very direct in our matches, attacking the goal as quicky as we could and we were one of the only teams playing great passes to each other as well. In our group games we won 4-0 in two of the matches, 1-0 in another and a 0-0 draw with a very strong team. Our quarter final was anther closely fought 1-0 win and we moved into the semi-final. Unfortunately this is where the competition ended for us, but to go 5 games without conceding and to be in the to 4 for the brough, we can be very proud of our achievement.

Overall we had some amazing individual and team performances. Some amazing goals from Vivien (5), Laura (3), Sophie (1) and Grace (1). Some incredible defending from Julia and Stella, and some outstanding goal keeping from Chloe who saved us so many times. Well done to everyone and thankyou to Mrs Brice for helping with travel and supporting us.



Sports Leaders Award

Emma & Wanda



Year 5 Cake sale

A big thank you to everyone in year 5 who brought cakes in to sell at the year 5 cake sale.

The children managed to raise

£141.94

Thank you to everyone who brought in money to spend.



To all our parents,
grandparents and carers.

We really need your help.

With the increasing demands on the curriculum, we are finding it more and more difficult to provide 1-1 reading for our children.

Although this is not an expectation of the curriculum, it is something that we have always valued in the hope that it provides children with a love of reading from an early age.

So, if you can spare an hour or two every week (or more) to hear children read, please let me know, we would be eternally grateful.

This support is invaluable to both the teachers and the children.

Thank you in advance
Mrs Sheehan

Homework club

Mrs. Sheehan & the School council will be running a homework club for the juniors in the ICT suite.

Monday & Tuesdays

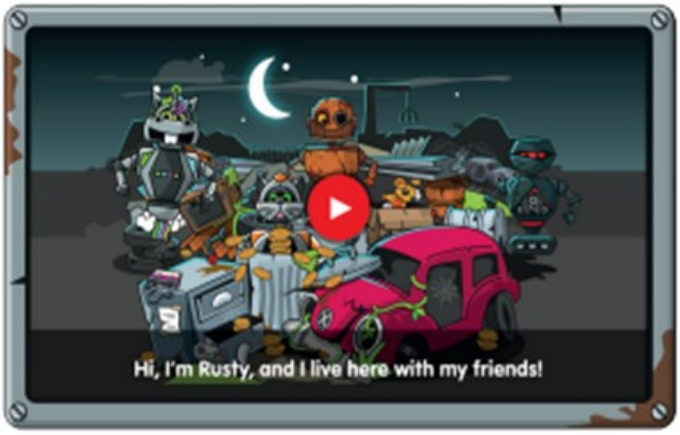
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HOW THE GAME WORKS

Numbots

BEFORE THE GAME

Children are welcomed to the game with an opening video, where they are introduced to the central character, "Rusty". In the video, Rusty asks for help in his quest to find new parts to upgrade him to a diamond robot, so he can "shine inside and out, like a Diamond". Next, the child will be able to choose a bot name they will play under, as well as their own robot character.



PLAYING THE GAME: STORY MODE

The game starts in 'Story Mode'. There are 18 stages - from Rust to Diamond - and each stage is made up of a number of levels. Players start at Rust level 1 and, to unlock the next level, they need to earn at least 2 out of 3 stars.

To earn the 2 or 3 stars required to pass the level, children must demonstrate a level of fluency when answering the questions. This means they must be accurate and timely with their answers; if children get 0 or 1 stars they need to answer more quickly. The game ensures that learners don't move on to the next level until they show they are prepared for it.

Story Mode starts with very basic maths (subitising numbers) and progresses steadily and rigorously to addition and subtraction of double-digit numbers.



PLAYING THE GAME: CHALLENGE MODE

When players complete Stage 3 (Tin): Level 35 in Story Mode, they will unlock Challenge Mode. Here they can race the clock to test themselves on how many questions they can answer correctly in one minute. There are 20 different challenges to choose from; each challenge testing a different skill, for example number bonds to 10, adding single digits or subtracting double digits.



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THE CUSTOM SHACK

For every maths question answered correctly, the child will receive coins to spend in the Custom Shack. Here, they are able to purchase new parts to upgrade and personalise their own robot character. As well as earning coins, children are kept motivated throughout their NumBots journey by collecting badges and winning trophies to reward their achievements.



SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD

We recommend children get 3 minutes a day four or five times a week. There will be times when they need your help understanding what to do (to help with that, there is an info slide before each level begins) or even with typing in the answers. They may need encouragement from time to time and they may benefit from being reminded that making mistakes is something perfectly natural.

They could also reach a point in the maths that is beyond their reach for now; if it feels like they've reached a blocker, we'd recommended returning to earlier levels and trying to complete them with 3 stars. If they are regularly struggling to achieve 2 stars, it may be worth speaking to their teacher abour possible strategies and asking them to change the Story Controls for your child, which will give them longer to pass each level.

