Our Lady & St John's Newsletter

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Dear parents,

Another busy week and I am sure we are all looking forward to half term. This week marked the end of Black History Month in school which was celebrated with a special assembly. Our aim is to not just recognise Black History in October but ensure it is embedded in our school curriculum across the year. Thank you to Mrs. Ashton for co-ordinating the assembly and to all the pupils who participated.

Thank you to all the parents who attended our parent evenings – we had almost 100% turn out! A huge 'thank you' to our Year 6 helpers for ensuring we were all organised – they did an amazing job and we had many compliments from parents about how polite and efficient they were.

Uniform

Please remember that after half term all children need to be in the winter uniform, with school coats. Please also label everything, particularly coats, jumpers, scarves and hats. We will be selling hats and gloves in school after half term.
We want to continue to re-cycle our school uniform and help anyone who needs it and we will let you know more information about this soon.

Wishing you all an enjoyable half term,

Mrs. Cunningham

Stars of the Week
16th October 2023

R: Modupeola & Vespyr
Yr1: Isla & Ray
Yr2: Tom & Elma
Yr3: Maria & Ethan M
Yr4: Leon & Bronagh
Yr5: Melissa & Joseph
Yr6: Abigail & Maame



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.

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.



Congratulations to the children in St. John's who received the most house points 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 the first weeks' homework after half term.

House point winners for this week

HOUSES	Score
St Patrick	151
St Andrew	141
St George	216
St David	210
St John	231
Overall Winner	St John's

Important Dates

Monday 30th October
- School reopens
- Bikeability for Year 6 all week

Wednesday 1st November
9:00 All saints day—mass in church (Y1-Y6)

Wednesday 8th November
8:50 Yr1 phonics & reading meeting for parents

Monday 6th November
- Year 5&6 Victorians trip to Gunnersbury park

Punctuality & Attendance

Position	Year	%	Late
1st	5	100	0
2nd	2	99.3	6
2nd	6	99.3	5
3rd	3	98	3
4th	Nursery	97.6	0
5th	4	96.9	0
6th	Rec	94.9	5
7th	1	94.2	2







Congratulations to Year 5 on their 100% attendance!
They will receive 10 minutes extra play!

House point winners for this half term

HOUSES	Score
St Patrick	945
St Andrew	880
St George	1097
St David	1026
St John	903
Overall Winner	St George's

Congratulations to all of the children in St George's.

They were invited to come into school, wearing their own clothes today, wearing a symbol of red.

Parents Evening

A huge thank you to the Year 6 children who helped out at parents evening this week.

The children worked so hard to ensure that they kept our teachers and parents to their times.

The children were so polite and helpful, a real credit to us all.

Please log onto Busythings—
it's free and full of lots of activities for a range of curriculum subjects



Writer of the Month

October

R: Ava
Yr1: Mikki
Yr2: Francis
Yr3: Victoria
Yr4: Ahmed
Yr5: Keeva
Yr6: Maame



Year 3&4 Iron age day



On Thursday, Years 3 and 4 had a Stone age day to consolidate their learning in their history lessons this half term. On the day, the children came to school in their 'stone age outfits' and they enjoyed taking part in a variety of activities including stone age jewellery making, cave painting, games and music. Many thanks to Ms. Ryan, Mrs. Harb and Miss Fehres for making the day a great success. There are more photos on your class's google classroom page. Mrs. Poteratchi



Children in Need Day
Friday
10th November 2023

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Help us raise as much money as possible

Dear parents, the School Council are beginning to organise '**Children in Need'** day for this year.

We need your help.
We will be holding our own 'Children in Need' fete.

Do you have any unwanted gifts, books and toys that we could sell? Half term could be a good opportunity to have a clear out.

If you do, we ask that you bring them into school week beginning **6th November**.

We will also be inviting all the children to come into school dressed in 'Spots'

Over the next few weeks the School Council will be sending out further details.

Please check your Google Classroom/Parentmail for further information about how we will be celebrating this day.

A huge thank you in advance for supporting this event, we always have so much fun.

Together, we can MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Inter school football tournament

Football and multi-sport competitions.

This week in P.E. we have combined some of the year groups together to compete in either a football or multi skills competition. We managed to avoid the bad weather and had an amazing time.

The year 5 and 6's as well as they year 3 and 4's competed in a football competition. They were put into 12 teams that were split into 2 groups. Each team was assigned a captain but overall the leadership shown from all children was fantastic. They were brilliant at organizing themselves into positions, rotating goal keeper, praising each other as well as helping and advising when needed. The games were very fast paced and brought out the best in everyone. It was amazing to see the confidence of the children as they dribbled, shot or worked together, but what was more prevalent was their enjoyment through scoring and tackling as their team were quick to celebrate any and all success. 2 teams were rested per round, but instead of sitting out, they were assigned as referees to help make decisions on matches. I saw some of them encouraging and advising their friends, some made sure that the rules were followed – some enjoyed it a little too much and brandished the odd yellow card for a bit of fun. Both days were a great success and we hope to repeat this set up with different sports as much as we can this year.

The year 1 and 2's competed in a multi skills competition where they had throwing challenges, jumping contests, target games as well as team building. They were brilliant! We were amazed by the ability on show, all of them were great at every game. They were sharing and taking turns, they were cheering their team mates on when they scored and some were happy to help their group whenever they could. We had some amazing scorers in the football, basketball and hockey challenges, so we will be looking forward to competitions with other schools in the coming years. Some of the throws managed to land in the car park!! We clearly have amazing athletes in key stage 1.

Well done to everyone for three amazing afternoons and a massive congratulations to winning teams below!!!

Mr. Bovington











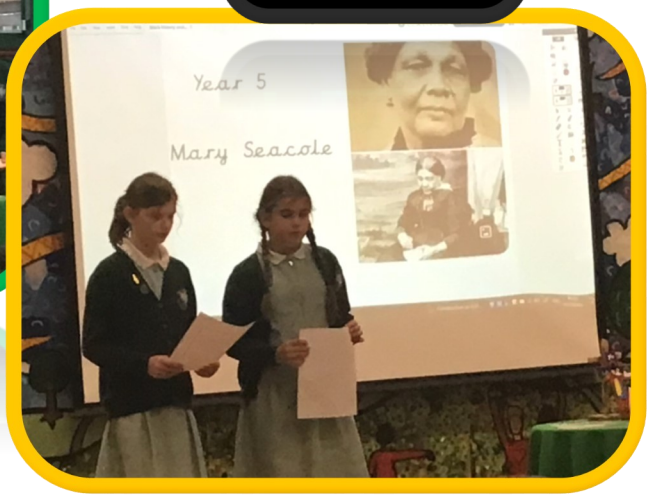




Black History Month Assembly

This month we have been celebrating Black History across the school and on Friday we had a wonderful whole school assembly to mark this special month. All children were given the opportunity to research and learn about some key historical black figures and events. During our assembly, each year group presented some of their work that they had completed this half term. We started with Reception who had made some excellent African necklaces. In Year 1 the children worked together to create a piece of art in the style of Lubaina Himid using bright colours. In year 2 they created African masks. In year 3 they have been learning about Cheddar man and sung a fantastic song in Swahili. In year 4 they have also been learning about Cheddar man. In year 5 they have been researching about Mary Seacole and finally year 6 have been researching Pablo Fanque, a famous Victorian horse trainer and circus owner.










Year 3
Cheddar Man
Jambo Bwana song



