



GOLDEN EAGLE

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10th FEBRUARY 2017

DIARY REMINDERS

HALF TERM BREAK

Monday 13th - Friday 17th
February

Monday 20th February

All children return to school

Tuesday 21st February

Y2 on Open Bus Tour

Wednesday 22nd February

Year 4 Parents
Maths Workshop 9am

Thursday 23rd February

Y3 to Natural History Museum
Y6 to Kidzania

Friday 24th February

PTFA Family Bingo
Planning Meeting 9am

Tuesday 28th February

Y4S River Study Trip

Wednesday 1st March

Y4P River Study Trip

General PTFA Meeting
2.30pm

Thursday 2nd March

Early Years Parent Workshop:
School - Home Support 9am

Friday 3rd March

Y4 Bake Sale

Parents and pupils of St John's have been invited to attend two events at our national football stadium, Wembley!

These two events are the SSE Women's FA Cup Final on Saturday 13th May 2017 and Non-League Finals Day on Sunday 21st May 2017.

Tickets for the Women's FA Cup final are £15 for adults (£7.50 if more than 10 adults sign up) and children under 16 free of charge.

For Non-League Finals Day tickets are £12.50 (adults) and £1 (children).

Please sign up on the lists at the school office.

Money will be collected when numbers are confirmed.

E-SAFETY WEEK



This week was eSafety week at St John's, and children and adults across the school took part in assemblies and special eSafety lessons to reinforce our message of being SMART online. Thanks to all parents who attended our workshops - they produced some interesting and fruitful discussions for all - and please

do keep your eyes peeled for updates onto the school website with further eSafety links and resources for those at home.

As part of our eSafety week, the children have been given the challenge of using j2e tools to create a reminder for one part of the SMART message as part of a special competition. They could create a poster, animation, game or anything else creative that gets their message across clearly and effectively. The deadline for entries to be saved onto j2e is Friday 24th February - good luck!

HOUSE CHANTS

At St. John's we are now introducing House Chants to help us to cheer on our Houses during competitions and House Assemblies. Each House has been assigned a school value, which is mentioned in their chant. The Year 6's worked hard to write these and we have now started learning them as a school.

These chants have been sent home for all KS1 and KS2 children to learn over the half term so that they can come back after the holiday ready to cheer their house on to victory!



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SPORTS NEWS

MAYOR'S CUP

Last Friday the boys and girls of the Mayor's Cup Teams made their way to Hurlingham Park for what would prove to be an extremely important double round of fixtures. The boys won both games with mature and clinical performances: 8-0 vs Normand Croft and 5-0 vs Thomas's Academy. The girls also looked solid and difficult to beat in their two victories, winning 1-0 vs Normand Croft and 2-0 vs Thomas's Academy. These results (and importantly the performances) mean that both teams have put themselves in strong positions in their groups and both remain unbeaten in this year's Mayor's Cup competition.

Boys - Played 6, Won 6, Goal Difference +21

Girls – Played 6, Won 4, Drawn 2, Goal Difference +9

Follow this link for complete results and tables (Girls' and Boys' South Group B)

<http://full-time.thefa.com/ProcessPublicSelect.do?psSelectedSeason=795190757&psSelectedDivision=350789147&psSelectedLeague=738992589>

SKITTLEBALL

On Tuesday 7th February the Year 3 pupils got their first taste of competitive school sports after being selected to represent the school at the borough Skittleball tournament. Having learnt Skittleball during PE lessons and honed their skills further during training sessions, the St John's team travelled safe in the knowledge that they were well prepared for the competition. The pupils joined excited children from 14 local schools in what is always one of the most hotly contested sports competitions in the diary.

The team qualified from their group in 1st place with 3 wins and a draw from their 4 games. They were to save their best performances for the knockout stages, controlling their semi-final (winning 6-2) through their passing and tactical understanding. In the final they faced the heavily fancied team from Good Shepherd; however the St John's team were not to be denied the trophy and produced their most rounded performance in dominating possession and territory to win 4-0.

On Thursday 9th February the Year 4 pupils travelled to Hammersmith Town Hall with a steely determination to improve on their third place finish whilst they were in Year 3. They started the group stages with two unconvincing wins before finding their rhythm with two excellent displays that saw them top their group unbeaten, with four wins from four games.

In the semi-finals they faced a formidable Larmenier and Sacred Heart team. By this stage the pupils had fully brought into the St John's way of playing and produced a masterclass of passing and moving to constantly keep their opponents pinned back in their half of the court, eventually winning through to the final 6-2.

In the final they played Sir John Lillie in a game of high tension, both teams working hard to deny each other time and space. Although the final was decided by 1 skittle (2-0) scored by Jamel, the success of the champions was built upon a whole squad effort. The team collected the trophy and their medals with great pride and satisfaction, knowing that all their hard work in PE and during training had allowed them to fulfil their potential. Squad: Isabel H, Isabelle L, Matilda R, Annie W, Jamel B, Jack D, Mats W, Raphael C.

A write up and pictures from Thursday's competition will shortly be available on:

<https://www.lbhf.gov.uk/>





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YEAR 6'S POLAR WORKSHOP

Yesterday Year 6 took part in an engaging workshop throughout Thursday. We were joined by the year 6 class from a nearby school called All Saints, and we did many fascinating activities together, instructed by a young adventurous explorer named Oli.

Firstly, Oli told us about his own expedition to the below freezing climates of the Arctic. At 18 he ventured to the North Pole to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee, and learned lots of survival skills and facts on the journey, which he eagerly shared with us. He met the Inuit people, who had unique ways of surviving the harsh conditions, and was introduced to the brilliant wildlife of the North.



Afterwards, we learned about the difference between the North and South Poles. For example, Polar Bears are only found in the Arctic, whereas penguins live in Antarctica, and the two animals have never met! Both of the schools tried the clothes required to keep out the constant chilly winds and even got to feel a real polar bear's tooth.

We then learned about glaciers, which are immense icebergs moving down mountains. With our new information we formed groups and created our own mountain ranges out of colourful plasticine, testing whether a glacier could move down it with some corn-flour mixed with water.

Following lunchtime, Oli told us about Ernest Shackleton's expedition and how different it was compared to his own. Today, technology is much more advanced than when Shackleton was around, and this is such a help to modern expeditions. Our final task was to plan our own expedition to anywhere in the world – this proved to be much tougher than we had expected!

Reflecting on the day, we feel Oli really inspired us to keep dreaming and persevere to reach our goals.

Article by Tina and Mateo Y6





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TOP TABLE

Ruby was delighted that she was on Top Table with her sister, Toni - Lauren. Violet said the food was good. Mrs Bracken enjoyed the homemade relish. Everyone's manners were exemplary.

MUSIC REMINDER

Mrs Ostler would like to remind Y3 parents/carers that payment for the Zambezi Tales concert on 13th March, in which all of the children are taking part, is now overdue.

Please send in with your child £4.50 in an envelope labelled with your child's name and 'Y3 concert', 'Zambezi Tales' or 'Classical Roadshow'. If you have already paid, please disregard this reminder.



Both Y4 classes will be taking part in a workshop on Friday 10th March and then attending the Classical Music Spectacular concert at the Royal Albert Hall on March 17th.

Payment for this has been received from most parents, but £5.00 is required urgently from the rest of the parents/carers so we can pay for the tickets. Please send it in with your child in an envelope labelled with your child's name and 'Y4 concert' or 'Classical Music Spectacular'.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Cousar and Ms Biella for sorting and selling the second hand uniform this week.

PTFA NEWS



FAMILY BINGO PLANNING MEETING

Friday 24th February 9am



Following on from the success of our Winter Wonderland, please join us as we make plans for our first school event of 2017. We always welcome your ideas, enthusiasm and general participation in school events and can't wait to kick off the new year with a family-orientated evening of fun.

PTFA meetings are open to all and we really value any help that you are able to volunteer.

WELL DONE TO YEAR 5 FOR RAISING £165 FROM THE BAKE SALE LAST WEEK FRIDAY

PE KITS

Pupils will no longer be allowed to wear their PE kits during after-school clubs because of the number of PE kits which are failing to come back into school for PE lessons. Instead pupils will be required to bring in additional clothes which are suitable for the activity they are taking part in. If they fail to remember these clothes they will have to take part in their club wearing their school uniform and not their PE kit.

Week Beginning 20th February



Scoops



Farmer's in His Den



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Blue Tie Awards

- Y1H Henry W For his work in literacy this week. Henry wrote an informative non-chronological report about England full of interesting facts about our country's physical features and important landmarks.
- Y1DH Monty K For writing a great non-chronological report about England. Monty added some really interesting facts and thought carefully about all the features of non-fiction writing.
- Y2O Sarwar H For trying his best in all our tests this week and joining in consistently during carpet sessions.
- Y2R Charlie D For volunteering great answers during our science lesson this week and showing a more positive attitude to learning.
- Y3C Harry S For working very hard to improve his writing and for responding positively to the setting of higher expectations and to alternative ways to improve the quality and quantity of his work.
- Y3P Chen K For settling really well and having a fantastic learning attitude in all areas of her learning.
- Y4B Lachlan C For always going the extra mile with his effort.
- Y4S Hiba A She has shown much enthusiasm in both Literacy and R.E and is keen to share her ideas with the rest of the class.
- Y5W Tallulah C For her kind and calm manner and for striving to challenge herself in her learning constantly.
- Y5M Adam E For determination and perseverance.
- Y6F Elijah W For engaging in our Polar Workshop with great enthusiasm, asking well-thought-out questions to our visitor and being a very good representative of St. John's to visiting children and adults.
- Y6CR Jack C For his consistent effort in his learning and impressing all the adults he works with. Also for being a great sport when being dressed up in lots of explorer clothing during our workshop yesterday.

Congratulations to

SOPHIE S - Y4S

GARAM A- Y2R

For winning the 100% attendance prize this half term.

They will both receive a voucher for Pizza Express.

Winners were picked out of a hat containing all pupils who had 100% attendance this half term.

ATTENDANCE - Our Target is 96%

Our Average this week is 95.2%

Class	% Attendance	Lates
NN	95.4	1
R1P	88.9	2
R2M	97.9	1
Y1H	94.4	2
Y1DH	97.8	2
Y2R	92.0	1
Y2O	98.3	0
Y3C	98.2	1
Y3P	96.7	2
Y4P	98.5	2
Y4S	96.5	0
Y5M	94.3	0
Y5W	90.7	2
Y6F	95.0	1
Y6CR	96.7	1

Mrs Buckley's Top Table

Top Table children for next week:

Finlay 1H	Charlotte 3C	Ozzie Y4
Louis 1H	Olivia 3C	Alfie Y5
Aaron 2R	Dion Y4	Wassim Y5
Kids 2R		



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The PTFA is always looking for ways that help raise money for the school that have maximum impact and little effort and we found the perfect way – www.easyfundraising.org.uk

It is so simple, just visit the website and search for the school which is listed as **Friends of St John's Primary School – Walham Green** or following the link which is:

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/fostjohnswg

All you need to do is register and every time you shop online the retailer makes a donation to St John's.

There are nearly 3,000 retailers like Amazon, John Lewis, Argos, Asda, Sainsbury's so funds can be raised on everything from your weekly shops to annual holidays – and it **doesn't cost you a single penny extra! We have already raised over £1,000 so it really does work!**

Still wondering how it works? Here is an example:

Let's say you would like to buy a pair of shoes from John Lewis. Instead of going to johnlewis.com directly, go to the St. John's easyfundraising link above and type John Lewis in the search box. (The code fostjohnswg is the code that identifies St John's Primary). Alternatively you can download the easy donation reminder which provides a little reminder every time you shop online.



Make a Purchase: Buy from John Lewis as normal. The price is exactly the same but the retailer will know you have come via our link on easyfundraising.



Get a donation: After you make your purchase, John Lewis will donate a percentage of the total spend as a donation to the school with **no extra cost to you.**

There are over 2,500 retailers including travel and insurance. **Sign up today to help raise money for St John's – it is a great and easy way to raise money for our school!**

THANK YOU!