



St John's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter: Monday 5th November 2018
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There were a large number of missed appointments for this event; 53 children across the school from Reception to Year 6 which is approximately 25% of the school population.

I cannot ask the hard working teachers to give up so much of their early morning preparation time or after school marking time to offer a further raft of appointments before or after school.

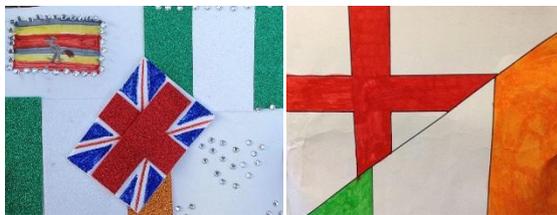
Therefore, I have made arrangements for those that missed the chance to see their child's work to meet very briefly with the class teacher:

Wednesday 14th November - 3.30 - 3.45pm

Children's books will be available to view in their classroom. The teacher will be in the room for 15 minutes before leaving to attend the weekly staff meeting. Unfortunately, there cannot be individual 5 minute appointment slots, merely a brief word the length of which will be wholly dependent on how many other parents are waiting to communicate.

In the spring term, parents' evening will be done slightly differently so as to ease some of the current difficulties. *Janice Babb*

The Final Count



At the end of the International Month KS2 pupils had a special assembly by the Museum of Docklands staff, which looked at the diversity of languages spoken in London. Families were invited to the free session at the Museum and hopefully some of you managed to go along!

At the end of the assembly the final list of countries which the children had named as being part of their heritage was read aloud – it was discovered that Japan was missing! Once added to the list that made the final total **55 different countries**, which the children of St John's named as part of their cultural heritage. **The diversity of our school makes St John's a very special place and we will continue to celebrate this.**



Events/Dates

Tuesday 6th November – Year 2 Class Assembly

Tuesday 6th November – 9am Meeting for Reception admission into the school in September 2019

Wednesday 7th November – 2.30pm Meeting for Reception admission into the school in September 2019

Friday 9th November – ~~School photographer~~
CANCELLED

Monday 19th November – Year 4 trip to the Tower of London

Monday 19th November- Year 3 trip to the Kino Cinema

Tuesday 20th November – Year 1 Class Assembly

Tuesday 20th November- Year 6 trip to Hampton Court Palace

Tuesday 20th November- Year 2 trip to Cineworld O2 Greenwich

Thursday 29th November – Year 1 trip to the Unicorn Theatre

Friday 7th December – Year 2 trip to the National Maritime Museum

Monday 17th December – Christmas Dinner

Tuesday 18th December – KS2 Carol Concert

Wednesday 19th December – Nativity

Friday 21st December – School finishes at 2pm

Please note that the assembly will begin promptly at 3pm. We suggest you arrive 5-10 minutes earlier as there is no late admittance. We cannot keep the children waiting.



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Celebrating Success Year 2



For International History week, Year 2 learnt about Ireland and some of its customs and traditions. On Wednesday 17th October the children took part in an Irish themed day. The children enjoyed the many experiences provided for them such as Irish dancing, counting in Gaelic, singing Irish songs and tasting Irish food.

Also, the children were researching Ernest Shackleton who was born in County Kildare in 1874. They enjoyed learning about his polar exploration and wrote amazing fact files.

Thank you to the children for bringing artefacts from home and also, a big thank you to Mickie's mum Veronica for providing food for the children to sample.

Year 4



As part of International Week, Year 4 were learning about Christopher Columbus who came from Italy. They were able to link this to investigating different combinations of pizza toppings in Maths. And then, in DT, the children were able to then design, cook and eat their own pizzas!

Attendance 15/10/18 - 02/11/18



- Reception – 92.35%
- Year 1 – 96.55%
- Year 2 – 96.47%
- Year 3 – 95.88%
- Year 4 – 97.25%**
- Year 5 – 94.34%
- Year 6 – 90.97%



Well done to Year 4!

Our current whole school attendance is 96.45%, you as parents are to be congratulated for this.

We would be delighted if we could meet our target of 97%, so please keep appointments during school time to a minimum.

Coughs and colds are common at this time of year and we understand it can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they are unwell. If you are unsure of whether or not to send your child into school please contact the School Office.

The school follows government guidelines that say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.