



St John's CE Primary Newsletter

Friday 14th March 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Sometimes there is so much happening it is hard to keep up with all the events in school. Well, we will start with the wonderful visit of Baroness Floella Benjamin. When the children knew this was happening they were thrilled and were certainly not disappointed when they got to meet Baroness Benjamin in person. Baroness Floella Benjamin was a local girl from Penge who is a living example that everyone can achieve great things.



Baroness Floella Benjamin had an opportunity to relive precious memories of her childhood in Penge and talk with all the children. She was impressed with the attitude and behaviour of our children throughout the school.

Emerald Class had their questions ready and were really keen to learn about the Windrush Generation and their influence on Britain, during the 1950s and 1960s.

In talking to the class, Baroness Benjamin really inspired the children to 'be what they want to be' and 'to be their best'. The children responded enthusiastically with their questions and did not want the baroness to leave.

Science Week

The second exciting event was Science Week! It was sad to hear of the death of Sir Stephen Hawkin who has made science so popular and maybe we can think of our week as a tribute to his influence on making Science so approachable to everyone. All across the school the children were engaged with different practical topics. When talking about science, a year 6 pupil said 'without science we would not understand the environment' and another said 'in science there is something for everyone'.

PTA

A few members of the steering group are working to form the official PTA committee. We have a few nominations already. Please see the website for nomination forms and send into school by Monday.

Parent Forum

The Visions group will be meeting next week to prepare ideas for the parent forum. By Monday I hope to have all class representatives in place.

Kind Regards

Ms S Rutherford
(Head of School)

French Lessons

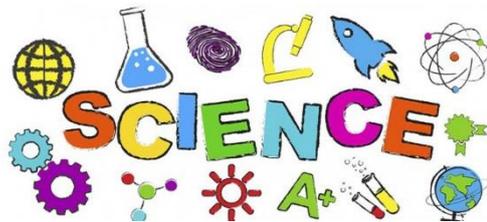
Please see below a message from Mrs Pointer who is working with staff at St John's to develop the teaching of French to KS2 children.

"Over the last few weeks, I have had the pleasure of teaching years 3 - 6 French lessons. I would like to say how much I have enjoyed these lessons with all of the classes. The children have been extremely enthusiastic and have all achieved, producing some lovely work. I would also like to say how welcome they have made me feel, many of them saying hello as I walk into the school each week - even saying it in French and having a go at using the greetings and sayings we have been learning. I will be continuing to support the staff and classes over the next few weeks and I am very excited to see how they all progress. I hope you are as proud of them as I am."

Madame Pointer

Science Quiz

On Wednesday afternoon, four year 5 children visited Bishop Justus and took part in the Aquinas Science Quiz. The children really enjoyed putting their Science knowledge to the test! Well Done!



London Eye

On Wednesday Emerald class visited London to go on the London Eye. All the children were very well behaved and enjoyed their class trip. I think they have solved the mystery of what happened to the missing boy. Ask them. I know they have produced beautiful persuasive leaflets to explain the mystery.

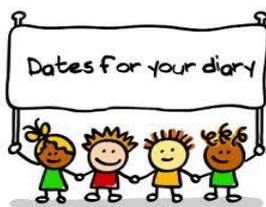
Attendance & Punctuality

We are taking firm action to reduce levels of poor attendance and punctuality, to ensure our children start the day well and get the quality learning they deserve. Please ensure your children are on time and ready to learn!

The best classes for attendance this week are:

- Topaz
- Tiger's Eye
- Emerald





Monday 19th March	Parents Consultation Booking system closes at 11.55pm
Tuesday 20th March	Year 3 Recorder Concert, Parents Welcome, 2.30pm Parents Consultation Evening 3.30pm till 6.00pm
Thursday 22nd March	Parents Consultation Evening 3.30pm till 6.00pm
Friday 23rd March	Tiger's Eye 'Band on the run', Parents welcome, 2.30pm



St John's Church Easter Service Dates

Saturday 17th March	Easter Concert at 6.30pm
Sunday 25th March	Palm Sunday Morning Service at 10.30am
Thursday 29th March	Maunday Thursday Holy Communion Service at 8.00pm
Good Friday 30th March	Open Air service with other local churches (This will be held in Empire Square, Penge) at 11.00am An hour at the cross at 3.00pm
Easter Sunday 1st April	All Age Family Communion celebration at 10.30am Resurrection reflections at 6.30pm



Well done to our top classes for gaining Dojo points this week!

- Pearl 100%
- Ruby 100%
- Topaz 100%
- Emerald 99%



Star of the Week

