

ST JAMES' C OF E JUNIOR SCHOOL

Newsletter - 3rd February 2017



Something to be proud of:

We are delighted to announce that our year 5 made St. James' very proud with their enthusiastic attitude towards learning during their educational visit to the Victoria and Albert Museum last week. They were praised by

several members of staff working at the museum for representing the school with fantastic behaviour and attitude towards learning. We are very proud of all our pupils.

Debate Mate

On Thursday, 2nd February St James' Debate Club competed in the first round of the Urban Debate League 2017. There were lots of different school with extremely talented debaters, from Years 5 to 6. We only had 15 minutes to prepare for each debate. The debate topics were:

Children should be made to pick up litter as a punishment for breaking school rules. (We were opposed). The second topic was: children should be paid for getting good results (We were for this motion). Both of the teams that we competed against were very good in the way they debated. Even though they were well practiced, St. James' pushed through! And we won both our debates.



Written by Melissa, Damian and Pronoy – Year 6

Attendance and Punctuality

The class with the highest attendance last week was Zinnia with 99.6%.
The most punctual pupils were in Poppy class. Well done to everyone in those classes.



The Brilliant club

The pupils pictured above have been involved in a project called 'The Brilliant Club'. The pupils have had the opportunity to visit two universities and attend tutorials. One of their tasks for English was to write a 1000 word essay. We are very pleased and proud to say that all of our pupils graduated.



My Experience during "The Brilliant Club"

The Brilliant Club is a programme where a selected few can go and learn a course in a university styled way, and I was privileged to have the chance to do so. Eleven other children and I went to Robinsons College, Cambridge University; where we saw all around the campus and then spent the following six weeks in school learning about English Literature and how nature affects different types of writing (poems, fables, stories etc.).

We then had to take on board what we'd learnt over the past six weeks and write A ONE THOUSAND WORD ESSAY – which is harder than you think! We were marked, based on the essay we wrote, at one key stage level higher than us. Finally, on the last stop of the whole process, we went on a graduation trip last Saturday at Kings College London, where we were awarded a certificate among many different schools in London.

All in all, it was a thrilling experience and I am truly grateful to be a part of it.

Written by Temi Year 6



Online safety tip of the week:

It is very important for your child to tell you right away if he/she comes across something on the internet that makes them feel uncomfortable.

Reading Tip of the Week:

Try to read with your child on most school days. 'Little and often' is best.



Maths Focus

This term's focus is fluency in the multiplication tables, including the related division facts.

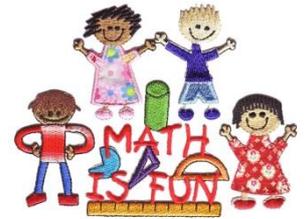
Year 3 and Year 4: fluency in tables 2-6

Year 5 and Year 6: fluency in tables 2-12

Times tables champions for the week ending 3rd February 2017 were:

Emmanuel in Poppy class (year 5), Haniah in Orchid class (year 6), Shanice in Zinnia class (year 6),

Jamil A in Zinnia class (year 6), Josie in Zinnia class (year 6), Raheem in Zinnia class (year 6).



Half Term Activities

Make the most of your week off this half-term with a host of ideas and activities for children, young people and families taking place across Newham from Saturday 11th to Sunday 19th February.

Active Newham is offering an exciting programme of activities bringing together the best that is on offer from our leisure centres, sports facilities and parks.

For more information on everything that is on offer please call

0300 124 0123 or visit www.activeNewham.org.uk/half_term_activities



Dates for your Diary

Event	Date / time
Young Voices at 02	Tuesday, 7 th February 2017 School choir

The school's term dates and holiday dates have been published on the school's website: www.st-james.newham.sch.uk

Please check this before booking holidays and to ensure that you are aware of planned school closures.

Have a great weekend

Shirleyann Jones
Head Teacher

