



"A place where we aspire to excel in knowledge, faith and love."

ST JAMES' C OF E JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - 11th March 2022

Message from Mrs Boland-Bourne Headteacher



Welcome to the March edition of our Newsletter. We have had a busy half term with World Book Day, change in lunch menu, places of worship and educational visits and we still have lots more ahead. Please ensure you keep up to date with the school calendar of events, we would not want you to miss anything. We are now over halfway through this school year and you should be very proud of your children's achievements; whether they be academic, sporting, the arts or for following our school values.

World Book Day

On Thursday, 10th March, St James' celebrated World Book Day. The pupils completed a book quiz and teachers went to different classes to share their favourite stories! The children also learned about the importance of sharing stories and shared their favourite book characters with their peers. As part of the celebrations, pupils and staff also came to school dressed as their favourite book character. Costumes were judged and winners were chosen from class. Well done to all of the children that took part and our costume competition winners!



University Scholar's programme

This term, eleven Year 5 students were invited to participate in an aspirational programme called 'The Brilliant Club'. These pupils attended a launch event at Goldsmiths University followed by a series of tutorials in school around the subject of Philosophy. The end result was a 1,000 word essay on the subject: 'What is Fairness?' We are very pleased to say that all our pupils completed their essays within the given time and were able to graduate with good grades. Well done to: Zayan, King, Sayeda, Imteaz, Ras, Yusuf, Nimra, Rumana, Victoria and Kayla-May.



Online safety tip

Think before you post anything online
Do not upload or share anything you would not want your parents, carers, teachers.

Once you post something, you lose control of it, especially if someone else screenshots or shares it.



Attendance

The class with the highest attendance, last week, was Sunflower class with 100%.

The most punctual pupils, last week, were in Lily & Ivy class. Well done to all classes.

Achievement assembly

Every week we celebrate our children's achievements. Certificates are presented by the class teachers, club leaders and mid-day staff.



Handball

This week our Y3/4 Mixed Handball Team took part in their first Newham Schools Tournament and made it to the quarter finals! Well done Enzo, Rashane, Hafsa, Amari, Thashan, Annabelle, Micheal, Andreea, Thomas, Hayat and Heeba - you have made us all very proud!

Something to be proud of

This week in year 4, we have been reading a book called 'Great Women who changed the World'. This book looks at women who have inspired generations of women. Shanell from Lily class wrote a brilliant non-chronological report about two of the women we learned about. Well done Shanell!



TT Rockstars

Congratulations this week to our 3 most improved TT Rockstars:

1. Anaya
2. Mustafa
3. Maria

A big well done to Yunus who joins the Hall of Fame as our newest Rock Hero!



Dates for your Diary

Event	Date / Time
Red Nose Day	Friday, 18 th March 2022
Easter Half Term	Monday, 4 th - 19 TH April 2022
Bank Holiday	Monday, 2 nd May 2022
SATs Week	Monday 9 th - Thursday 12 th May 2022
Half Term	Monday, 30 th May - Friday 3 rd June 2022
Easter School (year 6 - letters will follow)	Monday 11 th -Thursday 14 th April

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.

Enjoy the weekend.

Mrs R Boland-Bourne