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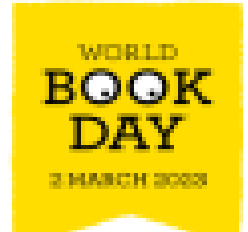
NEWSLETTER - 10th January 2023



Dear St James' Families,

A big thank you to everyone for another great half term here at St James', the lighter and (slightly) warmer days have brought an optimistic feel through the school. We have enjoyed welcoming you to the school to look at your children's work this week during parents' evenings. It was a pleasure to share your child's hard work with you. Thanks to all who have attended.

World Book Day Thursday 2nd March 2023 We will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 3rd March 2023. Children can come to school dressed as their favourite storybook character. Please do not feel you have to buy a costume especially for the day, as we know it will be grown out of next year. Homemade costumes can be fun to make together and as long as it gives a flavour of the character, you do not need to spend a lot of money on them for example, a black top, black trousers, ears on a headband and a black tail for Mog the Cat. All children will be given World Book Tokens during this week. These token can be use in books shops. Children can also take part in our book swap, where they can bring in an old book that they would like to swap with another child. More details to follow on the book swop, as well as other activities taking place throughout the day.

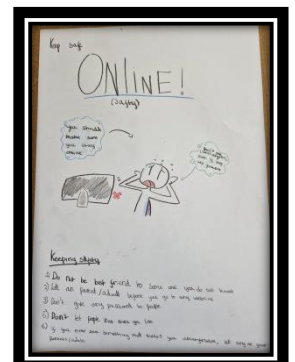
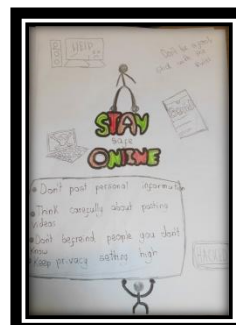
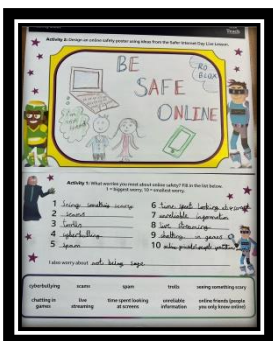
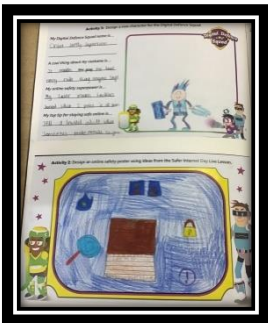


I hope that you and your family have a lovely half term and looking forward to seeing you all on 20th February.

Safer Internet Day

Tuesday, 7th February, was International Safer Internet Day.

As part of this, we shared with the children how they can use the internet safely and how to conduct themselves well especially when using social media platforms to communicate with other people. Unfortunately, we have seen the internet and social media used to create disharmony and incite ill feeling. We will continue to highlight to the children how to keep themselves and others safe. We will also share and teach them the impact words and actions can have on others, as there has been a dramatic increase in children being bullied and victimised through the inappropriate use of the internet to create division and hate.



Merit Winners (week of 30th January – 10th February 2023)

Ivy	Feliciano, Yolanda, Ziaah, Medina, Al- Araaf, Yolanda, Kamari, Amelia,
Sunflower	Azra, Nabil, Eliesa, Darius, Sawdah, Kevin A, Nabil, Fardeen,
Iris	Michael, Zariah, Edwin, Natalie, Zoe, Andreea,
Lily	Joesph, Kenzo, Malachi, Anthony, Jeziah, Sheikh, Dawud, Sheikh, Samantha, Tommy,
Daisy	Caydon, Duaa, Madalina, Aiden, Martin, Emerson, Jaclin, Chloe, Sakina,
Poppy	Zain, Grace, Angel, Latoja, Carolina, Safwana, Lucia, Alhena, Rashane, Shayaan,
Clover	Safa, De’quan Tomas, Qailah, Aleks, Kristen, Aaliyah, Millie, Safa, Yahya, Naija, D’equan
Violet	Aleks, Aronas, Ansh, Kayla-May,

TTRockstars:

So far this term it has been great to see a number of children beginning to gain certificates by showing commitment to learning and solidifying their understanding of their times tables through their use of Times Tables Rockstars. Winners are

Week of 30 th January 2023	
Class with the most points	Top TTRockstars achiever
1 st Poppy	1 st Ivayla - Poppy
2 nd Violet	2 nd Yousuf K - Violet
3 rd Clover	3 rd Zeliha Mustafa - Poppy

Week of 6 th February 2023	
Class with the most points	Top TTRockstar achiever
1 st Iris	1 st Yahya - Clover
2 nd Clover	2 nd Yunus - Iris
3 rd Violet	3 rd Yousuf K - Violet

'Dress To Impress' (Children's Mental Health Week)

This year's theme is 'Let's Connect'. Human beings thrive in communities, and this connection is vital for our wellbeing, and our survival. When we have healthy connections – to family, friends and others – this can support our mental health and our sense of wellbeing. When our need for rewarding social connections is not met, we can sometimes feel isolated and lonely – which can have a negative impact on our mental health. 'Let us Connect' is about making meaningful connections for all, during Children's Mental Health Week - and beyond. To end Children's Mental Health Week, today our children did express themselves in whatever way they wanted. This was done by wearing different colours, or a unique outfit to express how they are feeling. The total amount of money raised £88.00. Thank you to everyone for their generosity.



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Democracy

As citizens in the United Kingdom, we have the right the right to vote in, who we believe should run the country, in what is called a secret ballot.

I believe that this is a good thing because:

- No one can find out which party you voted for, unless you decide to tell them.
- The people who we want to run the country, can only run for a specific amount of years, and then at the next election can either be voted back in, or another party is voted in.

INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY

As a citizen of the United Kingdom, you can believe in what you want, and say what you believe in, without being discriminated.

I believe that this is a good thing because:

- You have the freedom to do what you want, without being judged.
- People have the freedom of speech. This allows you to be able to state what you think should change, your opinion on the monarchy/prime minister. Without being persecuted for doing so.

British Values

MUTUAL RESPECT AND TOLERANCE FOR OTHERS

As a citizen of the United Kingdom, you have to respect other people beliefs, and you must allow people to live in a way to they see fit.

I believe that this is a good thing because:

- You can live a peaceful life, without people judging you because of your religion or beliefs, and if people do judge you, you can report it to an authority and it will be dealt with.
- If you want to give up a habit, legal or illegal, you can get help from the local council, or support groups, without being judged, but seen as just another person.

RULE OF LAW

In the United Kingdom, somethings you do are governed by laws. Everything you do are split into two categories: Legal or illegal.

I believe this is a good thing because:

- You are reassured that if something happens to you, the culprit will be caught.
- The rule of law acts as a deterrent to people who are considering to do something illegal.

Please take

opportunity to remind your child/children of these British Values



Dates for your Diary

Last Day of term	Friday, 10th February 2023
First Day of spring term	Monday, 20 th February 2023
Last Day of term	Friday, 31 st March 2023
First Day of summer term	Monday, 17 th April 2023
Y6 SATS	Tuesday, 9 th - Friday, 12 th May 2023

The school's term dates and holiday dates is published on the school's website:

www.st-james.newham.sch.uk

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