

ST JOHN THE DIVINE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our first full week has been something of a busy one here in school. We have welcomed all of our new **Nursery and Reception** children, and ~Mother Annie helped us to celebrate the start of the new year with a special Mass in church. We also held our September Meet and Greet Sessions which I hope you were all able to attend.

Alongside this, a group of children from our **Year Five** joined the **Kids' Choir** and, after a successful rehearsal this week, they will be performing this coming **Sunday at the Thames Festival, in the Scoop on the Southbank**. The performance will be at around 1pm- if you are able to go along to watch the performance you will be in for a real treat!

It was wonderful to see so many parents out in support of our 'Save our School' campaign this Thursday, when, at short notice, the BBC paid us a surprise visit. Everybody can and must do all they can to say 'Save our school' our school is too precious to lose. Our children have a great education right next to where they live. Let's keep it that way. The first thing everyone must do is respond to Lambeth's survey. All it takes is three quick clicks on your mobile phone. We will be emailing you the QR code to make it even easier. 116 people have responded so far. Let's make that number much bigger. When you have clicked get all your family to click on too. Ask your neighbours to do the same. Lambeth must be stopped from pushing us round.

Below is a summary of the learning that has taken place across the school this week.

Early Years

Nursery and Reception welcomed seven new children this week. Aria, Ava, Isaac- Praise, Manuel, Muslimat, Zyla and Ellena all completed their first week at St John the Divine. All of the children made beautiful artwork out of recycled materials, enjoyed playing in the sand and water and played outside with their friends.

Year One

We had a fantastic second week in Year One! We started learning about sorting objects in maths, we learned to sort by colour, size and shape! We also learned lots of new sounds in phonics and practised writing new words. We began learning about our local area and everything you can find in our little corner of Camberwell!

Year Two

We have had a great first full week in our Year Two class. The children have loved reading Jack and the Beanstalk in our English lessons. They have created story boards and written all about the characters and the setting of the story. In maths we have been working on place value and the children have been making an amazing effort to count in tens. In RE we have learnt all about our school Saint, John the Divine, and his teachings.

Year Three

This week, Year Three delved into our Stone Age studies with a very special project: we designed and built a replica of Stonehenge using biscuits and icing sugar.

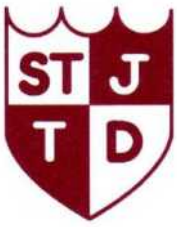


The children worked hard to make the structure stand upright, even when our Custard Cream 'bluestones' kept tipping over. They had some ingenious solutions to the building problems! This week we also began our Science topic on the human body by investigating our muscles. In maths, we began studying the place value and structure of numbers up to 100. In English, we finished reading our first-class text, Ug Boy Genius of the Stone Age.

Year Four

This week in Year Four, we have been learning about myths in English as we have starting exploring the topic about the Roman Empire and we had a fantastic and very interesting visit to the London Mithraeum, having the opportunity of discovering a part of the real Roman London. In maths, we have been learning representation of numbers up to a thousand, working on the different number units using physical items such as the 'base ten blocks' to achieve a better understanding of numbers decomposition. Finally, although there is so much more we could share, the children were very excited about starting the singing lessons, understandable after observing them enjoy singing a variety of speedy songs, with word games and also performing dynamics, followed by rhythm games too.





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Year Five

This week in Year Five, we've been learning about place value in maths, Christian pilgrimages in R.E and features of Legends in English. We have also read the story 'Thor and the Giants' and started to think about what makes a good Legend. We are looking forward to reading other legends over the coming weeks before writing our own!





Year Six

This week, Year Six has been working hard, laughing and learning all about place value in Maths, parts of the heart and how to identify Explanation text main features. They have improved their focus and are continuing to impress me with their wide and varied knowledge and facts about the human body!

Head Teacher awards were presented to the following children in this week's celebration assembly.

EYFS	Well done to Yasin for being a great helper at tidy up time. Yasin has been so kind to all of his friends and even got a house point for being so helpful. Great job Yasin! Sarah came back into school with a big smile on her face. She has been very kind to all of her friends and has played so nicely with everyone. Well done Sarah!
Year One	Jayden for listening to Miss Hickey's instructions and following our classroom rules Jah'Sonya for supporting her classmates and helping others when they need it
Year Two	Jayla for always being polite, showing good listening, and being ready for learning. Ademide for making a great start to Year Two, showing kindness to his friends and making Mr Stableford feel welcome.
Year Three	Mahjid for making an excellent start at St John the Divine by working hard on his art project. Adama for displaying courage in starting a new school, and for sharing his knowledge of times tables with other students.
Year Four	Dominion for his commitment to follow the class rules, being an excellent example to others, trying his best and participating actively in class. Miracle for her hardworking attitude, showing interest and curiosity when discussing topics and in her learning in general.
Year Five	Adriel for demonstrating self-control and putting a lot of thought and effort into her work. Moyomade for listening and participating well in class Kyra for making a fabulous first impression, following routines and working hard.
Year Six	Caiden for showing a great attitude and resilience to new and challenging learning. Katriel for being a great role model and always following instructions.

The house point totals for this week are:

 GARRISON	26	 AUGUSTINE	24
 FRANKLIN	36	 DICKENS	29

On a final note, please be reminded that next **Friday 20th September 2024** is **Jeans for Genes Day** – the children are invited to donate a £1.00 and to wear their jeans to school. All of the money raised goes towards supporting the families of children with genetic disabilities and every penny counts.

Kind regards

Mrs Warland
Head Teacher

