

# ST JOHN THE DIVINE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have made it to the end of the last full week of September – we are four weeks into the new term, and yet it feels like only yesterday that we welcomed you all back from the Summer break. The time has flown by and there has been so much going on, keeping us busy!

Thank you to everyone who donated on **Jeans for Genes** day, we raised £78.08 for the charity. Whilst this doesn't seem like much, if each of the 1843 primary schools in London were to have raised this amount, or something close, this would equal £143,901.44 for the charity which would make a big difference. To quote a national supermarket chain, 'every little helps' and every donation, no matter how small, is appreciated.

Well done to Charlie in Year Six, and Wayne in Year Two, our **Cycle to School Week** champions, braving even the rain to complete the challenge. There were many who started the week with strong intentions, here's hoping that next year they are able to see it through to the end.

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

### Early Years

Continuing with their superhero theme, the children in Nursery and Reception enjoyed reading 'How to Save a Superhero' this week. Nursery children drew themselves as Superheroes and the children in Reception made a list of their super powers and created their own Comic Book!

### Year One

We have had a great week in Year One! In English we re-enacted 'A Squash and a Squeeze' by Julia Donaldson and wrote sentences based on the story. In Maths we learned how to count on from a number and how to find 'one more' than a number. In Religion we wrote our own prayers for a baby being baptised and beginning their Christian life. We also had a fantastic time in our P.E. lessons practising relay races and cheering for our classmates.

### Year Three

This week Year Three looked at the nervous system in science, and explored how our sensory nerves send messages to our brains. In art, we made replicas of cave paintings using chalk, following our unit on the prehistoric art discovered in caves in France. In English, we wrote a play script based on Ug. In maths, we used place value counters to partition numbers into hundreds, tens and units.

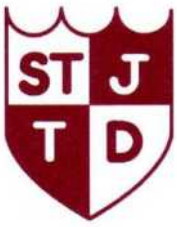
### Year Five

Year Five have been on their first school trip of the year, to the British Museum, where they saw the wonderful Viking exhibition. In maths, they have continued to work on numbers to 1,000,000, using number lines and partitioning in maths. In gymnastics, the children performed some lovely routines using balancing and traveling movements.

### Year Six

This week in Maths, Year Six have been busy learning and consolidating Factors and Multiples of an integer. They have been imagining how it would have felt to live during World War I. In Science they have enjoyed learning about how blood vessels carry blood around their body and what happens when we exercise. Finally, in English we put our writing caps on and drafted formal letters to the council urging them to reconsider the proposals for our school. Our letters will be presented to the officers on Friday afternoon at their meeting.





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

EYFS	Well done to Miracle for making a great effort during carpet sessions this week. She put her hand up, waited her turn and tried her best. Great job Miracle! Well done to Za'Raiyah for completing her first full week in Nursery. She played so nicely with her friends and did great listening for Ms Kelly. Good job Za'Raiyah!
Year One	Isabella for working extremely hard this week and always approaching tasks with a positive attitude. Ama for displaying patience and care towards her fellow classmates and persevering through more challenging tasks.
Year Two	To all of the children in Year Two for their flexibility and adaptability and for welcoming Miss Phillips to our family
Year Three	Teni for answering questions in detail and in well-formed sentences during class discussions. Vida for her carefully-drawn, detailed illustrations in Connected Curriculum and RE.
Year Four	This week Deborah deserves the award for trying very hard to adjust to everyone and everything in our school. It's something to deeply admire to be able to integrate with so much determination and positivity as you daily so. Really happy to have you in the year four class and you have a great year ahead. Excellent job Deborah! Daniel, very happy seeing him work hard and showing initiative when helping and participating in the class. Good to see his passion about sports playing tag rugby. Keep it up Daniel!
Year Six	Micheala for showing good self-control when others around her are wavering and following instructions the first time. Afia for asking great questions to build her understanding about new concepts and topics. Keep asking questions!

The house point totals for this week are:

 <b>GARRISON</b>	37	 <b>AUGUSTINE</b>	31
 <b>FRANKLIN</b>	34	 <b>DICKENS</b>	33

Thank you to all who joined us this morning for our **McMillian Coffee Morning**. And, in anticipation of a rather large turn out on Friday afternoon in the hall, thank you also for your support of our school and for joining us in the Local Authority public meeting to have your voice heard!

Kind regards

Mrs Warland  
Head Teacher

