



St. John's and St. Clement's

School Values: Aspiration, Resilience, Creativity, Community, Kindness

Friday 6th October 2017

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

This week saw the start of Black History Month, which is celebrated all around the world. It is always a busy time in school around this time. The children have been practising their songs for the Harvest Festival alongside continuing their learning. It has been a pleasure spending time in classrooms and talking to the children about their lessons.

On Friday, I attended a launch event for the Literacy Curriculum. I am pleased to let you that we are now a Literacy Tree Flagship school and are using their high quality texts throughout the school.

Today we say a thank you to Michael Hampshire and Bridget Hargreaves who have both served as parent governors Please keep an eye out for the details about parent governor elections. It involves a big commitment on time, but the role can be extremely rewarding. Please come and speak to me if you are interested, or would like to know more.

Diary Dates

Monday 9th October

Kandinsky Football Tournament

Tuesday 10th October

NSPCC event

Wednesday 11th October

NSPCC workshops for Yrs 5 and 6

PTFA Film Night for Yrs 1-3

Monday 16th October

Winston Football Tournament

Tuesday 17th October

7pm-8pm PTFA AGM

Wednesday 18th October

YR1234 Flu Vaccinations

3:30pm Y5 Farm Meeting

Friday 20th October

10.40am Y6 Shonibare Class Assembly

3.20pm Cake Sale

Saturday 21st – Sunday 29th October

School closed for half term

Friday 3rd November

Y5 Walker Class leave for Wick Court

Wednesday 15th & Tuesday 16th November

3.30-6.30pm Parents' Evening

Monday 20th November

Y6 Leave for PGL Marchant's Hill

Saturday 9th December

Christmas Fair



NSPCC

The NSPCC visited our school this week and delivered their *Speak out. Stay safe.* assembly to share information with our children about how they can keep themselves safe from harm and get help if they have any worries. The NSPCC is a charity which relies on the generosity of its supporters. We would like to contribute to their work by fundraising for them.

We will be holding a *Sponsored Park Run at school on Tuesday 10th October at lunchtime.* Every child will be invited to take part in the event. Donating is purely voluntary but if you would like to support the NSPCC's work, it would be fantastic if you could return the sponsor form and money raised to school by the date on the form. All money will go to the NSPCC's vital work and will help to keep even more children safe.

Lining up in the mornings

We are looking at ways of improving the way the children enter the school in the morning to try to ease the congestion and help the children have a calm start to the day. We will be sending further information soon.

Exciting Learning in Reception!

Our Reception children have just completed their second full week with us. They have settled in brilliantly. They have started reading their class book "Where the Wild Things Are" by Maurice Sendak and have created their own giant sized collage version of a Wild Thing. They have also had the opportunity to make a balsa wood boat similar to that in the story. In circle time (which is a time when the children talk as a whole class about issues which are pertinent to them), they have talked about playing with others in the playground and taking turns and also what to do if someone upsets you.



There has been lots of wonderful learning about the artist Georgia O'Keefe – the children have recreated her work called "Sky above the clouds". There has been lots of excitement in the outside area – the mud kitchen has proved to be a popular addition! Dominique, our play leader, has worked with children on ball skills and in maths, children have been working on 2D shapes. They have also mastered 7 sounds in their daily phonics lessons – S-A-T-P-I-M-D.

In response to observations about the changing seasons, the children have painted leaves in Autumn colours and made versions out of clay.

Attendance

It is very important that children attend school every day. This week, well done to Gormley.

| Year | Artist | Attendance |
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| Rec | O'Keefe | 97.2% |
| Rec | Stik | 97.2% |
| 1 | Kahlo | 90.2% |
| 1 | Stowasser | 84.1% |
| 2 | Van Gogh | 93.8% |
| 2 | Kusama | 96.0% |
| 3 | Kandinsky | 96.7% |
| 3 | Gormley | 100% |
| 4 | Winston | 99.3% |
| 4 | Smit | 90.0% |
| 5 | Lichtenstein | 94.7% |
| 5 | Walker | 98.6% |
| 6 | Shonibare | 93.1% |
| 6 | Klee | 93.8% |
| 6 | Banksy | 93.6% |