

# SJSC WEEKLY

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Dear Parents,

Today has been very exciting as we held our School Council election. We are really proud that so many children wanted to take part and we are so impressed by the fantastic professional and inspiring speeches we heard today.

This weekend is the first Sunday of Advent and the children have already been busy preparing their Christmas performances. We have been closely monitoring the COVID numbers, and we have taken the decision for all of our performances this year to be virtual. It is disappointing that we will not be able to hold them in person, but we feel that given the current case rates, it will be too risky and may prevent many families from enjoying their festive activities. We will be dusting off our cameras and lights and filming the performances instead.

On Sunday 5th December it is the SJSC Christmas Fest, the PTFA have been busy preparing, we look forward to seeing all of you there, this is an outdoor event.

Have a wonderful weekend and may you stay safe sheltering from Storm Arwen.

Best wishes,

Alli Crank and Joseph Bell

## SJSC Diary

### December

5<sup>th</sup> Dec- SJSC Christmas Fest 2pm-4pm

8<sup>th</sup> Dec – Year 1 Trip to the theatre

10<sup>th</sup> Dec – Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

10<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Lunch

Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> Dec

- Virtual Year 2 Nativity Launched for parents
- Virtual Reception Performance launched for parents.

15<sup>th</sup> Dec – Reception Trip to the theatre

16<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Carol Concert for Key Stage 2

17<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Parties

17<sup>th</sup> Dec – Last day of Autumn Term (PTFA non-uniform day)

### January

4<sup>th</sup> Jan – School closed – Jubilee Extra Bank Holiday

5<sup>th</sup> Jan- Staff Training Day

## Learning this week...



**Reception** have been learning about 2D shapes. As well as a shape hunt around the outside area they had great fun working in groups to re-create a variety of different shapes with their bodies – working out how many sides each shape had and if they were curved or straight. Their classmates helped out by giving them instructions on how to position themselves.

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**Year 1** became surveyors last week as we headed out for some Geography fieldwork. We walked around our local area to see some key places and locations such as Goose Green, our school and the local shops. This week they were able to use their research to create maps of the local area.



**Year 2** have had a busy week learning how to tell the time. We have been practising telling the time to o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to. We then practised finding time forwards and backwards, including 1 hour later and 1 hour earlier. At the end of the week, we challenged ourselves to use all of our knowledge on time to work out some tricky problem-solving questions.



Last week, the **year 3** were visited by a circus entertainer who taught them a variety of new skills. It was rewarding to see the children, not only attempt new and tricky, activities but show so much resilience, patience and team work. The children automatically supported each other and used all the schools values in order to achieve success. They understood that failure is just the first step in learning.



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## Year 4

In science, we have been learning about states of matter and this week we turned our attention towards the water cycle! We were tasked with acting out each part of the cycle. Can you tell which part each photo is?

**Fun Fact:** Did you know that the water you've just swallowed is the same water that woolly mammoths, King Tutankhamun and the first humans drank? That's because Earth has been recycling water for over **4 billion years!**



Last week, **year 5** took part in a virtual workshop hosted by the Horniman Museum. This week, we have continued to build on our learning through analysing a range of primary and secondary sources. We looked at old maps (from the late 1800s), 'read' Benin plaques and discussed what life was like for the Benin people at this time. We had lots of fun becoming historians!



This week in **year 6** we have written non-chronological reports on how to care for an imaginary creature. Our creatures are based on our class novel *The Arrival* by Shaun Tan.

When we finished our reports, we created leaflets with information on our imaginary creature and how to properly feed and care for them.

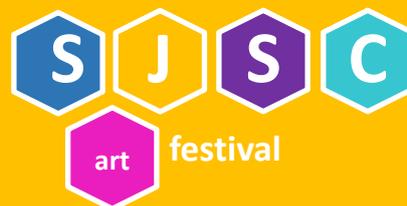
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## SJSC Art Festival 2021



Reminder our **Market Place** is still open to orders – our postcards, one-off pieces and prints would make fantastic Christmas presents. All items are available to buy in the shop on **ParentMail**.

### COVID-19

As you may be aware COVID cases are continuing to rise across Southwark. We ask that you please remember to be extra vigilant with hand washing and social distancing when in crowded areas. Families can access lateral flow tests free of charge through their local pharmacy or [by clicking here](#).

Update from the **Eco Team**: We have had a delivery from The Woodland Trust of 15 saplings (hazel, rowan, and crab apples), which we will be planting in the school gardens in the next couple of weeks.

We are continuing to sell our bird boxes (available through ParentMail), of which we will be donating part of the profits to The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and The Worldwide Fund for Nature. So far, we have sold 34.

St John's & St Clement's  
**Christmas Fest**  
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> of December 2021  
1400-1600

E-raffle	Face painting
Bottle Tombola	Lucky dip
Stocking fillers	Christmas Crafts
Mulled wine	Refreshments

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## Stars of the week

Stars are celebrated because they have demonstrated the school values, or gone above and beyond. Well done to all our stars this week ...

