

SJSC WEEKLY

Autumn term Issue 12: 3rd December 2021



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Dear Parents,

It's the end of the first week of Advent, the weather has changed, the school has been decorated and the sound of Christmas is in the air. As you can see from the dates there are lots of events over the next few weeks, starting this Sunday - we hope to see many of you there.

Start of the day

A gentle reminder that the school day starts at 9am, and the gates open between 8.45-9am. Please make sure you child is in the school by **8.55am**.

COVID Update.

As you will have seen in the news, there is much concern about a new variant of COVID. Please help us to stay safe by wearing a mask in the playground and regularly LFD testing to test yourselves and your children. As a school, we have reviewed our risk assessments and are increasing the amount hand gel/handwashing and also ventilating the school as much as possible; the staff are also wearing masks in communal areas. We have received our air-quality monitors and so far, these report the quality to be good. See you all on Sunday.

Best wishes,

Alli Crank and Joseph Bell

SJSC Diary

December

5th Dec- SJSC Christmas Fest 2pm-4pm

8th Dec – Year 1 Trip to the theatre

10th Dec – Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

10th Dec – Christmas Lunch

Week beginning 13thDec

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

15th Dec – Reception Trip to the theatre

16th Dec – Christmas Carol Concert for Key Stage 2

17th Dec – Christmas Parties

17th Dec – Last day of Autumn Term (PTFA non-uniform day)

January

4th Jan – School closed – Jubilee Extra Bank Holiday

5th Jan- Staff Training Day

Learning this week...



Reception have been feeling festive this week! They have learnt all about the Christmas Story in RE and Literacy lessons. Children made mini-books – sequencing the Nativity story with pictures, re-telling it using story language and even writing simple sentences using their Phonic knowledge. They have had a busy and joyful week acting and singing in preparation for their first Christmas Performance.

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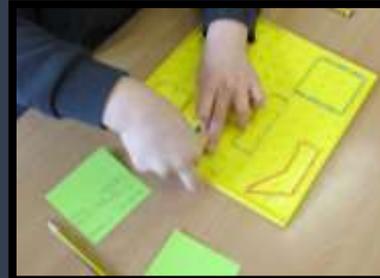
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Year 1 received a letter from Iggy Peck the character from our current Literacy book (exciting!). Iggy asked the children to help them create a fact file about London so, this week, we have begun exploring some famous London landmarks. We have been collating some of what we already know, doing research to find out more and even thinking of some questions we could ask/answer about the locations. Some of the children have even been recreating these famous structures with Lego!



Year 2 have become 2D shape experts this week! We started off the week by making different 2D shapes on geoboards. We even challenged ourselves to make both regular and irregular shapes. After learning all about the properties of different 2D shapes, we then used Venn diagrams to sort them.



This week in science, **year 3** have been learning and experimenting with pitch. First, we established our understanding of pitch and how it is different from volume. We then were asked the question: **Does the length of an elastic band affect the pitch of the sound produced?**

In pairs, using our elastic bands and ruler, we increased the length of our bands and listened to the pitch each time. We then marked out findings on graphs and analysed our data. We discovered that the longer the elastic band, the higher the pitch. This led to discussions about how this knowledge would be required when making musical instruments.

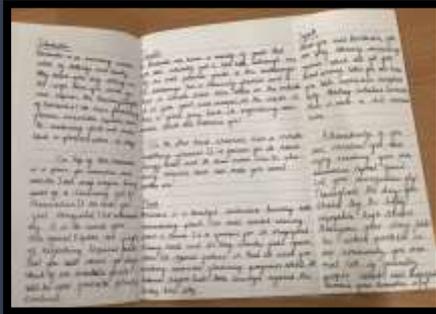


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This week in **Year 4**, we have been busy publishing brochures for our new civilisations full of wonder and innovation! Using expanded noun phrases and persuasive techniques, our aim is to persuade you to visit...



Year 5 Kandinsky class have participated in school elections. These children confidently presented why they wanted to be class representatives on the school committee. From PowerPoints, videos, speeches and posters these children were bold enough to put themselves forward. Well done.

The rest of the class were a great audience and listened well and asked intelligent questions. We have learnt that we have a voice if we vote. Well done Kandinsky class.



This week in **Year 6**, several of our students were invited to take part in an author's workshop at Peckham Library. At this workshop students were given the opportunity to build upon their writing skills and create pieces of writing which reflected their creativity and enthusiasm for the English language.

Students were also introduced to our new English book: Rain Player. They began compiling research on the ancient Maya and their famous game Pok-a-Tok. Students then wrote a set of instructions on how to play the game.



The year 4, 5 and 6 **Eco team** held their first assembly on Monday. A big thank you to Naomi for her amazing power point presentation.

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Save the Children

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY FRIDAY 10 DECEMBER

On the 10th December we are inviting children to wear a Christmas jumper in support of Save the Children. If you wish to support this charity, you can donate by clicking on our [fundraising page](#)

No need to go out and buy anything special – please feel free to be creative and decorate a jumper you already have at home.

SOUTHWARK HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD (HAF) PROGRAMME 2021

WINTER FESTIVE FUN 2021

Monday 20th to Thursday 23rd December 2021

At: **ST JOHN'S AND ST CLEMENT'S PRIMARY SCHOOL**
ADYS ROAD, LONDON, SE15 4DY

AGES:
Reception to Yr6
Times:
09:00 - 16:30

BOOK NOW →

Join MAGNA this December for 4 Festive Fun Camp Days as part of the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme. MAGNA have 80 FREE places every day for FREE SCHOOL MEAL (benefit Related) Children. Spaces are limited so book now to secure your HAF days.

HOW TO BOOK

STEP 1: Create a parent account and register your child on our booking system (DO NOT BOOK HERE AS YOU WILL BE CHARGED)
<https://www.magnagroups.com/haf-programme>

STEP 2: Having completed STEP 1, complete the registration form on link below to select your chosen dates and camp venue:
<https://forms.gle/T5cbQtppp9puj3GQ7>

In partnership with

St John's & St Clement's

Christmas Fest

Sunday 5th of December 2021
1400-1600

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

Adys Road, SE15 4DY



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 ...

