

# SJSC WEEKLY

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This week it has been wonderful to see such amazing learning around the school and enjoy the summery weather in the playground.

On Monday our local police officer PC Dan Short spoke to Year 6 about keeping safe and we have started to learn our Harvest songs ready for our service in a couple of weeks' time, please read on as we are requesting donations to support Peckham Food Bank. Thank you to everyone who joined us for our "Meet the teacher" events and for all the positive feedback.

Alli Crank and Joseph Bell

## SJSC Diary

### October

22<sup>nd</sup> Oct – Staff Training Day

23-31<sup>st</sup> Oct – Half Term

### November

1<sup>st</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> Nov – Year 6 PGL

9<sup>th</sup> Nov – School Photos

### December

17<sup>th</sup> Dec – Last day of Autumn Term

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

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

6<sup>th</sup> Jan- – First day of the Spring Term

### Eco team meeting...



The Eco Team have been incredibly busy – installing a bird feeder in the Peace Garden, starting their recording of wildlife visiting the playground, looking after five rescue fish in the pond, litter picking, Patience is making and selling pom poms for WWF and they are planning their whole school campaigns for this year.

This week they met to work on their bird and bat boxes which they plan to put up in the blue zone.

### Learning this week...



Some delightful visitors popped into **Reception** this week! The Year 5 children buddied up with the Reception children as part of their learning about the idea of 'belonging' and the 'community' they are part of and also the responsibility they have as role-models to the younger members of their school. After chatting together, doing some first-hand research on how Reception like playing they will now be making toys to welcome them to SJSC. There were smiles and laughter all round and the Year 5 children left our Reception children feeling uplifted, very special indeed and excited about receiving their new toy!

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In **Year 1**, we have been deepening our understanding of subtraction by using objects. First, we counted how many objects we had in total then we decided how many to take away. We have also started to practice reading and writing number sentences using the – and = signs.



In **Year 2** we planned an investigation to discover what seeds need to germinate. The children worked in groups to plant five beans: one without light, one without water, one with too much water, one without soil and one with everything. Firstly, we ensured it was a fair test and explored what this meant. We then discussed our predictions and became scientist, using carefully chosen vocabulary to explain our thoughts. Everyone is wondering which bean will grow the best!



Who would have thought that we, **Year 3** children, would end up having to edit Mr Dahl's work? In one chapter, we counted that he had used the verb 'said' 13 times! Luckily, we are great at using synonyms for the verb 'said' and have rectified this nearly disastrous situation.



This week, **Year 4** were posed with a big problem in science -parts of the classification key on invertebrates was missing! Like true scientists, we were not deterred! We used our scientific knowledge and a handy fact file to fill in the missing information.

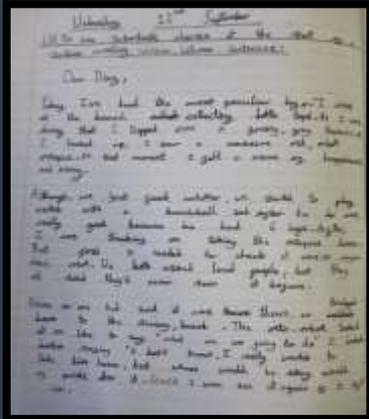
Did you know? Some animals can shed or moult their exoskeleton when they grow too big for it. They climb out of their old exoskeleton and a new one forms!

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This week, **Year 5** have engaged with the animation of *The Lost Thing* and shared what we have noticed. We have written a diary to recount the events of the day when the boy first encountered the 'thing'. We made sure that we included complex sentences that give plenty of information to engage the reader.



This week in **Year 6**, we continued reading *The Unforgotten Coat* and learned about Chingis and Nergui's time at school in Liverpool. We recreated the science experiment from the book, investigating the impact of forces on confined spaces, and crated our own film cannister rockets.

We also began learning about human and physical geography, plotting a route over land from Mongolia to Liverpool to understand the ways in which migration happens.



In **Music** it's been great to see year 3 learn new warm ups and games that are challenging and fun for everyone! This week we have also started learning our songs for Harvest Festival; Harvest Samba and Autumn Days.

If you want to practice at home you can find the lyrics and music for Autumn Days [here](#)

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## Plant Fundraiser

We are currently fundraising to fill our classrooms with air-purifying plants. Any contribution would be warmly welcomed to help make our spaces greener and our air cleaner. **Donations can be made in parentmail / shop.**

## Labelling belongings...

Please remember to label your child's uniform, in particular jumpers, cardigans and coats. Without name tags it is hard to return lost items to the rightful owner. We have signed up with easy2name, who supply labels. The school will receive commission on each purchase. When purchasing please use the following code 19887. Thank you.

<https://www.stikins.co.uk/>

## Communication

The office has been receiving a high volume of phone calls. Please remember that most information you require has either been sent by Parentmail or is on the school website. If you need to communicate with your child's teacher please email the office or send a note in with your child. Any attendance requests (for example, medical or dental appointments), should be sent to [attendance@sjsc.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@sjsc.southwark.sch.uk) with the relevant supporting information. Thank you.

## Peckham Arts Festival

Our Y6 leavers of 2021 performed their African drumming pieces at The Peckham Arts Festival this weekend. They did SJSC proud representing the school even after they have moved onto pastures new as Y7's.



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## Harvest Appeal

As we move into the next phase of the COVID pandemic it is important that we consider the impact it continues to have on our wider local community. This year we are collecting for the Southwark Harvest Festival foodbank appeal. Families can contribute by donating any of the items listed below or by offering financial donations via this [link](#)

**Top ten required items:** Toothpaste, shower gel, orange or apple juice (long life), UHT full fat milk, tinned meat soup, scotch broth, tinned ratatouille, tinned fruit, tinned vegetarian curry or chilli, chocolate bars and treats.

**HARVEST APPEAL** the trussell trust  
Help UK People

**HELP SUPPORT YOUR FOODBANK  
WITH FOOD AND FUNDS THIS HARVEST**

**DONATE FOOD**  
Help by donating an item or two from our shopping list to ensure we can provide food to help people in crisis.

**DONATE MONEY**  
Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects.

**SHOPPING LIST  
TOP TEN ITEMS**

Don't forget...  
You can help transform more lives with a financial donation too.

foodbank  
trussell trust  
thank you

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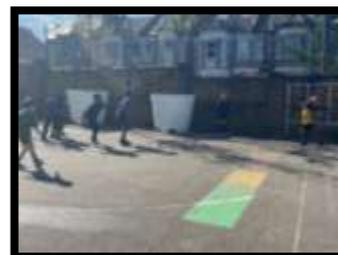
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## In the playground this week...

Another fantastic week of dance, sports, building, wood working, gardening and much more...



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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 ...

