

SJSC WEEKLY

Autumn term Issue 6: 15th October 2021



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Dear Parents,

It's been a wonderful week at SJSC. Tuesday saw the dramatic arrival of Fandangoe Kid's Whip – which is now permanently sited in our playground. We have exciting plans on how we can use it to inspire all of our children.

On Monday Year 3 visited the Horniman Museum and on Tuesday, our Year 6 enjoyed a Black History Month workshop by INCPA – Inspire New Creative Performing Arts, a local theatre group. Next week they will be performing to Year 5. On Thursday and Friday our Year 2 visited the Ecological Park. It is great to be able to run these trips again and our children benefit from such inspiring learning experiences.

On Thursday, we met with Little Jungle, parents and local councillors to discuss the traffic issues on Adys Road and Amott. We are campaigning for a School Street. Our councillor Catherine Rose has agreed to reinvestigate the proposal. Watch this space.

This week we also hosted our first in person tour for prospective parents. It was great to be able to showcase all of the wonderful work we are doing. If you know families that are looking for schools for next year, please send them our way.

Have a lovely weekend.

Alli Crank and Joseph Bell

SJSC Diary

October

Black History Month 'Proud to be'

18th Oct – Flu Vaccinations

22nd Oct – Staff Training Day

23-31st Oct – Half Term

November

1st -5th Nov – Year 6 PGL

9th Nov – School Photos / Parents Evening (virtual)

15th -19th Nov – Anti-Bullying Week – Theme: One Kind Word

17th Nov – Parents Evening (virtual)

17th & 18th Nov – SJSC Art Festival

December

17th Dec – Last day of Autumn Term

January

4th Jan – School closed – Jubilee Extra Bank Holiday

5th Jan- Staff Training Day

6th Jan- – First day of the Spring Term

Learning this week...



Reception children have been learning all about Anansi the Spider, by Gerald McDermott this week as part of our celebration of Black History Month. Six children got to act out the part of one of Anansi's son - See Trouble, Road Builder, River Drinker, Game Skinner, Stone Thrower and Cushion. Each child had to come up with a reason why they should win the prize of the moon – for the way they rescued Anansi. Poor Anansi, they were all so convincing that he found it very difficult to choose!

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Year 1, were very inspired after watching an exciting news report this week about a mysterious egg that had been found in Peckham Rye Park. We then created posters to let others know about the thrilling findings!



Year 2 went on a very exciting trip to the local Centre for Wildlife. We explored the gardens and identified different seeds, plants, vegetables and wildlife. We then did some bush beating and found loads of insects and animals that live in the trees and plants. This gave us some inspiration for our own community project and we have decided to build an allotment in our school playground to help the local community. We then did some research to find out what plants we could grow in our allotment and presented our findings to the class.



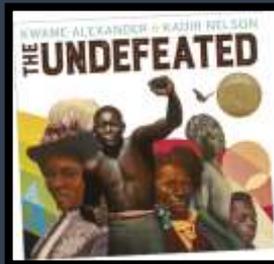
In **year 3**, we went to visit the Horniman Museum and Gardens in order to get 'hands on' experience of the vast variety of skeletons, teeth and bones from the animal kingdom. We were able to investigate the purposes of different kinds of skeletons as well as understand what types of teeth are required for different diets.

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In year 4 this week, we became spelling detectives! Miss Cosby and Miss White challenged us to solve their spelling crossword so we grabbed our pencils and put on our thinking caps. It was tricky but we all enjoyed the challenge! As part of Black History Month, we have been exploring 'The Undeclared' which is a poem written by Kwame Alexander and Kadir Nelson. Kwame writes that this poem is an ode to "the dreamers and the doers".



In Year 5 we have thought about being part of a community this week. One of our school values. We are making a display entitled, 'We are the heart of the community.' We have created our little people and discussed the key messages that we would like them to hold up as a reminder to what makes a good community. Some thoughtful messages are, 'Treat others as we would like to be treated.', 'Equality for all.', 'Be kind.' and 'Let us protect our planet.'



This week Year 6 were visited by The New Creative Performing Arts Company and participated in drama workshops to celebrate Black History Month.

The drama workshops consisted of examining the lives of influential black historical figures and the way that they have shaped our community and the global community through drama and storytelling exercises.



The Eco Team have been busy making bird boxes. The boxes are available to purchase in the Parentmail shop. They cost £10.20. The team have decided half the profit will be donated to a wildlife charity and the other half will be used to buy more planting for the playground. Once initial stock has been sold, the team will be making them to order. We think these bird boxes would make perfect Christmas presents.



Notice Board...

Secondary School Applications

Sunday 31 October 2021 at 11.59pm is the closing date for submitting your online application.

You must ensure Southwark have received your online application, and you have uploaded any additional supporting information by this date and time. Southwark strongly recommend that you submit your application by **Friday 22 October 2021** so that they receive it before the half term holiday and can contact you if necessary.

Parking and Idling

This week we met with our local Southwark Councillors to discuss the increased traffic levels on Adys and Amott Road and our street scape. We have been working with the Little Jungle Nursery and St John's Church on proposals to gain school street status. We kindly ask you to support us in this matter by leaving your cars at home and using alternative modes of transport to bring your children to school. If you do have to drive, please make sure you leave plenty of time to park safely away from the school gates - surrounding streets offer free parking until 9 a.m.

Scooters – please be reminded to check you are taking the correct scooter home at the end of the day. Lots of children have the same scooter and one sadly went missing on Friday. If you have taken it by mistake, please return it to the school office. It is worth labelling your child's scooter so it can easily be identified.

End of the Day

To keep everyone safe, please could we ask you to refrain from letting your children play on or with any accessible equipment at the end of the day. School play equipment is available for children to play during supervised playtimes only. Thank you.

Communication

The office has seen an increase in the number of emails asking for the class teacher to be informed that their child is going on a play date and is being collected by another parent. The school office is unable to cope with the volume. Please send your child in with a note to give to their class teacher. Thank you.

Reporting absences. Please report all absences by using Parentmail, Absences or on the absence telephone line (020 7525 9210, option 1). Please do not email directly. Thank you.



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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 ...

