

SJSC WEEKLY

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Dear Parents,

It was all smiles on Tuesday as children had their school photographs taken throughout the morning. Proofs are ready for viewing on [Ward Hendry's](#) website.

We also hosted the first of our parents' evenings. This is a great opportunity to have time to talk to your class teacher, so if you haven't already booked a session, please sign up for the 17th.

The newsletter is jam-packed this week which just leaves us room to say have a great weekend!

Alli Crank and Joseph Bell

Anti-Bullying Week 2021 – 15-19 November

Next week is Anti-Bullying week. This year the theme is 'One Kind Word' which will build on brilliantly from the work we already do around our school value of Kindness.

Odd Socks Day: Children are invited to wear odd socks to school on **Monday 15 November**. This is a fun way to start our discussions on how difference is fantastic and should be celebrated.

Through our PSHE curriculum, Jigsaw, we will be having lessons on what bullying is, what can we do about it, how we feel and also how we can celebrate and make positive friendships.

We are **raising money for the Anti-Bullying Alliance**. Donations are being accepted on ParentMail. Thank you for your support.

SJSC Diary

November

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

15th Nov – Odd Socks Day 2021 – wear
your odd socks for Anti-bullying week

16th & 17th Nov – SJSC Art Festival

17th Nov – Parents Evening (virtual)

23rd November – Prayer Group

December

10th Dec – Save the Children Christmas
Jumper Day

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

6th Jan- – First day of the Spring Term

Learning this week...



As part of **Reception's** R.E theme on understanding how unique all the children are they played 'Guess the Baby' with photographs from home. We discussed the similarities and differences between the children now and when they were babies. The children realised they are the only person exactly like them - they are all special, unique and extremely precious to their friends, families and teachers!

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In **Year 1**, we have been finding out about the value of money! We have been talking about the names of coins and how they can be used together to make different values. We headed to the 'toy shop' where we chose some items to buy and then worked out the calculations for our purchases and recorded these on whiteboards.



In **Year 2** this week, we have been exploring data collection and looked at tally charts as well as pictograms. Firstly, we gathered data in a tally and used this to create our own pictograms. To finish, we analysed the data and presented our findings. This helped us to interpret other pictograms later on in the week and answer some tricky problem-solving questions.



For Geography, **year 3** went to visit Peckham Rye Park in order to understand and identify physical and human features in our local environment. We traced the former River Peck, now a small stream, through the park, until it disappeared back underground and discussed how human intervention, over time, had altered the course of a river until this small stream was all that remained above ground. We made links with the importance of green spaces for managing flooding and how important water quality is, after our assembly on the current climate change conference in Glasgow.

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This week in **Year 4** Maths, we have been working together in pairs using dienes (maths equipment) to deepen our understanding of dividing with remainders.

In English, the classroom turned into a publishing house as the children have published their descriptive pieces of writing based on a scene from our current book *Weslandia*. They have showcased excellent use of fronted adverbials and adjectives to really bring the scene to life!



This week, **Year 5** shared aspects of their cultures in our PSHE session. It was great to hear about all of the wonderful things that make our class so special. We learnt about food from different cultures, traditional dresses and even discovered that as a year group we speak and understand seven different languages! This celebration of other cultures has continued in our literacy lessons where we are nearly half-way through our book *Children of the Benin Kingdom*. This week, we have been writing letters and diary entries where we have aimed to include words that would have been used in the Ancient Kingdom of Benin (and some are still used in Nigeria today).



Welcome back to **Year 6!**

We have returned from PGL and, while we are missing all the activities, we are grateful for the memories that we have made and are excited to get back to our regular in class learning.

This week we explored the story of Buddha and the Swan as part of our Buddhism unit of Religious Education, and made origami swans with acts of kindness folded into them to be hung up in our classes.

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SJSC Art Festival 2021



We are pleased to be hosting our first school art exhibition, where parents are invited to come into school and enjoy the pop-up gallery.

In order to limit numbers of people in spaces we have 2 dates:

16th November from 1:40 onwards – parents and family members from **years 2, 3, and 5**

17th November from 1:40 onwards – parents and family members from **years 1, 4 and 6**

Children have been working collaboratively and individually to produce art works inspired by class artists and some of our learning on the 'Big Ideas', for example you will be able to experience a piece inspired by the children's learning about sustainability and the most recent 3D Van Gogh Exhibit.

Market Place

The gift shop is part of the gallery experience and so children have also been working on smaller pieces, postcards and posters of their bigger pieces, to sell in the Market Place. On the day of the exhibition you will be able to view the pieces for sale. You will then be able to order from the comfort of your own home through Parentmail.

Prayer Group

We would like to welcome you to join our Prayer Group. This is a group open to all and is a time to come together pray, reflect and support each other.

Please register your interest at the office (office@sjsc.southwark.sch.uk) should you wish to join the next prayer group which is taking place on **Tuesday 23rd November at 9.30 a.m.** A zoom link will be sent to you once you have registered your interest.

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](#).

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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 ...

