



HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

'I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the colour of their skin but by the content of their character.' Rev Martin Luther King Junior.



This week in assemblies we focused on the importance of endurance and how we can take inspiration from famous people in history. We looked at three key people starting with Gandhi and how he campaigned for civil rights and freedom and how the perseverance and drive that he shared to achieve this. Likewise we saw how Dr. Martin Luther King Junior took inspiration from Gandhi in using non-violent means to try and achieve equal rights for black people in America. We explored what it was like for him when he was growing up and how he wasn't allowed to play with white children and how that made him feel. More recently we can see how Nelson Mandela was inspired by Dr. Martin Luther King Junior to campaign for equality for black people in South Africa.

Despite all three campaigners being subject to several imprisonments in their life time, this didn't stop them from continuing to try and achieve what they believed in. Likewise, we too must take inspiration from what has happened in history to pursue what we feel is right.

We talked about the work of the Eco-Committee in St. John's School and the important role that we all play in looking after our planet. Like Gandhi, King and Mandela, we too need to persevere with what we know is right and continue to inspire people to make a difference. We linked their work to the Black Lives Matter campaign and how several years on there is still much work to be done in changing people's opinions and the discrimination that is still evident in our world today.

Attached to this newsletter is key information about services available in Enfield to support families in leading healthier lives. The name of this organisation is BeeZee Bodies and as is evident from the attached information they run several activities offering various different types of support that can be really beneficial to families. If you are keen to pursue a healthier lifestyle then I would really urge you to avail of the opportunities that Beezee Bodies has to offer.

Sue Notley
Headteacher

This Week's Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	100%
Sapphire	93.8%
Diamond	98.3%
Emerald	93.6%
Overall	96.4%

Week Beginning Monday 24 January 2022

Monday

8am	Breakfast Club
3.00-4.00pm	Emerald & Diamond Netball Club
3.00-4.00pm	Reception & Sapphire Arts & Crafts

Tuesday

8am	Breakfast Club
3.00-4.00pm	Reception & Sapphire Football Club
3.00-4.00pm	Yoga Club (Nursery to Year 6)

Wednesday

Chair Yoga for Diamond Class

Swimming Year 3&4

8am	Breakfast Club
During school	Keyboard
During school	Recorder
3.00-4.00pm	Emerald & Diamond Football Club
3.00-4.00pm	Year 3 Science Club
3.00-4.00pm	Year 2 to Year 6 Choir Club

Thursday

8am	Breakfast Club
3.00-4.00pm	Emerald & Diamond Tennis Club
3.00-4.00pm	Reception & Sapphire Construction Activities & Board Games

Friday

8.00-8.45am	Emerald & Diamond Tag Rugby
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Well done to the following pupils for being awarded these special certificates for this week:

Endurance Certificates

Ruby Class: Bella
Sapphire Class: Alice
Diamond Class: Georgina
Emerald Class: Yomi

Star Writer Certificates

Ruby Class: Mateo
Sapphire Class: James
Diamond Class: Olivia
Emerald Class: Lucy

Gold Star Certificates

Ruby Class: Ruby Class
Sapphire Class: Yr1 Maths
Diamond Class: Isobel & Murat
Emerald Class: Elsie & Gabriel

Vacancy for a Parent Governor on our Governing Body at St. John's School

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor on our Governing Body at St. John's School. If any parent is interested in applying for this really important role, please free to talk to me about what this role entails. We really value the parents' voice as your contribution is absolutely vital when discussing many areas of school life. The closing date for this vacancy is 28 January 2022 .

Introduction from our new Chair of Governors, Rev. Dr. Jonathan Dean It's a huge privilege to be a member of the Governing Body of St. John's, alongside a great group of committed and passionate governors, who are working to support and encourage the incredible work being done by Mrs. Notley and the wonderful staff team. As I take on the task of chairing the Governing Body, I want to pay tribute to the tireless efforts of Roy Tungatt, and to thank him for his wisdom, cheerful commitment to a sometimes complex task, and his calm leadership through a period of real challenge, especially in the last two years. We are grateful that he is remaining on the team, even as he steps down as Chair. I'm the Local Authority Governor, and have been a member of the team since 2020. It's been a real joy to discover St. John's and its warm, vibrant and inclusive community since moving to Enfield in 2019. I'm a Methodist minister, but rather than looking after a congregation, I currently work for the Methodist Church's central team in London, responsible for our work in learning and education. I've been involved in schools and education all my life in different ways, and am excited about taking on this task, and sharing in our work of helping our children to discover their own potential, and the joy of a life lived to the full. In brief, my interests include running (short distances!), walking, reading and writing, discovering music, cooking and eating good food, and continuing to support my beloved Norwich City F.C., even as that produces more heart-break than joy! I hope to have the chance to meet and get to know more of you in the weeks and months ahead. For now, though, my very good wishes for a peaceful, fulfilling and healthy new year. Rev. Dr. Jonathan Dean

Parent Governor, Mrs Jacqueline Godbold I am delighted to be appointed as a Parent Governor at St John's C.E Primary School. Having moved my children to the school two years ago, I very much appreciate the unique and nurturing environment of St John's and would like to contribute to upholding and strengthening its core values. I believe I can offer a useful parent's perspective on many aspects of school life, whether that is reviewing homework policy to ensure it is manageable for children and parents alike, or helping to deliver on feedback from the yearly parents' questionnaire. I would like to use both my voice as a parent and my professional experience to support, and where necessary challenge, the leadership team to build on the high standards of learning at St John's, alongside the focus on the social development and emotional wellbeing of its students. I feel that the pastoral element of the school experience is particularly important at this time with many children and families affected by the pandemic. I would work together with staff, parents and governors to help make sure the St John's community ultimately emerges stronger from this very difficult period. Jacqueline Godbold *Parent to Isobel, Year 3.*



RUBY CLASS

This week in Ruby class we have been reading the information book - 'The Emporor's Egg' which is about the emporor penguins who live in the Antarctic. The children have also sequenced the facts from the book and have been busy making papier-mâché eggs for the penguins to hatch out of! The nursery children have made some fantastic penguin collages too. The children have also been researching other animals which live in the polar regions using the internet and information books. In maths we have been focusing on doubling which has involved doubling numbers, numicon, spots on ladybirds, raisins and even children! Next week our maths focus will be on halving. In phonics the children have been working really hard to secure their knowledge of blending, segmenting and sentence writing which is all really coming along. We have had a busy week - well done Ruby class.

Thank you to all the reception parents for all your support with the 'special writing book' homework; it is really supporting the children with the development of their writing skills.

Have a great weekend

Pat Creed, Elena Dall'Aglio pat.creed@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk

SAPPHIRE CLASS

I hope everybody is keeping well. What a busy week it has been in Sapphire. Across both year groups in Maths, we have been looking at statistics and how we can record information in different ways, with a real focus on tally charts. To help us with this, we have been really focusing on counting forwards and backwards in fives so please do continue supporting your child with this at home. In Science, we continued our work on plants, where we produced some observational drawings on a range of different wild plants. We have been so excited to see our snowdrop plant starting to produce more flowers too! In RE, we have been focusing on baptism, what this means and the similarities and difference between infant baptism and adult baptism. We have also continued to work incredibly hard with our reading, writing and phonics. **Please ensure all homework** is submitted on a Wednesday as I have had to email a small number of parents regarding this. As always, if you need anything with regards to this, please email me at James.Stringer@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk and I will be more than happy to assist.

Have a lovely weekend everyone, and take care.

James Stringer, Lucy Gatward, Tracey Hargate, Isabella Bates & Sylwia Hocyk

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Teams / Online Safety

This week, I wish to draw your to the following link from the NSPCC <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>. It has lots of really helpful tips and resources to support your work with your child to ensure they are using technology as safely as possible. Please continue to talk to your child about the importance of using technology as safely as possible and why this is so important. I am around on my emails (James.Stringer@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk) if you have any questions regarding this.

Have a lovely, safe weekend St. John's!

James Stringer James.Stringer@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk

DIAMOND CLASS Diamond have been really enjoying writing their new stories set in a historical setting. The theme of a story set in Rome and Roman times has given the children lots of interesting avenues to explore. In mathematics, the children have been looking at division using the bus stop method, as well as dividing by 10, 100 and 1000. In their history lessons, diamond class have been really enjoying the Roman focus and they have been studying the Roman army, looking at the life of a legionnaire and also learning about the Celtic warrior queen: Boudicca. In science, the class have been looking at leaves, with lots of hands on activities, as well as learning about the different parts of a plant. The children's guided reading sessions have also been going very well with lots of great reading and comprehension questioning. Our new PSHE scheme is proving to get the children very interested in discussing serious issues, with a focus on dreams and ambitions this week. In diamond's art lessons, they have been looking at colours, creating lots of secondary colours by only using the three primary colours. The class have also been looking at Greyson Perry and trying to emulate and create art pieces in a similar style. Great work this week and well done. **Jack Larkin and Asma Chebbi**

EMERALD CLASS Emerald class have worked really well across all subjects this week and are making very pleasing progress. In maths we have been looking at the names and properties of 3D shapes and also how to calculate the volume of cubes and cuboids. In English this week the children have been focusing on writing character descriptions; you can really see all of the work around grammar and use of adventurous vocabulary starting to shine through, which is great news. Every morning I walk into the classroom the lovely smell of musty cress seeds hits me immediately as the children have been looking at what conditions are ideal for growing seeds. We have had some excellent results although I do feel sorry for the seeds where the children are trying not to grow them! In RE over this term we are looking at the five pillars of Islam and the similarities and differences between the acts of worship across a range of religions. All of the homework task are being completed on a regular basis so keep encouraging your child to keep this up, as it really supports the learning they are doing in school. We hope you have a relaxing weekend, the dark, cold month of January is nearly over!
Joe Law and Jack Larkin

SPRING	2022
Starts	Wednesday 5 January
Half-term	Monday 14 February—Friday 18 February
Ends (1.00pm)	Friday 1 April
INSET DAY	Tuesday 4 January

SPRING	2023
Starts	Wednesday 4 January
Half-term	Monday 13 February—Friday 17 February
Ends (1.00pm)	Friday 31 March
INSET DAY	Tuesday 3 January

SUMMER	2022
Starts	Tuesday 19 April
Half-term	Monday 30 May—Friday 3 June
Ends (1.00pm)	Friday 22 July
INSET DAY	Friday 1 July
Bank Holiday	Monday 2 May & Monday 30 May

SUMMER	2023
Starts	Monday 17 April
Half-term	Monday 29 May—Friday 2 June
Ends (1.00pm)	Friday 21 July
INSET DAY	Friday 30 June
Bank Holiday	Monday 1 May & Monday 29 May

AUTUMN	2022
Starts	Friday 2 September
Half-term	Monday 24 October—Friday 28 October
Ends (1.00pm)	Friday 16 December
INSET DAY	Thursday 1 September
INSET DAY	Monday 31 October
INSET DAY	Friday 25 November

NOTICES



Absence

Please may we remind parents/carers of the following if your child is absent.

- Please telephone or email the school office on the morning your child is absent.
- On the return of your child's absence a letter with an explanation needs to be brought into school or you can email the school with the reasons.
- If your child has a headache, please give them Calpol and then bring them into school. If we feel they are still unwell as the day progresses we will send them home.
- If your child is absent for more than 3 days then we do require medical evidence, otherwise this will be an unauthorised absence.

NSPCC Number Day

On Wednesday the 9th of February we are taking part in Dress up for Digits, where we will be asking all children to come in to school in outfits inspired by maths and number. We want to encourage you to think sustainably and use what you have to create your number outfit.

There will be a voluntary £2 contribution, which is payable on ParentPay. This is to raise money to support the NSPCC and their services, such as Childline. On Friday the 4th of February we will be taking part in lots of different maths activities to give children opportunities to apply their skills in different scenarios.

Breakfast Club

- Starts at 8.00am (please do not bring children any earlier, they will not be allowed in)
- If you require breakfast for your child, please ensure you are at school by 8.10am
- Breakfast Club account should always be in credit (either weekly, monthly or termly) £3.50 per day
- Any changes to the days your child is attending, please leave a message on the Breakfast Club line.

Attendance for the week

RUBY CLASS have the highest attendance this week and will be allowed to come into school in non-uniform on Monday 24 January in recognition for their achievement this week for the most attendance this week

Nursery Admissions Sept 2022

- Complete our supplementary forms, which can be found on the school website or collect them from the school office.
- Return the supplementary forms to the school office as soon as possible.

School Uniform

This can be purchased from Smiths Schoolwear, 155-157 Lancaster Rd, Enfield EN2 0JN.

If you would like to purchase a school tie or water bottle, this can be purchased from the ParentPay shop, where the link is located on our homepage of the school website or please use the link below.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Uniform/Default.aspx?shopid=783>

St. John's Church Services



Children's Service at St John's Church on the 3rd Sunday of every month at 9:00am.

Everyone is welcome to attend and we plan to have music, singing, craft and a story.

We welcome parents participation and ideas for future services.

Date List for Spring Term 2022		
JANUARY		
Wednesday 26	Chair Yoga for Diamond Class	
FEBRUARY		
Tuesday 1	Life in Roman Britain for Diamond Class	All Day
Wednesday 2	Chair Yoga for Emerald Class	
Tuesday 8	Parents' Evening	
Wednesday 9	NSPCC Number Day—Dress up for Digits (please pay £2 on ParentPay to support NSPCC)	
Thursday 10	Parents' Evening	
Friday 11	Church Service	9.15am
Monday 14 to Friday 18	HALF-TERM	
MARCH		
Wednesday 2	Ash Wednesday Service at St John's Church	2pm
Thursday 3	World Book Day (make your own costume)	
Friday 4	Fundraising activity for Catriona Fathers' Charity	
Friday 11	Day Trip to Forty Hall – Emerald Class	
Monday 14	Science Week	
Friday 18	Day Trip to Forty Hall – Diamond Class	
Monday 21	Easter Bonnets / Easter Gardens	
Wednesday 23	Easter Concert in St John's Church - Reception and KS1	
Friday 25	Day Trip to Forty Hall – Sapphire Class & Reception	
Tuesday 29	Florence Nightingale Visit KS1	
Wednesday 30	Easter Concert in St John's Church – KS2	
APRIL		
Friday 1	Church Service in St John's Church – Whole School	
Friday 1	END OF SPRING TERM	1.00pm

COMMUNITY LITTER PICK

@Hilly Fields neighbourhood

SUNDAY 9:30am - 10:30am

21st November 2021
 12th December 2021
 9th January 2022
 13th February 2022
 13th March 2022
 10th April 2022
 8th May 2022
 12th June 2022



MEET AT COOK'S HOLE ROAD (HILLY FIELDS) EN2 0UD

*Equipment will be supplied/accompanied children and dogs welcome
 All subject to COVID-19 regulations*

For more information please contact: enfieldlitterpickers@gmail.com

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ENFIELD HEALTHY FAMILY COURSES

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
 EDMONTON COUNTY SCHOOL 17:30 - 19:30 Age 5 - 15	 MERRYHILLS PRIMARY SCHOOL 17:30 - 19:30 Age 5 - 15		 ST PAULS CENTRE 17:00 - 19:00 Age 5 - 15
 ONLINE 17:30 - 18:30 Age 9 - 12	 ONLINE 16.30 - 17:30 Age 5- 8	 ONLINE 17:30 - 18:30 Age 5- 8	 ONLINE 16:30 - 17.30 Age 9 - 12

You and your family can also book a 1-1 with one of our wellbeing co-ordinators or access loads of great support on our online Academy. For more information and to book your place on any of our programmes just go to www.beezeebodies.com



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HELLO!

We are BeeZee Bodies, and we are here to help families in Enfield lead healthier lives! We are commissioned by Enfield Council to provide these weight management intervention programmes for free.

SERVICES AVAILABLE IN ENFIELD



Self guided online learning BeeZee Academy

An online portal full of healthy living resources to help families learn about diet, nutrition, exercise and more.



12 week online course BeeZee Families Live

Fun, interactive webinars led by our expert nutritionists to help families create healthy habits at home.



Community groups BeeZee Families

Award-winning in-person programmes, including cooking lessons and activity sessions.



One-to-one support BeeZee Lite

A one hour, 1:1 appointment to address specific challenges around maintaining healthy habits at home.

ARE YOU WORKING WITH A FAMILY WHO COULD BENEFIT FROM SOME WEIGHT MANAGEMENT SUPPORT?

[Just fill in the form at \[beezeebodies.com/refer-a-client\]\(https://beezeebodies.com/refer-a-client\)](https://beezeebodies.com/refer-a-client)

We'll get in touch with the family directly to discuss which options may work best for them and get them booked on.

We will need: the child's name & date of birth, and the parent/carer's contact details and permission for us to contact them.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Families with at least one child who:

- is 5-15 years old
 - has a BMI > 91st centile
 - Lives/goes to school/is registered with a GP in Enfield
- ...but the whole family is encouraged to participate together!

