

**Our School Christian Vision - 'Working together to build a firm foundation for learning and caring.'**

*Rooted in Matthew 7 24 – 25 'Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.'*

## Message from the Headteacher

Another busy week here at St John's.

Last Friday our ethos committee met for the first time and will be involved in the planning, delivering and monitoring of our collective worships, discussing our themes for the week and value of the term.

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils met Paul Thatcher yesterday, one of our local PCSOs, who came in to talk to the children about online safety, their responsibilities and the importance of talking to a trusted adult if they are worried about anything.

Next week we have two very exciting events taking place including NSPCC Number day on Thursday. Pupils are encouraged to come to school dressed in numbers themed mufti and will take part in a variety of fun activities to encourage their love of maths and also raising money and awareness of NCPCC causes.

We also have a visit from the record breaking Paralympic Katrina Hart on Friday. Sponsorship forms have been sent home with every child in order to help raise money for Sports for School. You can also sponsor your child by following the link: [www.sportsforschools.org](http://www.sportsforschools.org) Please ensure that sponsorship forms and money are returned to the school office by Friday 11th February 2022. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school on Friday.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs West-Gaul  
Headteacher

## **Dates for your Diary**

3rd Feb - Numbers Day  
4th Feb - Athlete visit  
7th Feb - Children's Mental Health Week  
8th Feb - Safer Internet Day  
17th Feb - PTA School disco  
18th Feb - PTA Mufti Day

## **Term 3 Christian Value: Wisdom**



'Wisdom is worth much more than precious jewels' - Proverbs 8:11

## **Stars of the week**

Well done to all of our pupils who have been awarded a certificate this week!



<b>Acorn class</b>	Thea T Sonny
<b>Ash class</b>	Jesse
<b>Birch class</b>	Emma
<b>Chestnut class</b>	Finley
<b>Elm class</b>	Reggie-Jack
<b>Holly class</b>	Teddy
<b>Hazel class</b>	Nyla
<b>Maple class</b>	Phillip
<b>Oak class</b>	April
<b>Pine class</b>	Poppy
<b>Rowan class</b>	Amelie
<b>Sycamore class</b>	William
<b>Willow class</b>	Daksha

## Citizenship and Character Awards

Well done to Henry in Chestnut class for the lovely work which he brought into school this week. It's really great to see what you're accomplishing as you work towards your Citizenship and Character Award.

For those of you that are wondering what you could accomplish this weekend, here're a few ideas:

1. Find out about human rights (Global Me) - Have a conversation with an adult at home about what human rights are. See if you can think of some examples of basic human rights and make a note of them to share with your teacher on Monday.
2. Learn about an explorer (Global Me) - Have you ever heard of Christopher Columbus, Sir Francis Drake, Rober Falcon Scott, Shackleton, Amelia Earhar, Freya Stark or Jeanne Baret? They were all explorers! Why not use the Internet to find out more about one of them.
3. Teach something (Developing Me) - If you've discovered something interesting this week (perhaps about human rights or a famous explorer), perhaps you could share it with one of your classmates on Monday. Or perhaps you have a younger sibling that is struggling to solve a maths problem. Why not teach them some of the strategies that you use in maths.

## Wellbeing Pupil Representatives

As a school we understand the importance of wellbeing for all members of our school community, both adults and children.

Each class now has two pupil Well Being Representatives that meet regularly together to learn and share ideas and general wellbeing strategies. The Wellbeing Representatives then take back their new knowledge to share with their peers back in class.

The aim is to give the pupils another layer of support within their own class and some easy and straight forward ways to help deal with their emotions and wellbeing.



## Lost Property

We have recently been made aware that some pupils have lost items of clothing that have not appeared in our school lost property.

Please can we ask that all parents ensure that their child's coats, clothes, lunchboxes and water bottles etc. are all named.

Please can we ask you to check your child's items for labels as often pupils have mixed up their items of clothing with another child, especially whilst changing for PE.

## Year 4 Reading

In Year 4 we have been reading *There's a Boy in the Girls Bathroom* (By Louis Sachar) as a class. Here is what some of the children think about the book!

**Alicia H**—"The book is about a boy that's really naughty and no one likes him. He is so lonely he had to pay another boy to be his friend. I like the book because it's very funny and I would give it 4 out of 5 stars."

**Freddy N** - "The main character in the book is Bradley Chalkers, he is bad because he doesn't listen and is mean to other children. I like the book because it is funny, especially when Bradley tells lies, like the one about eating dog food!"

**Fabien S** - "There's a Boy in the Girls Bathroom is the GREATEST BOOK EVER! I think Bradley's porky pies are very funny"

**Hannah E** - "My favourite thing about the story is that it's a bit weird! Bradley is a loner and a bit of a bully but he also just has low self-esteem. I would give the book 5 out of 5 stars"



## PCSO Visit by Jennifer H, Willow class

### PCSO VISIT

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022

On Wednesday, PCSO Paul and PCSO John came to talk about crime and consequences to year 5 and 6. They asked us some age-related questions such as, "how old should you be to drink alcohol?" and called out ages. We had to sit down when they called the age we thought it was.

The PCSOs also talked to us about online safety and cyberbullying, and how it could be a criminal offence. They reminded us that if you ever thought about sending one, even when you're received one, you shouldn't do it.

They were quite funny and joked about quite a bit, and all in all it was a very informative visit. A lot of people asked questions and they were all answered. Everybody really enjoyed it!



## Out of school Achievement

Well done to all of our pupils who took part in the Withington Gymnastic competition last weekend.

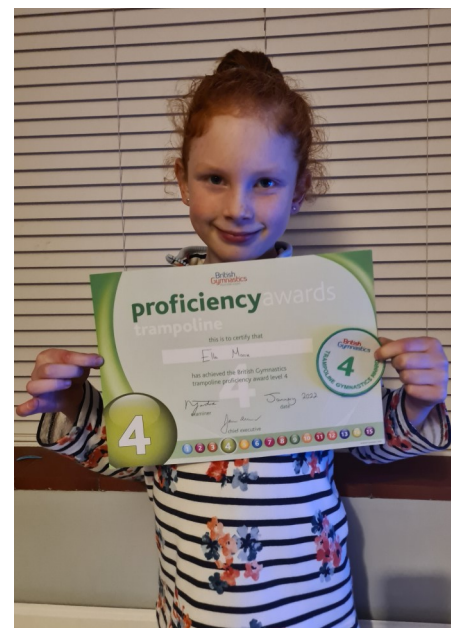
Nyla in Hazel class (top left) was awarded one silver and two bronze medals and Erin in Pine class (top right) came 4th overall.



Isla in Oak class, Isabelle in Hazel class and Lola in Ash class (left) were all awarded medals as were Imogen in Sycamore class and sister Amber in Elm class (right).

Fleur in Ash class (bottom left) took part in her first gymnastics competition on Sunday and achieved a silver medal for her vault routine and came 3rd overall in her group.

Also congratulations to Ella in Holly class (bottom right) for being awarded British Gymnastics trampoline proficiency level 4.



## Doodle Maths



As a school we have entered a Doodle Maths competition for a chance to win a bundle of learning resources worth £50. We are encouraging pupils to be working in the green zone (by achieving their target number of stars) for 14 consecutive days from **Friday 21st January to Thursday 3rd February**.

A 'little and often' approach gets results. We know that children who Doodle for just 10 minutes a day can improve their confidence, and rapidly accelerate their learning. The programmes include lots of fun features and engaging games designed to encourage daily practice too.

Well done to this weeks top doodlers!

<b>Reception</b> - Myka	<b>Maple</b> - Alicia
<b>Ash</b> - Harry	<b>Oak</b> - Josh C
<b>Birch</b> - Flynn	<b>Pine</b> - Zara
<b>Chestnut</b> - Henry	<b>Rowan</b> - Matilda
<b>Elm</b> - Avery	<b>Sycamore</b> - Holly
<b>Holly</b> - Kara	<b>Willow</b> - Daksha
<b>Hazel</b> - Marcus	

## Picture news

As part of our collective worship time we are using a new resource called picture news. The weekly resource has been designed to expose children to current affairs, discover their interests and bring the world closer to their everyday lives. As part of this resource they provide a 'take home' which allows you to discuss with your children the main story that has been focussed on in school that week. We will be including this in purple pages each week so make sure you look out for it!



Should everyone learn sign language?

## In the news this week

Ever since Rose Ayling-Elis became the first deaf contestant to compete in Strictly Come Dancing, the number of people wanting to learn British Sign Language (BSL) has surged. One half of the overall winning couple, Rose was frequently seen using sign language on the show and she used a translator to interpret what others were saying.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- > Have you ever seen sign language being used or used it yourself?
- > Can you make a list of all the different ways we communicate with each other? E.g. our body language, words, actions etc.
- > Do you think sign language is a skill that everyone should learn?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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