

13th January 2023

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

This week has been another busy one at St John's. You may have noticed we have a new tepee on the front playground which is phase 2 of our PTA funded playground project. We have also been developing the space behind our Year 1 classrooms, artificial grass has been laid to make it a more useable space and we look forward to adding items to enhance our provision as the weather improves!

This week our Year 5 children have started the 'Friends' resilience program with our local nursing team. The project aims to build resilience, self esteem and to learn important skills and techniques to cope with feelings of fear and worry. The children all enjoyed their first session and are looking forward to completing the project over the next few weeks.

A huge congratulations to our girls football team who competed against other schools on Monday and reached the semi finals!

During collective worship time today the children have spent time in class completing their whole class THRIVE activities. As a school we are working towards our 'THRIVE Ambassador' school award this year, if you would like to find out more about this please visit our wellbeing page on our website.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs West-Gaul



CHRISTIAN VALUE OF THE TERM: WISDOM

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

Dates for your Diary

Sun 15th Jan: Deadline for New Reception Starters (Sept 2023) Applications
Thurs 19th Jan: Young Voices Concert
6th - 10th Feb : Children's Mental Health Week
Thurs 9th Feb: PTA Disco
Fri 10th Feb: PTA Non uniform day (£1)
Fri 10th Feb: Last Day of Term 3

Parent / Carer Reminders

Please could we remind everyone to be careful and considerate of each other during drop off and collection times.

With the bad weather this week, there have been more cars on the road outside of school, and we have had reports of a few near misses with doors being opened onto pavements.

We have also had a comment from a nearby resident that cars are blocking their driveway during these times - please remember to keep all local resident driveways clear at all times.

Finally, we have seen some damage to school books that have been returned from home - these are new books that have been a large investment for the school, so please could you remind your children to be respectful of school (and all) property.

Thank you so much for your help with this.

Awards of the Week

Well done to all of our pupils who have achieved an award this week!



Top Doodling Class

Doodle Maths: Willow (6B)

Congratulations to all the pupils in the green zone!

	Star of the Week	Star Readers
Acorns	Ayda Sofia	- -
Ash class	Aoife	Thea C
Birch class	Kara	Arianna
Chestnut class	Todd	Evie
Elm class	Tommy H	Caiden
Hazel class	Mabel	Gabriel
Holly class	Taylor	Lyra
Maple class	Poppie	Annabelle
Oak class	Fin	Ella
Pine class	Isla	Phoenix
Rowan class	Will	Rosie
Sycamore class	Bea	Lacey
Willow class	Ciaran	Erin

Calling all trade's people!

After the successful improvements to our new play areas, we have been gifted some additional artificial turf, which we would love to be laid under our gazebo (which is not currently looking it's best) and in the outdoor Reading Nook.



We would really appreciate if a member of the school community was able to help with installing it - if you can help, or know someone who could, please get in touch!

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

w/c 16 January



Bath Central Library

Storytime Session
Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00am 17 Jan

Baby Bounce & Rhyme, Family Fun
Wednesday 11.00 - 11.30 am 18 Jan

Art in the Library - Tin City by Jo Nye
Mon - Sat During opening hours 5 Jan - 24 Feb

Lego Lab, Family Fun Drop In
Mon - Sat During opening hours

Sensory Space, for families with children and young adults with sensory needs
Mon - Sat, Book a Session via Eventbrite

Keynsham Library

Baby Bounce & Rhyme

Tuesday 9.30 - 10.00am 17 Jan
10.30 - 11.00am

Storytime & Craft
Thursday 11.00 - 11.30 am 19 Jan

Midsomer Norton Library

Baby Bounce & Rhyme
Monday 11.00 - 11.30am 16 Jan

Storytime Sessions
Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00 am 18 Jan

For any ticketed events, the link will be online via Social Media or via the blog.



Year 5: F.R.I.E.N.D.S Resilience Program

On Monday, the Year 5 children welcomed Kathryn and Jennifer from the school nursing team. This marked the beginning of their learning journey through the 'F.R.I.E.N.D.S Resilience' program.

Within their first of the nine sessions, the pupils introduced themselves and worked together to discuss the meaning and importance of empathy - that is, the ability to understand and share another individual's feelings. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed learning alongside the casts of 'The Muppets' and 'Inside Out' and shared many positive moments whilst exploring empathy and identifying various emotions.

The Year 5 children then worked beautifully together to complete the first few pages of their workbooks and explored several possible responses to given scenarios. It was here that children delved into discussion around just how much others can help us to cope with and make positive decisions in difficult situations when we are finding it challenging to do so alone.

With our first session wrapped up, we are very much looking forward to seeing how the children's learning journeys continue over the next nine weeks and are as excited to see how their skills and awareness advance with time.

Year 5 parents and carers:

You can share your child's unique e-book at home, they can tell you about the sessions each week and this gives you a chance to practice together. *For more information about the FRIENDS program and to log in to view the FRIENDS ebook, click on the link below - your access code will be made available to you by the class teacher.*

<https://friendsresilience.org/>

Learning in Year 3

Yesterday in Year 3, we experienced how Erin, from *The Secret of Black Rock*, would be feeling when she plunged into the ocean from her boat.

The children created freeze frames to show the moment she fell into the water. They then created a beautiful piece of artwork using pastels and charcoal to create the scene from the book.

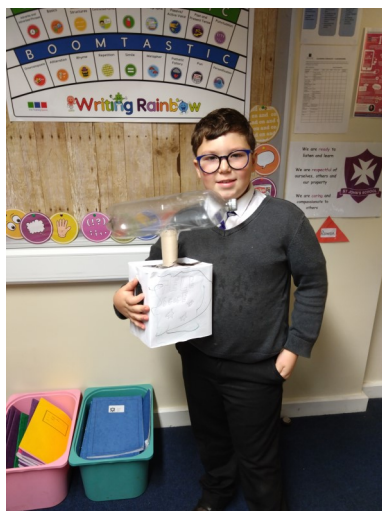
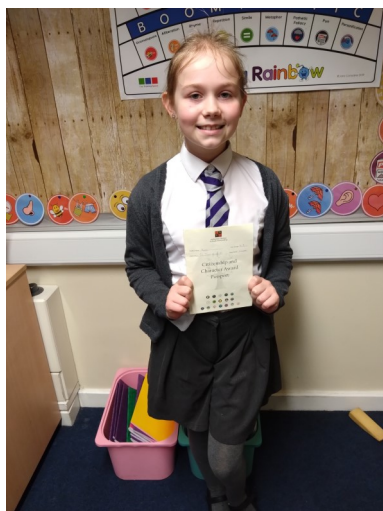


Citizenship and Character Award

Well done to Poppy and Freddie who have earned their bronze award this week! Also, well done to Mason who is very close to achieving his gold award, having received his bronze and silver last year.

For those of you who are keen to work towards your Citizenship and Character Award, here are some suggestions for the coming breezy, wet weekend.

1. Go to the library (Local Me) - Perhaps you could choose two books (fiction and non-fiction) to take home and enjoy under a cosy blanket.
2. Learn yoga (Wellbeing Me) - search on the internet for 'Cosmic Kids Yoga.' They have some free videos on YouTube (but please make sure you use YouTube with your grown up).
3. Conduct a science experiment (Developing Me) - Why not take advantage of the rain for this! Perhaps you could build a mini weather station with a rain gauge. Alternatively, you could create your own rain (ask your grown up to help you find instructions on the internet).



Join our PTA!

Our parents association is looking for new helpers and volunteers to help with the many fund raising activities and events that they organise for our children throughout the year, including the Summer Fair, Christmas Fair, Elfridges, year 6 leavers party and hoodies, discos, non-uniform days... to name just a few.



If you can spare a few hours or would like to be more involved, perhaps as a member of the committee - please contact stjohnsmsnpta@outlook.com.

Reception Starters - September 2023

Just a reminder that the deadline for applications for new starters in September is Sunday 15th January 2023. If you have a child due to start, make sure you have put in your application, and please remind any friends and family in the same situation.



Girls Football

This week, the Girls' Football Team took part in a tournament at Norton Hill. A massive congratulations to them for their fantastic performances and for reaching the semi finals! They have worked incredibly hard during training sessions this year and it was wonderful to see the progress they have made pay off.

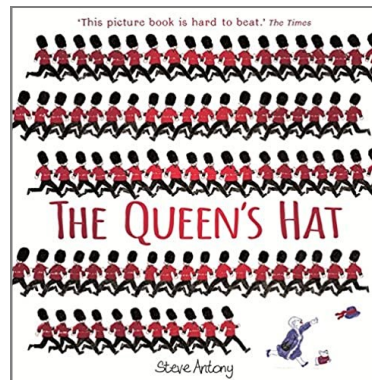
Thank you so much to all of the parents who supported them on a cold and windy evening.



Reading in Year 1

This week in Year 1 we have been lucky enough to have a very exciting and special visitor!

On Monday The Queen came to visit both Ash Class and Birch Class. Her Majesty introduced our new class reading book that we will be using for our English writing, 'The Queen's Hat' by Steve Antony. The children asked the Queen questions about her life as a monarch and her palaces and castles. They even asked about her hats and the clothes she wore.



Vacancy: Happy Mojos Holiday Club Practitioner

Happy Mojos, who have recently started running holiday clubs here at St John's are looking for a Holiday Club Practitioner. The successful applicant would need:

- > To work well with the team at the holiday club
 - > To approach your role positively and full of encouragement
 - > To prepare and execute activities
 - > To engage in play-based activities with the children
 - > To always respond to the needs of the children positively
 - > To meet the needs of every individual child
 - > To respect all individuals and communicate with a professional manner
 - > To manage areas, keeping them clean, tidy, and free of hazards
 - > To manage food times, including delivery, clearing and cleaning
 - > To continue to develop through CPD opportunities (food hygiene, mental health etc)
 - > To manage administrative tasks, eg, causes for concerns, accident/ incident forms et al
- following Happy Mojos policies, procedures, and practice.

The role is completely flexible to meet your needs. If you have children yourself (5-11 years), they can come and join in the fun! It would be wonderful if a member of the St John's community was successful in applying, so if you are interested, please email office@stjohnsmn.co.uk and we will forward your details to Happy Mojos, or see www.happymojo.co.uk for more information.

