

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents

It has been another settled week here at St John's, although the children do appear to be more tired this week than last. The catch up curriculum has begun with all year groups focussing on learning that wasn't fully covered at the end of last year due to lockdown. The teachers are assessing the children's learning and closing gaps to move their learning forward. Hopefully you have all received the year group welcome letters and long term plans, if not these can be found on the website under the year group section.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Mrs West-Gaul

## Dates to note:

### September

21st & 22nd September: School Photographer - individual and family groups

### October:

Photos will be sent home of the Harvest Festival and presentation of bibles to Reception pupils

### November:

2nd November: INSET day

Week commencing 2nd November: Parent Consultation Evenings

## A few reminders:

### Long Hair

If hair is long enough to be tied up please ensure it is. We do this for two reasons; firstly to ensure it is out of the child's face during learning and secondly to help prevent the spread of headlice.

### Swimming

Year 3 swimming is not going to take place this term but we are going to review the situation after Term 1.

### Parents' Evening

Parents Evening will take place over the telephone this term, these are scheduled in for w/c 2nd November but we will be in touch nearer the time with booking information.

### PE Kits

Please can all children come to school on a Monday with their PE kits. Children will have PE lessons timetabled during the week so it is important that they have their PE kits in school. These will be returned on a Friday so that they can be cleaned and brought back in on a Monday.

### Forest School

Please can we remind parents that if your child has forest school, they will need to bring in wellies and coats even if the weather is warm. Please be reminded that children shouldn't wear shorts or short sleeve t-shirts when up in the woods.

### Water bottles

Please can we remind parents that pupils should bring a named water bottle into school every day which should be sent home at the end of the day to be washed. A number of pupils are not doing so and we are not able to lend children cups due to the current restrictions.

### Sports clubs

Our after school sports clubs have started this week and there are still spaces for any pupils who would like to join. These are open to reception to year 6 pupils. and cost £2.50 per session We have orienteering on a Monday, yoga on Tuesday and invasion games on Thursday. Clubs can be booked via parentpay.



## Thank you

Thank you to Moira Vu for designing and painting our fantastic mural in the library. It has certainly brightened up the library area and the children, and adults, have enjoyed spotting the characters!



## Name the classes competition

We are looking to name our classes this year along a theme. Can you think of 14 class names within a theme that we could use? If so we would like you to create a promotional poster selling your ideas, this would need to include the name and image we could use from each class; nursery, reception and then two classes per year group from Year 1 - 6.

Entries need to be in by Monday 5th October (please hand in to your class teacher who will pass them on to Mrs West-Gaul) and as a school community we will vote to find the winning entry! Good luck!

## Willing volunteers?

During lockdown the team at St John's were very busy tidying, painting, sorting and planting various areas around the school. One of those areas is the polytunnel, positioned at the back of the cookery room which we hope to get back in use as a growing area. We have got the plastic to cover the polytunnel but just wondered if there were any willing volunteers in our school community that would be able to come and fit it for us? If you think you could help please contact the school office.

## School dinners

Thank you for your cooperation with ordering school dinners through parentpay. We have now given out logons to all nursery and reception parents as well as those not yet registered on parent pay. If you are still unsure how to register please contact the school office. We are still experiencing a few issues with children not being sure whether they are having a cooked dinner and if so what has been ordered. Therefore please can we ask that you speak to your children about what food has been ordered. We also have had some children without puddings, please remember to select the main meal and a pudding each day.

From next week we will not be able to amend bookings or add children on if parents have forgotten to book online. Therefore if you know that you have missed the Thursday at midnight deadline, please ensure that your child has a packed lunch each day for the following week. If children arrive at school without a school dinner booking or packed lunch, parents will be asked to bring a packed lunch in.

## Achievosaurus

Well done to everyone who has received an Achievosaurus Certificate this week:

<b>Year 1</b>	Leo William S	<b>Year 4</b>	Taylor P Tyler J
<b>Year 2</b>	Rocco Sidney	<b>Year 5</b>	Mathew Imogen
<b>Year 3</b>	Zack Miley	<b>Year 6</b>	Riley Lexie H



## Learning around the school

### Forest School in Year 4



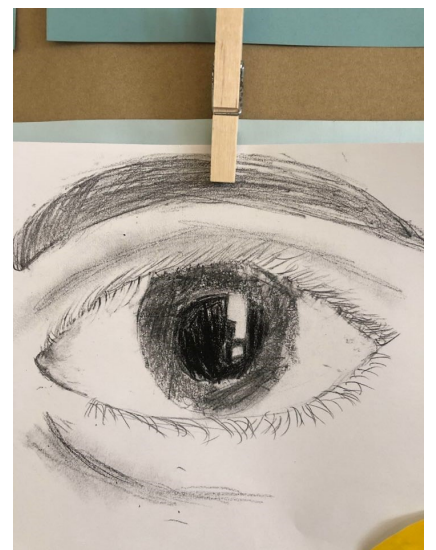
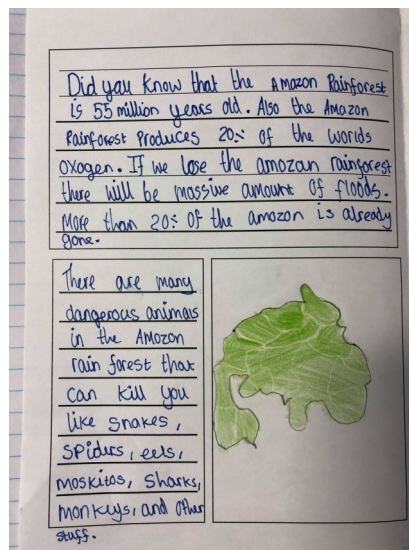
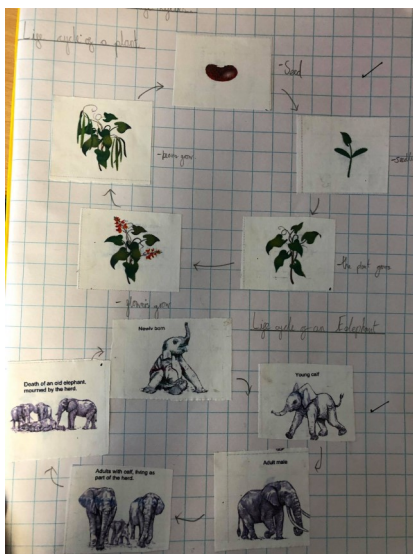
### Year 3

Year 3 have been reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory in English. This week they tasted a piece of chocolate to help them use their senses to write descriptively.



### Year 5

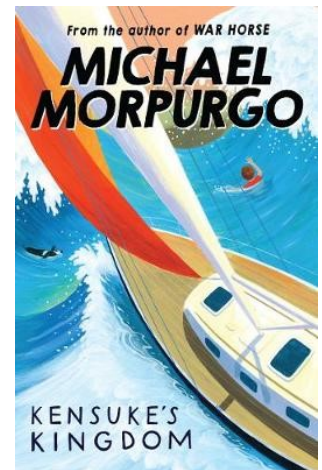
This week we have been learning about the rainforest and creating our own research booklets about the Amazon/Congo, planning some suspense stories and doing some fab sketch drawings in Art.



## Reading Corner

This week, Year 6 began reading their class novel of the term, 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo. They have already enjoyed two chapters so far and have liked having an opportunity to discuss the characters, explore new vocabulary and predict what may happen next in the story. When writing about the text, Year 6 have been explaining their thoughts in detail and with strong links to the book".

"I find the book really exciting; I also find it thrilling because the book has cliff-hangers and there's always something exhilarating happening!" - Evie B



## Get your pupils moving with Bike To School Week

[Bike To School Week](#) is a week-long programme of activities that celebrates all the fantastic things schools are doing to promote cycling to school. **It takes place between 28 September and 2 October 2020** and is a great way to **quick-start active travel to school**.

The health and wellbeing benefits of children travelling actively to school are well-known, from improved behaviour and concentration, to a stronger sense of independence. As pupils return to school following lock-down, active travel is more important than ever to help pupils get to school safely and healthily.

We're making it easy for participating schools to bring the celebration to the classroom by providing **free classroom activities** as well as other resources.

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