

St. John's Church of England Academy



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Guided by God, to be the best that we can be.



This week, during mental Health Week, the children have been challenged to 'Find Your Brave' as life is all about taking small, brave steps every day. Bravery may be about sharing worries, asking for help when you need it, trying something new and making the right choices. At St. John's positive mental health and

well being is fundamental to our mission, values and culture. Children and adults are helped to flourish, learn and succeed by providing opportunities to develop the strengths and coping skills that underpin resilience.

Year 4 enjoyed a mindful meditation and reflected on a time when they had been brave or somebody who inspired them with their bravery.

Lily described how talking about her worries and dad taking her to practice had helped her to overcome her fears of swimming. Reeghan said "My friend Morgan inspires me with his bravery through all his operations and never moans or complains when he is in pain".



January 25th saw the start of the Chinese New Year. Children in Nursery and Reception celebrated by dressing up in Chinese traditional costumes, learnt Chinese dancing and ate a variety of Chinese foods. During worship, the whole school learnt about how the Chinese celebrate their New Year and talked about why a different animal is chosen to represent each new year; for 2020 it is the 'Rat' which is believed to bring 'wealth and surplus'.



ZOO LAB is fab!

AMAZE. EDUCATE. INSPIRE

Year 1 and Year 2 had a fantastic morning of learning with pythons, tarantulas, rats, tree frogs and other animals! In science lessons they have been learning about the 5 animal groups; mammals, reptiles, amphibians, fish and birds and they definitely impressed Rob from Zoolab with their scientific knowledge. The children learnt which creature was a carnivore, herbivore or omnivore. Did you know that pound for pound, a snail has the strongest teeth of any animal? The giant African land snail that Rob brought has over 10,000 teeth on its tongue. How long will it take to brush those teeth at bedtime?



Children from Year 3 attended a tennis festival at Wyvern Academy. They practiced a range of tennis skills, including racket handling and serving, as well as playing individual games against other schools. The team all displayed excellent sportsmanship, supporting each other and working well together as a team. They



really enjoyed the day and were thrilled to hear that St John's have been invited back to the finals! Our Year 3 team are looking forward to another chance to represent St John's.



Miss Large and Miss Currington (PE head) were asked to give a presentation at a recent Tees Valley Sports Conference to give other schools ideas as to how we managed to achieve the highest School Games Award (Platinum). We were very proud to showcase the achievements of our children, staff and parents/governors. It is really important that we educate our children to develop a healthy, active lifestyle. We have a number of after school sporting clubs running - if your child is not attending one at present, please encourage them to try.

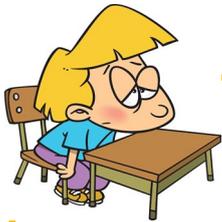
- Monday: Football
- Tuesday: dance (Y3, 4, 5, & 6)
- Wednesday: Gymnastics
- Thursday: Multi Sports
- Saturday: Darlington Storm Rugby coached by Mr Quinn if you would like more information about the weekends clubs that Mr Quinn organises please call into school.

Uniform Reminder



Plain black shoes or trainers (no coloured laces, white soles or flashings). Hair ties must be in school colours (black, blue, white) and small.

Many thanks for your cooperation.



Sleepy Mondays!

We have noticed an increased number of children arriving to school very tired, especially Mondays! Please ensure that

the children get the week off to a good start by getting a good long sleep after a busy weekend or evening so they can be Super Learners.

Thank you.



Class attendance is announced on a Monday morning and every class who achieve 97% or more has 5 minutes extra playtime.

Whole school attendance is 95.92% which is well below our target of 96.4%. Hospital appointments are difficult to arrange out of school time but please support us by arranging other appointments out of school hours.

VALENTINE DISCO



Thursday 13th February

Have you got your ticket yet? Pop into the office they're still available. Only £2 for a hotdog, drink and

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

	Rec	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Week 1	99%	97%	99%	98%	92%	97%	94%
Week 2	97%	98%	99%	96%	100%	100%	97%
Week 3	97%	97%	99%	95%	99%	93%	93%
Week 4	98%	97%	98%	93%	96%	99%	96%

Be a Super Saver!

The Credit Union visit school every Tuesday morning, if you would like your child to save for holidays, birthdays or a special treat then please call into the office for a form. You can save any amount, every penny counts. For those pupils who already have an account keep on saving!



DATES FOR DIARIES

11.2.20	Safer Internet Day 'Together for a better internet'
11.2.20	Y4 Tennis Festival Hurworth - 12 - 3pm
12.2.20	Y4 Tennis festival Hurworth - 9.30 - 12noon
13.2.20	Valentine Disco
14.2.20	Y6 Bench Ball - St Aidan's 12 - 3pm
14.2.20	Break up
25.2.20	Tuesday - Children return to school