



Newsletter

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



Year 2 have been studying the text 'Peace Lily' by Hilary Robinson and Martin Impey. The story follows the lives of Lily, Ben and Ray and their experiences during World War 1. The children really



understood the significance of observing the silence on Remembrance Day this year. They enjoyed creating artwork around the theme of remembrance.



A big well done to Kacie Hall for her thoughtfulness. She designed and created some very special designer poppies which she sold to staff for the Poppy appeal.

Work out for our community

You may have noticed the new gym equipment that has been placed in the park opposite school. Last year, our recent school leavers worked very hard to raise awareness for the need for more equipment in the park and won a council bid to gain funding for the apparatus. Last Friday, Year 5 were allowed across to play on the equipment as a treat for all their recent hard work. They loved testing their strength on the monkey and parallel bars and it looks like we have some gymnasts in the making!



Peter Gibson MP

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It's been great speaking to students from St John's #Darlington today @UKParliament #UKPW 🎉😊



... A Great Debate

To celebrate UK Parliament week Year 5 hosted a debate in front of Darlington's MP, Peter Gibson. Lillie Allen, Liam Catterick, Jacob Groves, Meisha Hunter, Filip Lonc, Delilah Spence and Tia Suckling put on a wonderful show, debating the motion, "Schools Should Close During a National Lockdown". The votes were very close but the majority of students voted in favour of the motion! Peter was very impressed with all of the students, as were Miss Humphrey and Mrs Brown who agreed that the class had represented St John's school impeccably.

Admissions Consultation from 18th November until 13th January

We have changed our Admissions Policy, as last year we changed from being a single academy to become part of the SaGe Multi Academy Trust. Our Local Governing Body continue to review and recommend changes to our Admissions policy as part of their role. There are a few minor changes in the policy and its wording to ensure compliance with the Schools Admission Code. Should you wish, the policy can be accessed on the front page of our website and any comments or queries should be emailed to admin@stjohnsacademy.co.uk by January 13th.

School Dinners

Lunchtime is like a military operation! But we manage to get all the Key Stage 1 and 2 children through the dining hall, in class bubbles with cleaning in between so that every child who wishes can have a hot meal if required. From next week the Reception children will have a hot option in their classroom which will be pasta or a jacket potato.



As you know our Year 6 are championing the petition to keep the Locomotion No.1 in Darlington. We would urge you to sign the petition which can be found on the Head of Steam website and keep this wonderful Loco where it belongs!

Help support the 'Keep the Loco in Darlo' campaign and win big with this poster competition!

Head of Steam have asked us to promote their competition to help make more people aware of this worthy cause.

- Get creative to help #KeepTheLocoInDarlo and you could win a family pass to Head of Steam AND a family ticket* to see Cinderella at Darlington Hippodrome at Christmas 2021!
- Due to COVID-19 restrictions Head of Steam been unable to distribute their #KeepTheLocoInDarlo posters far and wide for you all to display in your windows. So they asking you to go DIY! Design/Display It Yourself!

To enter: Download and colour in our colouring page OR design your own Keep The Loco In Darlo poster and display it in your front window. Take a photo and post it on your social media profile tagging Head of Steam and using the hashtag [#KeepTheLocoInDarlo](https://www.instagram.com/KeepTheLocoInDarlo). We have also attached (on the last page of this newsletter) a blank poster for you to colour in too. A winner will be picked in early 2021!

Download the colouring page

<https://www.head-of-steam.co.uk/.../activities-for-children/>

Sign the petition - www.change.org/keep-the-loco-in-darlo



SUPER LEARNER

Week ending: 20th November 2020



Rec	Freddie Gent for working extremely hard on his handwriting.
	Charlotte Williams for making super progress with her reading.
Year 1	Bailey Pilkington for practising his spellings independently.
	Maisie Fretter for being 'Little Miss Super Speller' and having good spelling strategies.
Year 2	Luca Bennett for super contributions on the text 'Peace Lily'.
	Angelica Szkwarek for a fantastic effort with her home reading.
Year 3	William Stott for being a kind and helpful friend, always offering to help someone when they need it.
	Luke Graney for working hard to master the column addition method.
Year 4	Koby Campbell for marvellous contributions to geography discussions all about why we have night and day.
	Isla Davies for such a positive attitude to her learning this week. Keep it up!
Year 5	Nevaeh Loftus for being brave and getting stuck in! Excellent participation in lessons - keep it up!
	Cherise Hill for brilliant listening and impeccable behaviour.
Year 6	Rosie McMullen for outstanding contributions to school. Always coming with a positive attitude and giving 100%.
	Harry Pattinson for outstanding contributions to personal learning. Harry always completes his online tasks with 100% effort.



We know lots of parents like to give photos as Christmas presents to family members. Unfortunately we will be unable to have the photographer in school this term due to virus.

ATTENDANCE

Our overall attendance is **96.43%**. Leave of Absence will only be granted in **exceptional** circumstances and definitely not to travel abroad as children can miss even more education if they need to self-isolate when they return. Please consider the effect on your child's education before requesting Leave of Absence - thank you.

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

	Rec	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Week	95%	98%	98%	96%	96%	97%	97%

DATES FOR DIARIES

Friday 18.12.20	Break up for Christmas Celebrations
Tuesday 5.1.21	Return to school
Friday 12.2.21	Half term holiday
Monday 22.2.21	Return to school

KEEP THE LOCO IN DARLO

Sign the petition:
[www.darlington.gov.uk/
keep-the-loco-in-darlo](http://www.darlington.gov.uk/keep-the-loco-in-darlo)

