



Newsletter

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



It's all green for Martha!

Did you know that Blue Peter award green badges too?

Well Martha from Year1 does! She is now a Blue Peter Climate Hero and received this commendable award for completing three pledges to help the environment. One of Martha's pledges was to help the insects that live in her garden by making a fantastic bug hotel which provides shelter and nesting for the insects. Well done Martha we are very proud of you!

THE HAPPY NEWS

We are delighted to inform you that SaGe Trust Board has appointed Mr Marco Ramsay as the new head teacher at St John's from September. Mr Ramsay has been Assistant Head at St. John's since 2014 and has worked very closely with Miss Large and Mrs Brown.

Mrs V Cadd (Chair of Governors)



NURSERY

Places are available in our 2 year old and 3 year old Nursery from September.

Please call into the office or speak to Mrs Williams asap to request a place.



REPORTING ABSENCE

It has come to our notice that parents are messaging teachers about their child's absence through the class Dojo. The Dojo system **is not to be used to report absence**, as teachers do not have time to look at this in the morning. Please phone the office to report an absence.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please ensure your child is in full school uniform including footwear. Shoes should be plain black. Thank you for your cooperation.

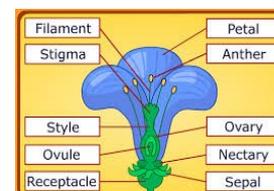
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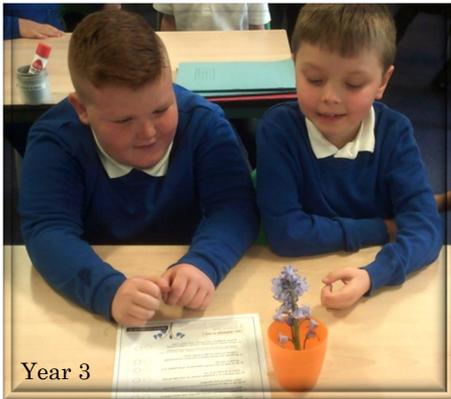
Please look out for your child's Attainment Report which will be sent through the Class Dojo today.



Flower Power

It's no secret that Year 5 LOVE Science but they are particularly enjoying their plants topic this half term. The children have been dissecting flowers to identify their parts and taking plant cuttings to encourage new plants to grow.





Year 3

Green Tree Challenge

The latest Green Tree challenge was all about finding out about bluebells. A carpet of bluebells in a woodland is a lovely sight in spring. Each class had to stand in a line whilst the teacher read out bluebell facts. If the children thought the fact was true, they jumped to the right, if they

thought it was false, they jumped to the left. Freddie from our Reception class loved the bluebell challenge. He has been out and about in Darlington with his mum spotting the little blue bells. Our Year 3 children loved the challenge too!



How wonderful it is to see the children coming to school on their bikes again! Remember to always stay safe by wearing your helmet. Please remember to dismount and walk your bike along the paths in school to keep everyone safe.



Friday was NSPCC Number Day. The children took part in a Times Tables Rock Stars challenge to see who could get the highest class average. Well done to Year 6 for completing a class average of 296 correct answers, followed closely by Year 3 with 275. The children with the most correct answers were Benjamin in Year 3 with 1750 correct answers, Kacie in Year 6 with 1653 and Kaelyn in Year 6 with 828. Keep Rocking!



SUPER LEARNER

Week ending: 7th May 2021



Rec	Jack Applewhite—for working hard to write sentences independently.
	Ellis Burton—for being “on fire” during phonics and making super progress!
Year 1	Freddie McLaine— being a true ‘Neat Pete’ with his gorgeous handwriting.
	Sophia Skinner— super counting with her Numbots.
Year 2	Luca Bennett—super attitude to learning both in class and at our after school clubs.
	Harrison Smith—fantastic contributions to our work on Islam.
Year 3	Alfie Leafe—for making a super effort with his handwriting and presentation. Well done Alfie—keep it up!
	Olivia Ann—for beautifully presented, thoughtful and creative writing.
Year 4	Hughie Riley— for challenging himself with his learning and always pushing himself to be the best he can be!
	Logan Wheelhouse—for being committed to improving his presentation and participation. Keep it up Logan, you are doing a brilliant job!
Year 5	Aiden Nicholson— for a fantastic attitude to learning, particularly in English.
	Kai Briscoe—for a determined and enthusiastic attitude towards learning.
Year 6	Clara Grzywaczewska—for outstanding contributions to History lessons and creating a wonderful picture of an Anglo-Saxon village.
	Emilia Lonc- for excellent contributions to RE and demonstrating a thorough knowledge of Shabbat.



SPORT NEWS

Year 3 had a visit recently from Sam and Linda from Darlington Spraire Lasses. They gave coaching sessions to improve dribbling skills. The children had lots of fun too!



EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS	Rec	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Week 4	97.9%	94.1%	97.1%	98.3%	92.5%	97.8%	88.3%
Week 5	99.3%	96.7%	96%	99%	98%	97.2%	96.1%

Well done to all the classes who achieved 96% or above.