

We hope you all had a super Easter break despite the weather! It was lovely to welcome the children back and hear all their news. We have a busy term ahead and you will be receiving your child's Class Newsletter to let you know what they will be learning this term.

We are also delighted to be able to start our after school clubs from next week although they will still need to be in class bubbles. You will receive a letter from your child's class teacher as to what is on offer through the Dojo messaging system, which you will need to return if your child would like to attend. If there are too many children for the club, some children may get their turn after the half term.

## Mayor's Song Contest

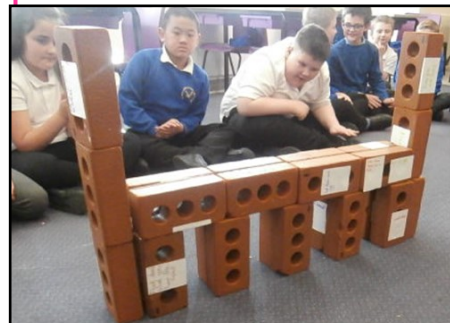
Many months ago, before anybody had heard of COVID-19, Year 6 took part in the Mayor's Song Contest and performed in front of hundreds of people at the Dolphin Centre. We have been waiting to give out their medals for over a year, hoping we would be able to have a celebration assembly at which we could invite parents. However, it is looking less likely that this will happen before our Year 6 leave us, so the children received their medals in class this week. Well done to the children who took part. Performing in front of so many people must have been very daunting, but you truly did St. John's proud.



## Building Bridges

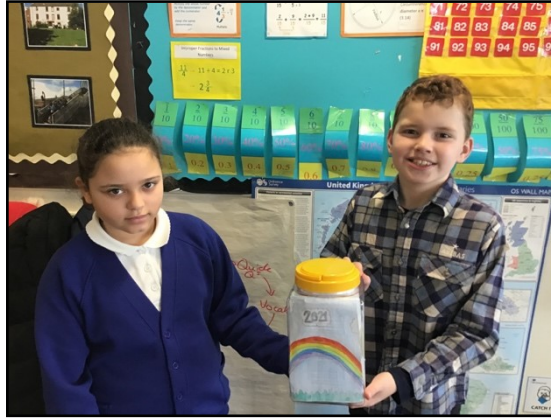
Year 5 have been reflecting on their friendships in PSHE. Yesterday, they built a bridge to represent a friendship and then knocked it down to represent an argument. The children then had to label their brick with a strategy that would help them to reconcile a fall out. We talked about how the strategies acted as "cement" between the bricks to make the bridge and the friendship

stronger. They rebuilt the bridge and talked about what they had written on their brick to help them after falling out with a friend. They reflected on the Christian values of patience, forgiveness and understanding and how they can help in rebuilding a relationship.



## A Moment in Time

To celebrate census week and dementia awareness, Year 6 made a time capsule and buried it for future people to dig up and find out about life in 2021. If we dug up a time capsule that was 200 years old, the people who made it would have no knowledge of electricity, cars, trains or the internet! It was interesting discussing what might exist in 200 years that nobody today has even thought of.



On the last day of term, we came to school in denim or an outfit of our choice in support of our Mayor, Chris McEwan's charity 'Dementia Friendly Darlington'. As well as raising a magnificent £221.82, thanks to the generosity of our families, we also found out how devastating this disease can be for people and their families. It was lovely to welcome Year 4 back on the final day after their period of self-isolation.



## SUPER LEARNER

Week ending: **16th April 2021**



<b>Rec</b>	Danikhah Bowles for making super progress in phonics.
	Elijah Davies for writing captions independently.
<b>Year 1</b>	Gracie Broadbent for super sentences.
	Rory McGee for amazing maths.
<b>Year 2</b>	Maisey Wheelhouse for working hard to learn to draw verticals of symmetry
	Noah Henderson for writing super questions about the Railway Lamp.
<b>Year 3</b>	Serenity Roddy-Preston for a super attitude towards her learning.
	Archie Maull for making a huge effort with extra challenge in maths.
<b>Year 4</b>	Isla Davies for her huge commitment to improving her comprehension skills which has resulted in great scores on her reading assessment!
	Esme Ingledew for brilliant focus and participation in lessons, keep up the great work!
<b>Year 5</b>	Maizieann Smith— A brilliant start to the term with your motivated and resilient attitude towards your work in all lessons.
	Alfie Cook— A cheerful face to see in the morning, lovely manners and super star to the term. Keep it up Alfie!
<b>Year 6</b>	Keira Hinds—Completing extra work on Judaism at home to increase her knowledge ready for our RE lessons.
	Kai Munro—A positive start after a long time working from home.. It's great to have you back!

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Congratulations to

Jessica McMullan

Ava West

Noah Linsley

Jack Batty

Hughie Riley

Elijah Nimmo

for earning their pen licence

Well done!

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS	Rec	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Week 1	98.7%	99%	99.3%	98.3%	98.7%	95.5%	95.3%