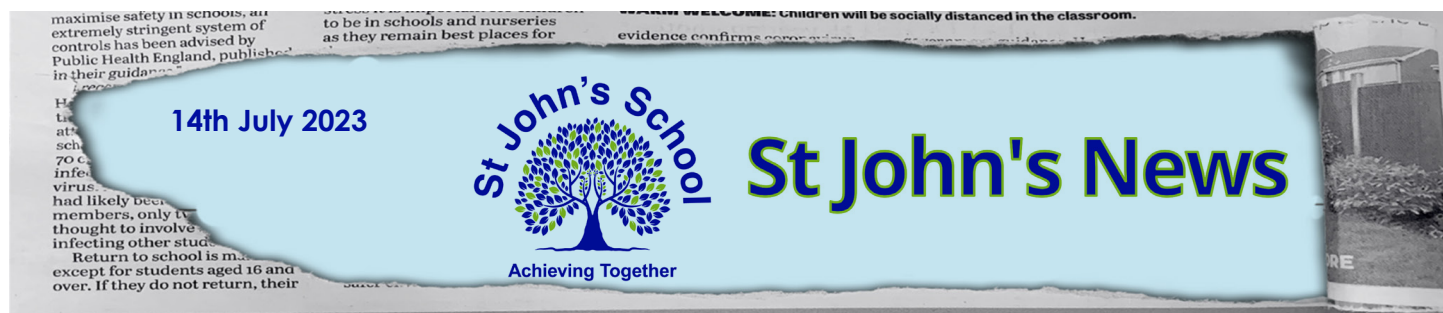




Dear parents and carers

I hope that you have been enjoying the summer so far. We have had a very busy term and I hope that you enjoy looking at our pictures of what our pupils have been doing over the last couple of weeks.

We have a new school logo for St John's, which is our tree of two colours, blue for our traditional St John's colour and green to represent the importance of ecology and being eco-friendly. Our tree is a symbol of growth and learning, showing our journey through life for our school community, where we aim to prepare our pupils for the next stage of their life, developing and nurturing them through their time with us. We hope you like the logo and the meaning behind it!

On the theme of growth and development, we have started our transition into next year with a transition morning last week and an afternoon this week. Pupils really enjoyed going to their new classes and worked well together in their new groups with their new teacher and class team. Some of them seemed very grown up on their transition from primary to secondary! We are looking forward to seeing you at our Meet the Teacher afternoon on Wednesday, an opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and discuss your child's needs.

Thank you to everyone for all your support, and to all of you who have responded on our questionnaire below. Please do let us know how you think we are doing at St John's by completing our questionnaire on the link below, or drop us a line anytime.

<https://forms.office.com/e/cxPZfSX0cD>

I hope that you have a lovely summer holiday when the time arrives, and enjoy a good break with your family and friends. Thank you for all your support this year, we are looking forward to another successful year next year!

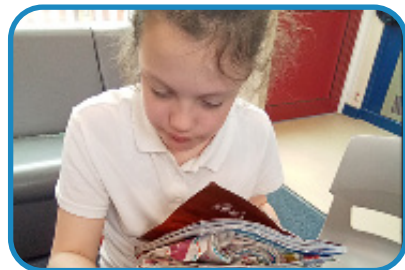
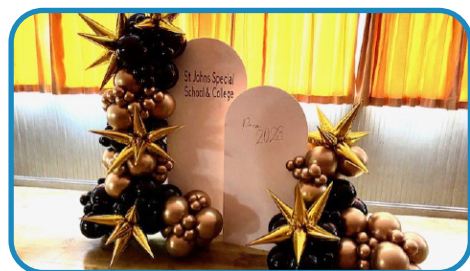
With warmest wishes,

Charlotte Wood
Head Teacher

Prom

On Wednesday 5th July St John's celebrated the end of the year with their Prom.

The Prom was held at Cutler Hammer Sports Club and an amazing time was had by all who attended. We crowned Jevhias and Jannah our Prom King and Queen and danced the night away. Steven said 'his mind was blown by how good the prom was' and Laiba declared that the 'prom was lit!'



P3

P3 have been learning about manipulating clay during art this term. We have learned how to use tools, make shapes, and use a variety of techniques to mould our clay into other shapes.

After we created our shapes, we then painted them and will be creating a collage full of all of our artwork. We have worked on identifying colours and shapes as well as interacting appropriately with art tools like paintbrushes and paint trays. N** was able to say that she enjoyed using clay and choosing her colour paint. Another pupil used her communication board to say that she liked the clay and she had fun using it.



P4

P4 enjoyed visiting Ark Farm which came to visit St John's.

We enjoyed watching, stroking, feeding and interacting with the animals. One pupil named 'duck' as she watched them quacking! Using our PODD books we commented that the animals were 'beautiful' 'fantastic' 'fun' 'funny' and 'favourite!'



P1

We cannot believe it is the end of term! We are all very proud of the pupils in P1, at how they have settled into school and become confident, strong and willing to learn in class.

Here are some highlights from the past academic year. On the last Friday of term, P1 will be having a Teddy Bear's picnic to celebrate the end of year!



FE2

A group of pupils from FE have been going to the Vineyard for work experience. They have had the opportunity to work alongside the public and have learned new skills.



Over the weeks they have learned how to make a bug hotel, count worms in the soil and buried some cotton pants in the soil to see how good the soil is. This week they dug up the pants. Six weeks ago, the pants were white with no holes but now they are dirty, and the bugs have eaten the cotton and made holes in the pants. This shows that the soil is rich with insects and bugs with is good for growing. All the pupils had a great time and said they would like to go back again next year.

Lamin said 'pants dirty, no good.'

When I asked Nathan if he like going to the Vineyard he signed 'yes.'

S3

S3 really enjoy cooking.

This week A** chose to learn to make pancakes independently.

We had lots of fun flipping our own pancakes and then topping them with fruit and sweet sauces.



S1

S1 have been going to the Grange school every Tuesday and have been accessing forest school there.

We have made fruit and chocolate cones and melted them over the fire, we have loved flying kites and played on the swing and the hammock. We love forest school lots and look forward to going every week!



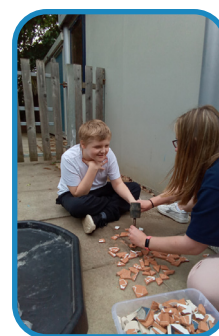
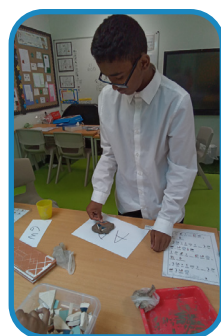
S6

In art we have been exploring and making mosaics. Elstow Tile Warehouse was kind enough to donate a large selection of tiles for our pupils to use in a mosaic project.

The pupils designed fish, helped break the tiles into smaller pieces and put them into clay. They really enjoyed the process, especially using the tools!

GW said 'I'm gonna wreck it!!'

T said 'I liked the hammer, smashing the bricks with a hammer.'



Summer Fayre

Diary Dates

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- ☆ Variety of Craft Stalls ☆
- ☆ Raffle ☆ Face Painting ☆
- ☆ Bouncy Castle ☆ Meet our new farm animals ☆

For more information email jane.hutchings@biltt.org

BILTT Pupil Day - Thursday 20th July 2023
End of Term - Friday 21st July 2023
Pupils Return to School - Wednesday 6th September 2023
BILTT Summer Fayre - Saturday 9th September 2023

Diary Dates

1-1's with SEND Team
Monday 17th July
9.30-11.30

Do you have a child with an EHCP in Bedford Borough?

Following feedback from our membership around the need to have direct conversations with the SEND Team, we have organised bookable slots directly with your SEND Officers.

- Heather Davies
- Joanna Erickson
- Cheryl Toshack
- Sarah Tysoe
- Michelle Docking

Donna Carr can unfortunately not attend but you can speak to Michelle Docking who will talk to you on her behalf.

Project 229, 227-229 Bedford Road, Kempston, MK42 8DA (in the hall, access via the cafe)

Please take advantage of this opportunity by emailing us to book your slot. Some of the officers are filling up quickly so please contact us asap communications@bbpcf.org.uk

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