

16th February 2024



St John's News

P8

P8 have been getting out! We have been transferring the skills we have been learning in maths, into real life situations. We have been visiting our local shop!

E*'s favourite is a milky bar!**

S** can correctly identify a £1 from her wallet to give to the shop keeper.**

A* has been learning to give the money to the shop keeper.**

We have also been learning about gardening and planting seeds in Science. We have been identifying what they need, and watching them grow.

T could identify the watering can when asked, and water his plant.**

J** followed the sequence of planting a seed, with minimal support.**

F** used the ALD and her voice to request different items she needed.**

In cooking we have been learning to use a knife to chop and spread, to make pitta pizzas!

E*** identified the ingredients and verbally requested tomato. S***** enjoyed squeezing out the tomato puree onto her pitta bread.**



P9



In maths P9 have been working on numbers.

We are doing this through sensory play and attention activities.

All pupils are showing an increased interest in maths this term. Well done P9.

P6

P6 have been listening to the story 'In the Garden'. L showed enjoyment when feeling the cool breeze on her face. M giggled as she explored the tiny shoots with her hands. E moved his hands in the soil to search for bugs!



S2



S2 have enjoyed their new topic about the garden. They have been creating garden plans for what they would like to see in the school garden.

They have also been really impressed by learning what plants need to grow and even growing their own cress.

C*** says "plants need water soil and sunlight to grow tall".**

M*** has enjoyed learning about plants he can eat and says "plants make us healthy and grow up strong"**

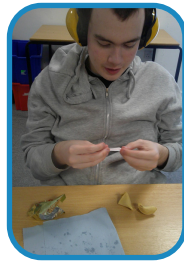


FE1

On Wednesday the 14th February FE1 celebrated Chinese New Year.

The students had the opportunity to make paper dragons and lanterns, whilst listening to some Chinese music and watching the parade.

They also tasted different Chinese Food as part of the celebrations.



S9

Green fingers in S9!

Pupils in S9 have been gardening. We have been exploring soil, gardening tools, seeds, plant pots and watering cans.

Last week we planted our own Basil plants.

B was excellent at using her trowel to scoop the soil into her plant pot, **L** wrinkled his nose at the smell of the basil and **L** found it very amusing repeatedly lifting her tray to nearly tip her plant over! Excellent motor skills **L**!

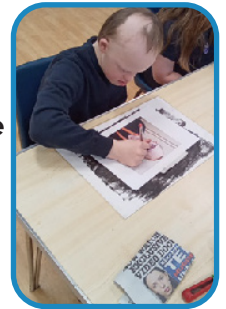


P7



P7 were lucky enough to be involved in an Art workshop with an artist called Anne-Marie as part of a competition we are involved in.

Pupils really loved this session and were all engaged and excited to be involved. Anne-Marie showed the pupils how to mono-print using ink, they drew over a photo of themselves to make a print in the ink. These looked great!



E**** very excited to see his face appear in the ink he was calling staff saying 'hey look' and smiling, pupils were very proud of their work. **O******* said his drawing looked like an animated cartoon!

Children's Mental Health Week



As part of Children's Mental Health week pupils were delighted to get a visit from Simon the magician.

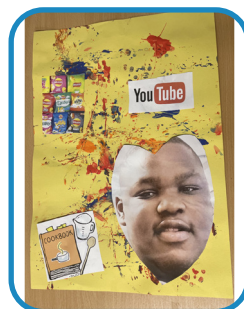
Classes enjoyed the sessions and S8 pictured above wrote thank you letters, we hope to see him again when he's famous.

To celebrate Children's Mental Health Week (5-11th Feb) pupils were invited to take part in a competition arranged by Teaching Personnel Ltd.

Pupils were asked to show 'what makes them happy' they could do this in a multiple of ways a painting, poem, drawing etc.

Pupils produced lots of lovely work but there could only be two winners.

These are pictured below with their winning entries and Adam Lee who visited St John's to give them their prizes which were provided by Teaching Personnel Ltd.



Careers Event



As part of our careers programme Mercedes came to St John's School to give us an employer encounter. Some of us really enjoyed dressing up in goggles, overalls, and ear defenders. We might need to wear different clothes in different settings, so it is important for us to try this. The employees of Mercedes brought lots of car parts in for us to explore.



Some of us listened carefully about the jobs that are available if you work for Mercedes. We learnt it is really important to have good communication skills, listen to instructions, be a team player and know how to have fun! We also learnt where lots of car parts belong on a car.

One pupil said, 'I really like cars and looking at cars.' Another said, she thought it was good and interesting and she learnt what she needed to be a mechanic.

Wardown Museum Event

We went to the Wardown Museum to learn about being an artist, how to market our exhibition and how to be a tour guide too.

We looked at a local artist called Theodor Kern and spoke about how he used colour in his paintings. We learnt how to draw a face for our self-portraits we listened carefully, stayed focused and followed the instructions well. One pupil said, he liked the art and he learnt how to do a self-portrait.

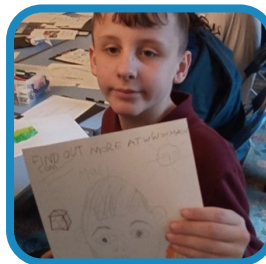
We learnt how to make words exciting so that people would like to come and see our exhibition. We worked together to come up with the name of our exhibition.

We decided 'Faces of SJS' sounded great! When the visitors came to the museum, we showed them our portraits and explained how we had created them. This really helped with our confidence and speaking and listening skills.

Please come and visit our exhibition at the Wardown Museum between 14th -19th February.

You will find our exhibition 'Faces of SJS' displayed in the museum café.

<https://www.culturetrust.com/>



Charity Walk



<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/stjohnsbedford-walk>

Diary Dates

Half Term: Monday 19th - Friday 23rd February 2024

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Pupils return to school - Monday 26th February 2024

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World Book Day - Thursday 7th March 2024

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Comic Relief - Friday 15th March 2024

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Parents Evening - Wednesday 27th March 2024

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Easter Holidays: Friday 29th March - Monday 15th April 2024

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