

Dates for Your Diary



- 13th Mar Y5 at Horse Guards Parade
- 14th Mar Y3 at Design Museum
- 15th Mar Y4 Festival of Voices Practice at St Helen's
- 16th Mar 10 am Shakespeare Celebration Assembly AM Nur, Y1, 2, 5
- 17th Mar 2:00pm Shakespeare Assembly PM Nur, Rec, Y3, Y4, Y6
- 21st Mar 10:15am Y3 Assembly
- 21st Mar 3:30-6:30pm Parent/Teacher Consultation
- 23rd Mar 3:30-6:30pm Parent/Teacher Consultation
- 28th Mar Y2 at Unicorn Theatre PM
- 29th Mar 2:30 and 5:30pm Maths Parents' Workshop
- 31st Mar KS2 Stations of the Cross
- 5th Apr Whole School Mass for Holy Week
- 7th April – Last Day of Term – School finishes at 3:15pm**
10th April to 21st April – Easter Holiday
- 24th Apr Return to School
- 26th Apr Y1 at Creekside Discovery Centre
- 26th Apr Y2 at Pizza Express
- 27th Apr International Day
1st May – Bank Holiday – School Closed
- 2nd May 10am Y5 Assembly
- 3rd May 2:30 and 5:30pm RE Parents' Workshop
- 8th May KS2 SATs Week
- 16th May 10:00am Y1 Assembly
- 17th May French Day

Sports Events

- 15th Mar Basketball Boys Y5 and Y6 at Langdon
- 22nd Mar Sportshall Athletics Y3 & 4 Venue TBC
- 29th Mar Y5/6 Table Tennis Mixed
- 26th Apr Y5 & Y6 Boys Football at A2 UEL
- 10th May Y1/2 Boys Football at Langdon



Sports News



On 28th February we attended the Winter Mini Games. We entered all four events: Tag Rugby, Netball, Hockey and Boccia. We have improved massively over last year, coming 2nd in Netball, 2nd in Boccia, Qtr. Finals in Tag Rugby and Group Stages in Hockey.

A massive well done to all that took part and hopefully we can improve once again next year!



Spring Term Attendance

Attendance since 20th February to 3rd March 2017

Class	Attendance %	Punctuality %	No of Lates
YR	98.3	98.83	7
Y1	98.3	99.67	2
Y2	98.8	98.17	11
Y3	97.0	98.50	9
Y4	99.7	99.67	2
Y5	99.0	98.97	6
Y6	97.7	Booster	-



Winners

Y1 and Y4 are joint winners at 99.67% for punctuality!! ~ Amazing

Y4 at an excellent 99.7% attendance!!

Well done especially Y4. Excellent!!!

From the Headteacher



Dear Parents and Friends,

We have had a fantastic couple of weeks working on our Shakespeare project with various workshops, visits and of course the excellent written work. Next week we look forward to the Shakespearean assemblies on Thursday and Friday, which parents are welcome to attend.

Next week many of our Year 5s will be singing for royalty, ambassadors and high commissioners as part of the Commonwealth Choir. These are very prestigious events taking place at Horseguards Parade and Westminster Abbey, which our children are very privileged to be part of. We wish all of them well at these events.

We are now in the season of Lent, and as such we have spoken to all the children about the three things we are called to do during this period: praying more, self-sacrifice and alms giving. During Lent the children in KS2 will hopefully get a chance to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation. In addition, we will hold special Lenten services such as Stations of the Cross and our Y5/6 Drama Club will present 'The Passion'.

I would like to draw your attention to the forthcoming parent meetings where parents will learn about the progress of their child so far this academic year. We look forward to seeing everyone at one of the evenings.

Finally, we are looking at developing the school website further. With that in mind we have sent home a short and simple questionnaire for parents and carers to complete so that we can provide a site that is useful and beneficial to all our children and parents.

Have a good spring weekend.

James Allen

Mini Vinnies Festival

Last week, our Mini Vinnie group were very privileged for two reasons. Not only did they attend a fantastic Mini Vinnies Festival but they were transported there in our new school mini bus - they were the first group of children to use it! The festival was held at the beautiful St Dominic's Priory in Gospel Oak which became a shrine of Our Lady of the Rosary in 2016. The children participated in the Newham Deanery Mini Vinnies Festival. They listened to presentations on what other groups are doing and four children presented on behalf of St Joachim's. The children then had the opportunity to network with other Mini Vinnies. They came away from the festival with lots of great ideas about how to take our group forward but also feeling very proud of themselves for the great work they are already doing.



The Great British Spring Clean Up 2017



On Friday 3rd March, St Joachim's were very proud to take part in the Great British Spring Clean Up 2017. In only 1 hour, 10 very enthusiastic and hardworking Year 6 children managed to fill 5 extremely heavy bags of litter from Berwick and Shipman Road. Excellent work team!



World Book Day 2017

What a fun World Book Day we had!

All the children arrived in fancy-dress - inspired by characters from novels or short stories they had read. The teachers then decided on 2 winners from each class, who were awarded books for being the best-dressed. The library prefects then went around the school and judged the best-dressed teachers. The teachers were more competitive than the pupils!

In the afternoon, KS2 were mixed together and took part in a challenging book quiz.

Meanwhile, EYFS and KS1 were treated to story-time by their class teachers, who acted out a chapter from Roald Dahl's very popular *Matilda*. The children enjoyed it very much, and found it very funny.

It was then KS2's turn to have a story. They were treated to a dramatic retelling of *Theseus and the Minotaur* by the KS2 teachers. It was a thrilling tale!



Finally, KS2 children were partnered up with EYFS and KS1 children for peer-reading.

It was such a lovely session, and everyone really enjoyed their reading. What a great World Book Day!



Chicks in Reception

Children in Reception were very lucky to see chicks hatch from eggs.



Y4's Shakespeare Walk through the streets of London

On Friday 3rd March Year 4 went on an exciting walking tour around London with two special characters called John and Olivia. They took the class to some impressive landmarks related to Shakespeare and his works. The first stop was at Southwark Cathedral where Shakespeare's brother, Edmund Shakespeare, is buried. Additionally, they were lucky to get to see the Shakespeare Window in the Cathedral which displays beautiful images depicting a variety of Shakespeare's play including Macbeth and A Midsummer Night's Dream.

They saw the Golden Hinde, Winchester Palace and the site of the old Globe theatre which sadly burnt to the ground in 1613 during a dramatic Richard III production when a prop (a canon) set fire to the inside of the theatre. Olivia and John were wonderful tour guides educating year 4 about the life and times of Shakespeare in London. Thank you Olivia and John - all of year 4 thoroughly enjoyed the tour.



Y5 with Big Foot Theatre

On Thursday 9th March the school took part in workshops with the Big Foot Theatre. Firstly, the whole school had an assembly where we learnt about William Shakespeare. After that we had a workshop with Adrian. During the workshop we found out the definition of *tableau* which involves a group of people making a freeze frame. Finally, we made our own tableaus using scenes from the play Macbeth.

We hope to have more workshops like this because it was extremely enjoyable.

Jessica Yr5.

