

St John's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

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Autumn Term 1 - 2020

We are now all used to the new routines and ways of doing things at St John's. However, we could not have achieved this without your help.

A huge thank you to all our parents and carers for your kindness and support during this difficult time.

Your children have been amazing and they have quickly settled into the routines and they are working extremely hard.

This Newsletter outlines lots of positive activities and events taking place this term. This is quite a packed Newsletter but I wanted you to see all of the wonderful, positive and fun activities as well as quality learning, which the children have been experiencing since returning to school.

Reception children had lots of fun being creative with pumpkins!

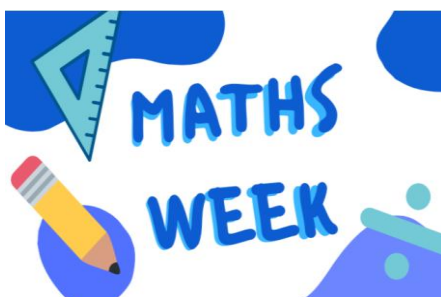


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In 6B, we made blood! We used yellow food colouring and water to represent plasma. A pinch of salt represented vitamins & minerals. We then used cheerios and red food colouring to represent red blood cells. The mini marshmallows represented the white blood cells and the pompoms represent the platelets. This was very messy but we certainly had a lot of fun.

Year 5 children took part in some symmetry painting to celebrate Maths Week. The children had to paint a picture on one half of the paper and then fold it so that it printed onto the other side - creating their symmetrical paintings.



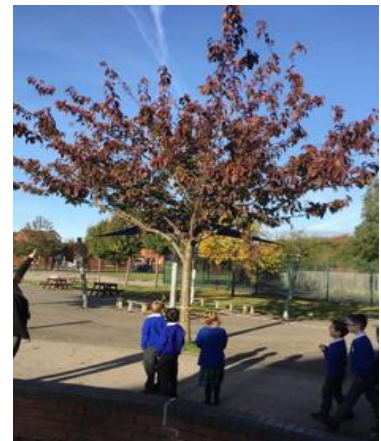
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Parents Evening 2020



Our parents evening phone calls gave us the opportunity to share and celebrate the success of your children, and while there were targets set and areas for improvement highlighted, it felt positive and important to praise all of our pupils, who have been working extremely hard. The support you have offered for your children and staff at St John's has been magnificent and, once again, we thank you for your continued co-operation.

Year One have recently been observing seasonal change in Science. On an Autumn walk around the school grounds, the children monitored changes to our class tree, the colours of the leaves and different types of weather as they occurred.



The children produced some beautiful Autumn art and some Autumn poetry in Literacy.



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Lest we forget

On Remembrance Day we remembered all those whose lives have been affected by conflict.



Year 2 produced some excellent poppy field art work.



Year 5 created some very powerful & moving artwork in remembrance of our Armed Forces reflecting the sacrifice of those who fought in WWI, WWII and the numerous more recent conflicts worldwide.

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For year 3's Science and DT topics, we researched healthy options for food, created a shopping list, practised our cooking skills and even made healthy, wholemeal bread. After baking the bread, we turned it into a sandwich! We loved making the sandwiches but not all of us loved the taste!



Year 6: Making Nutrients

In year 6 we worked in pairs using carrot sticks and



jelly beans to create different nutrient bonds and demonstrated how they are broken down into molecules.



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Year 3

To introduce our 'Instructions Topic' in English, we carefully listened to clear instructions and created our own 'VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR'. We then wrote our own version of the instructions for other children in the school to read.



Woodland play



Our new woodland area on the EYFS yard has been a huge success. It has given the children the sense of freedom and helped them to make discoveries by themselves. They are able to develop their own ideas and create games and activities to take part in with their friends.

If your child is due to start Reception in 2021:

There is no automatic transfer from nursery to reception school and you **MUST** complete a local authority application form.

You can apply online from September 2020 at

<https://liverpool.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions>

The closing date for Reception applications is **15th January 2021**.

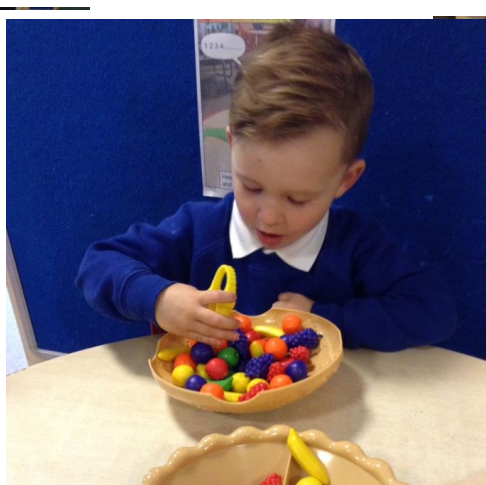
You must provide your child's Baptism Certificate to the school's office before **15th January 2021**.



Children in Need



A huge thank you to all of our generous parents, carers and children who managed to raise a massive £323.44 for Children in Need!!! This is such a worthy cause and your generosity will have a huge impact on those less fortunate than ourselves. Once again, thank you.



Nursery have been learning about colours. The children have enjoyed playing different colour sorting games, especially feeding our colour monsters the correct coloured food. We have been reading 'The Colour Monster' and 'What makes a Rainbow?' The children like to independently access these from our class library.

Birthday Celebrations



We understand that with the Covid restrictions, it has been difficult for the children to share their birthday celebrations as they may usually do. Therefore, at the end of each month, we will hold a joint birthday party in each class for all of the birthdays that fall in that month. (We will also include September and October birthdays from the start of term so that these children do not miss out).

Year 4 - the human digestive system

To help us to fully understand the functions of the parts of the human digestive system; we constructed our own.



We put banana and Weetabix into a sealable bag (*representing our mouth*) and we crushed this together (*representing our teeth*) and added some water (*representing saliva*).

We transported the food down the oesophagus and into the stomach where we added some orange juice (*representing enzymes*) and we crushed this up again (*representing the food being broken down even further*).



We transferred the food into tights (*representing the intestines*) and squeezed this through into a cup (*representing the rectum*).



We pushed the stool out of a small hole in the cup into a metal tray (*representing the toilet*).



First Holy Communion



The children celebrated their First Holy Communion in October this year. 5MC have had their Communion Party and pictures taken, 5H will be doing the same this Friday the 20th of November.

Our Catch-Up Sessions have begun and are going well. The children receive juice and biscuits before they begin each session. There is plenty of information and resources on our website to assist your child with home learning also.

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