

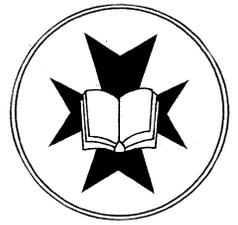
St John's Primary School and Nursery - Friday 29th March 2019 -

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Week Commencing 25th March 2019

It has been wonderful to see the sunshine this week and it is really beginning to feel like Spring with the beautiful daffodils everywhere and trees in full blossom!

This week we have had the pleasure of observing the children in their lessons. We have been extremely impressed with their fantastic attitude to learning and excellent behaviour. We also had the opportunity to see an enthralling range of exciting and engaging learning throughout school, from building dens in nursery to designing air raid shelters in year 6! The children all talked so enthusiastically and positively about their learning. When asked what the best thing about our school is, one child said "The school is really perfect!" It really is such a privilege and a pleasure to work with the children at St John's.

Unfortunately, Mr Barrow is still unwell although it has been wonderful to see him in today for a short while. He is very much missed by all and we can't wait for him to return full-time as soon as he is feeling better. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

There are some 'eggciting' Easter events coming up over the next couple of weeks, including the disco and Easter Egg Tombola; we look forward to seeing many of you there.

Wishing you all a very happy weekend.

Mrs Baker

New Website!

It is with great pleasure that we can announce our brand new website is now live:

www.stjohnsprimarykenilworth.co.uk

Please do have a look and give us your feedback – we hope you like it and find it a useful source of information!

Head Lice

We understand that head lice is a hugely frustrating and costly problem for parents. Thank you all for your co-operation in keeping children's hair tied up while we attempt to combat the outbreak. Please could we ask you to continue to check your children's hair every day and treat them if necessary?

What We've Been Learning This Week

Early Years Foundation Stage

In Nursery this week, we have been reading 'Mad about Minibeasts'. In literacy, the children have been researching their favourite minibeast, weaving their own spider webs and making playdough spiders. In maths, the children have been playing the game 'How many spider legs?' where you roll two dice, count the number of spots and add that amount of legs to their spider. The children have been creating their own minibeast garden using natural materials, using tweezers to rescue the minibeasts stuck in the spider web and building dens in the garden. The children have also been very busy preparing for their Mother's Day morning.



In Reception, we have been reading the story of 'The Elephant and the Bad Baby'. In literacy, the children have been using their phonic knowledge to write a sentence about what the bad baby took from the shops. In maths, the children have been learning about money and adding various coins to make different amounts. They have been making their own price labels and playing shopkeepers.

Key Stage 1

In Year 1, we have had a lovely week of visits from people who help us, including the police and the fire brigade. It has been really interesting to learn more about the real life Superheroes around us during our Superheroes topic. We have started our new text 'Supertato' in English and in Maths we have been developing our skills by measuring - using standard and non-standard units of measure.

In Year 2 we have been researching the life of Walt Disney for our 'When You Wish Upon a Star...' topic. We have created information texts about Walt Disney, alongside a timeline in History to show his key achievements. We have also looked at Disney around the world in geography and developed our map skills. In Maths, we have been learning all about fractions. We really enjoyed using the book Pezzettino to create our own fraction creatures.

Key Stage 2

On Monday, Year 3 had Reverend Andrew from St John's Church come in to school to talk about the importance of bread in Christianity. We then linked this to our topic Ancient Greeks and baked different styles of Greek Bread. We thoroughly enjoyed tasting our bread with some olives, feta cheese and some other Greek cuisine! We are now excited about writing our own Greek myth story books.

Year 4 have been looking closely at excerpts from Harry Potter and creating their own character descriptions based on werewolves. We are also very eager to go on our local art walk on Friday to sketch nature and to be able to develop our painting techniques further back in the classroom.

Year 5 have been listening to and composing their own piece of music in the style of Holst. In science, we looked closely at the phases of the moon and used jaffa cakes to understand this further. We have also had a debate about the pros and cons of space travel to be able to write a balanced argument.

Year 6 have been researching and designing air raid shelters. We debated which we thought was the best design between an Anderson and a Morrison. Next week we will attempt to build our own designs.

Easter Egg Tombola

Next Friday 5th April will be **non-uniform day**. Please could children bring in a chocolate egg for the Easter Egg tombola which will be held at 3.30pm after school in the hall. Tickets will be 5 for £1. This is a great way to raise funds for school, so please do come along and support us if you are able to.

School Disco

The end of term Easter Disco will be held on Thursday 11th April. Children can come to school in non-uniform on the day in exchange for £1. If they would like to attend the disco, entry will also be £1.

Key stage one: 3.30pm – 4.15pm

Key stage two: 4.30pm – 5.30pm

Children should enter the disco via the main school entrance and be collected from the side hall door please.

Community Gardening Day

Many thanks to those of you who have offered your help for our community gardening day next Saturday 6th April. Please do come along if you are able to spare an hour or two. Fingers crossed for sunshine!

PTA Updates

Thank you so much for all your support with PTA events this term. We managed to raise £550 from the silver smarties challenge!

The money raised goes directly to resources for the children and we have recently purchased a wonderful selection of new home reading books for key stage one and lower key stage two. We are also funding some exciting new technology equipment for Nursery and Reception. All of this would not be possible without your support!

Nurturing Parenting Programme

The children's centre are running a nurturing parenting programme for 10 weeks from 30th April on Tuesdays from 12.30pm to 2.30pm. Spaces are available; if you are interested please pop over to the children's centre to book a place.

Diary Dates

Wed 3 rd Apr	Am: Yr 2 personal challenge
Fri 5 th Apr	3.30pm: Easter Egg Tombola
Sat 6 th Apr	9.00am: Community Gardening Day
Mon 8 th Apr	am: Year 2 trip to Kenilworth Castle
Tue 9 th Apr	am: Year 6 trip to St John's Church (Easter Experience) pm: KDPSA swimming gala (Years 4-6)
Wed 10 th Apr	9.00am: 3TH class assembly
Thu 11 th Apr	PTA non-uniform day & Easter Disco 3.30 - 4.15pm: Reception & KS1 4.30 - 5.30pm: KS2
Fri 12th Apr	Break up for Easter
Mon 29th Apr	Back to school

Class Assemblies

3TH	10 th April	5S	12 th June
		RK	26 th June
1C	22 nd May	6E/6L	Leavers' Assembly: Friday 19 th July

Term Dates

EASTER HOLIDAY				
School closes at 3.15 pm	- Fri	12	April	2019
BANK HOLIDAY GOOD FRIDAY	- Fri	19	April	2019
BANK HOLIDAY EASTER MONDAY	- Mon	22	April	2019
SUMMER TERM				
School opens at 8.45 am	- Mon	29	April	2019
BANK HOLIDAY CLOSURE	- Mon	6	May	2019
Half-Term				
School closes at 3.15 pm	- Fri	24	May	2019
School opens at 8.45 am	- Mon	3	June	2019
INSET DAY CLOSURE	- Fri	21	June	2019
SUMMER HOLIDAY				
School closes at 3.15 pm	- Fri	19	July	2019
INSET DAY CLOSURE	- Mon	22	July	2019