



St John Vianney Catholic School

Newsletter

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"Everything we can be, with Christ in our hearts."

It's beginning to feel a lot like... Autumn traditionally is the busiest, most manic term in the school calendar – we hit the ground running after the Summer holidays, and before you know it, what with trips, visits, celebrations, new topics, new teachers, new challenges...it's almost Christmas! It actually IS Christmas if you go by the decorations in the shops and the TV adverts. We've even heard the first tinklings of Christmas Songs and the whiff of tinsel and tea-towels here at school as Ms. Griffin stealthily prepares the children for their Christmas Production this year!

It's been a busy few weeks here at school. Our classes are continuing to participate in the **National 'Into Film' programme**, and we have been enjoying trips to Wood Green's cinemas – what a treat! The Egyptologists in class 5 enjoyed a trip to the **British Museum** to see a Mummy or two and the whole school came together this week, national **Anti-Bullying week**, to discuss and reflect on this issue and to agree ways of keeping our school a 'Bully-Free Zone'. Class 6's presentation at assembly of the school film for Anti-Bullying is astounding – follow the link contained later in this newsletter to watch it.

Finally, we also welcomed **Fr. Damian** into school again this week, firstly to celebrate Mass with class 4, then to join in our Anti-Bullying assembly on Friday. As a relative newcomer to the SJV community, he is struck by how happy the children are to be part of this school. Happy children make for a great school and effective learning, and is testament to the strength of the parent community, the efforts of the staff to forge respectful and purposeful relationships with each and every child and, of course, to the attitude and behaviour of the children. His comments made me a very proud Headteacher indeed.

School Fund

Thank you to all of you that have contributed to the school fund this year. Your donations are a vital part of ensuring that the school can maintain a continuous refurbishment and modernisation programme, so that the environment for our children's learning is the best that we can make it. **It is not too late** if you have not yet sent your donation. All contributions are gratefully received by the school community. Please come to the office with your donation, or to get a replacement form if you need one.

After School Clubs

Please note the last days that after school clubs will be held this term: Multisports – Tues 29th November; Hockey – Weds 30th November; Basketball – Fri 25th November.

Cake Sale

We do love a slice of cake and a cuppa here at SJV! The next cake sale will be held on Friday 2nd December at 3pm. Please come along and enjoy a chat, an end-of-week cup of tea and a sugar rush!



A 'Well Done' from the Department for Education!

Finally, I'd like to share a letter that I recently received from the DfE's Regional Commissioner, Tim Coulson, congratulating the school on its impressive SATs results in 2016. The letter recognises the increased challenge in the curriculum and the tests (which you will have all seen on the news), and acknowledges the hard work that must have been put in by the teachers and the pupils to achieve so impressively in these difficult times. The letter is included on the next page.



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Dear Mr. McNicholas

I was very pleased to see the school's provisional Key Stage 2 results for this summer. Everyone is aware of the higher demands of the tests than in previous years and it was very impressive how well and quickly your staff have adapted and taught children to the standards required.

These results come about through back-breaking work.

Congratulations to you and your colleagues for doing so well.

Very best wishes for the coming year.

Yours sincerely
Tim Coulson

Tim Coulson
Regional Schools Commissioner, East England and North East London

AGM for Parents

Following the Ofsted inspection in 2015, the school committed to communicate annually with parents – to present an update of school life, progress and achievements, together with an opportunity to discuss issues and ideas that you feel will further contribute to school improvement.

This year's meeting will be held on Weds 30th November at 7pm.



The British Museum

Class 5 – Walk like an Egyptian?

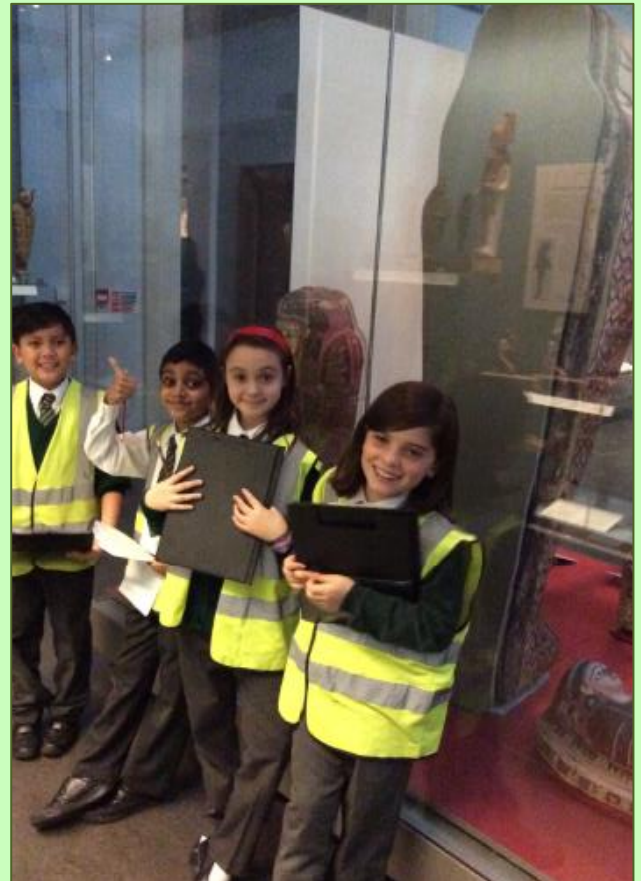
Class 5 visited the British Museum this week as part of their exciting 'Pharaohs' topic! They were a credit to our school as they explored the busy Egyptology exhibitions with curiosity and enthusiasm. Their blank faces when I asked them if they saw my Mummy there was a sobering reminder that I'm not as funny as I think I am! The photos (139 of them!!) really show a class enjoying their day, each other and their learning. Well done all.



"This Head is older than our Head..."



Mummified remains...



Thumbs up for a great day...



Say, "Cheeeese!"

Anti-Bullying Week 2016

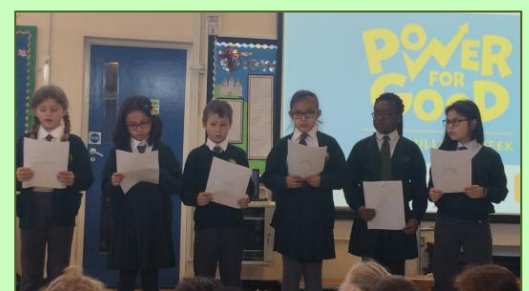
The children and staff at SJV marked this important event in the national educational calendar impressively with their thoughts, feelings and ideas around this challenging issue. Friday's assembly showcased our children's ability to show responsibility, care for each other and to understand the causes of, and remedies for, bullying in all its forms.

Class 6 presented a moving film, utilising the topical craze for 'Mannequins' (holding a pose still while being filmed, giving the effect of a '3d photograph') to sensitively explore this topic.

[Click to view this fantastic film:](#)



Let's use our Power for Good – stamp out bullying!



London Citizens and the Stanley Culross Greenspace Project

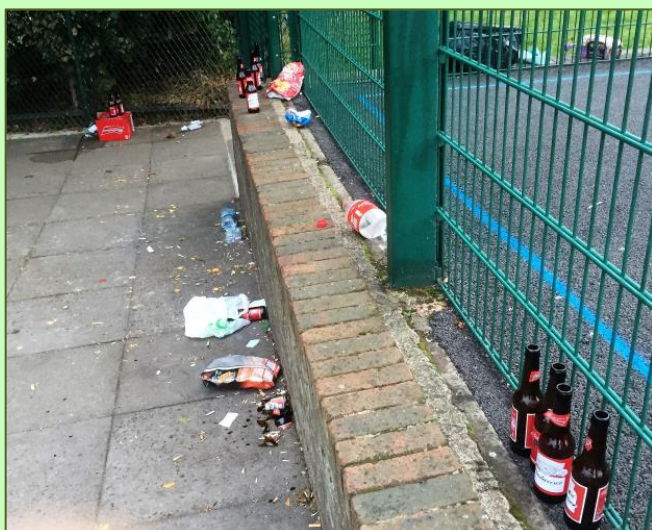
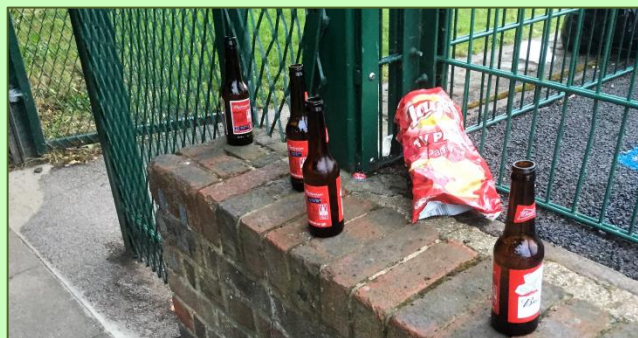
I am sure that many of you know, the **anti-social and inconsiderate behaviour of a minority in the Stanley Culross Greenspace has become unacceptable**. Mr. Roche, our site manager, has to scour the perimeter of our school each morning, in addition to actually looking after the school, to ensure that highly dangerous materials, such as these shown in the photos below, are removed so that our pupils and families can walk into the school safely. I am sure that you are as horrified as I am about this daily occurrence.

The school, parents, staff and pupils, will be working with London Citizens, an organisation dedicated to community strengthening projects, to ensure that the issues in this space are addressed.

Michael Pugh, our London Citizens Ambassador, has visited the school on a number of occasions and has spoken with concerned parents about this issue.

We are hosting 'drop in' consultation sessions here at the school, facilitated by Councillor Blake, regarding the development of the 'Red House' at the top of Stanley Road – this will have inevitable consequences for the Stanley Culross Space. **The sessions are on Monday 28th November from 3:30pm to 7pm. PLEASE come along and let the team have your views.** So far, parents have discussed how to progress the following: a redesign of the park; more lighting; CCTV cameras; more bins; a no alcohol zone; action from the council and police to keep the park clean and to eradicate anti-social behaviour.

This situation is unacceptable for us and our pupils – please let Councillor Blake what you think 28th



Autumn Dates

Please make a note of these dates and events in your diary:

W/C 21st Nov: Road Safety Week

Tue 22nd Nov: Class 5 Mass (2:15pm)

Wed 23rd Nov: Class 6 Parent Consultations (8am to 11am, 3:30pm to 5:30pm)

Wed 23rd Nov: Class 5 trip to the cinema

Fri 25th Nov: Class 5 Assembly

Mon 28th Nov: Class 4 trip to Westminster Cathedral (Choir outreach)

Fri 2nd Dec: Class 3 Assembly; Advent 1; Cake Sale (3pm)

W/C 5th Dec: Spirituality Week

Fri 9th Dec: Class 1 Assembly; Advent 2

Tue 13th Dec: Carol Service 4:30pm (in park with West Green, St. Mary's & Chestnuts)

Wed 14th Dec: Pantomime at the Millfield Theatre

Thu 15th Dec: School Christmas Concert – Witnesses (7pm in the school hall)

Thu 16th Dec: School Christmas Concert – Witnesses (9:15 am in the school hall)

Wed 21st Dec: End of Term Mass (10am in the school hall)

Wed 21st Dec: End of Term – school closes at 1:15pm

Tuesday 3rd/Wednesday 4th January: Staff Training Days – School closed.

Thursday 5th January: Spring Term Starts



**KICK OFF
THE FESTIVE SEASON WITH SOME
DELICIOUS BAKES, A HOT DRINK AND THE CHANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN
THE CHRISTMAS RAFFLE, AS WELL AS THE OPPORTUNITY TO BUY
CHRISTMAS GIFTS AND CARDS.**

Community Notice

HARRINGAY LANTERN PARADE & Harringay Green Lanes Christmas Lights Switch On..... **Sat 26th Nov**

Lantern Making Workshops

Sat 19th - 10am to 1pm Railway Fields
Sat 19th - 12:30pm to 6pm Salisbury Hotel
Sun 20th - 11am to 3pm South Harringay Sch
Sat 26th - 2pm to 4pm Railway Fields

Lantern Parades

Saturday 26th Nov

3:30pm - Fairland Park N8
4:00pm - Railway Fields Green Lanes N4
4:15pm - The Gardens Community Garden (GRA)
Doncaster Gardens Off Stanhope Gdn N4

Harringay Green Lanes Christmas Lights Switch On

Saturday 26th Nov - 4pm to 5:30pm

Salisbury Hotel Junction of Harringay Green Lanes and St Ann's Rd
4pm onwards Tottenham Community Choir & Street Entertainment
5pm Lights Countdown & Switch On -

