

St John Vianney Catholic School

Newsletter



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

What an Exciting Week!

No sooner had we settled ourselves into the New Year last week, we enjoyed an action packed and varied first full week back! It is heart-warming to see so many activities on the go, and to see the children's smiles and excitement as they throw themselves into them. We will always endeavour to bring unusual and exciting experiences, both here at school and on trips, to our children so that they remember their days at SJV with fondness and satisfaction. I personally will remember Wednesday's visit for a very long time! You are never too old to be starstruck...



Visit from footballing legend!



The (genuinely) amazing Science Dome!



Artwork Masterpiece Day





Jermain Jenas – Spurs and England Legend Inspires

The first of our exciting events this week involved us welcoming Premiership legend and all-round nice guy, Jermain Jenas, to our school.

Jermain kindly agreed to come to the school to speak with our Year 5 and 6 classes about their topic of Aspirations this half term - what can we be in life? What do we need to do to get there?

Now, given the press Premiership players get, you might think: what does he know? Overpaid, selfish and living in a world of privilege.

Not a bit of it.

Jermaine Jenas, as well as being a successful international footballer and Match of the Day pundit, has become involved in the Aquinas Foundation, a charity dedicated to helping schools and young people get the most from their education opportunity.

He spoke eloquently and passionately to our children about aspirations; going the extra mile in everything you do; not leaving anything to luck; dedication; hard work and always challenging yourself to improve, no matter what your stage in life.

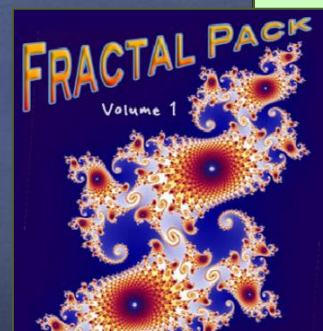
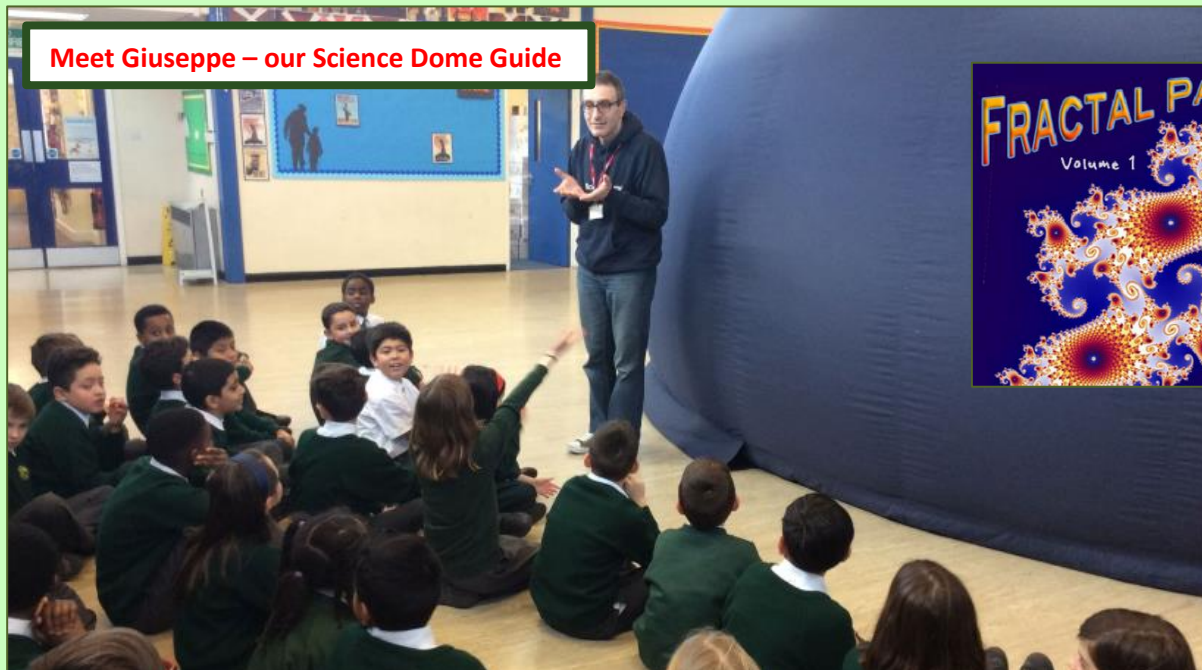
It was a truly inspirational session, and our 5s and 6s (and some of the teachers!) enjoyed the Q&A session that followed immensely. A highlight of many excellent questions and answers:

Alana: if you could go back in time to meet your younger self, what advice would you give him?

Jermaine: I would go back to the time to where I thought I had 'made it', and I would tell myself - set yourself some new goals. How are you going to get better?

A great message from one of the game's true gentlemen.

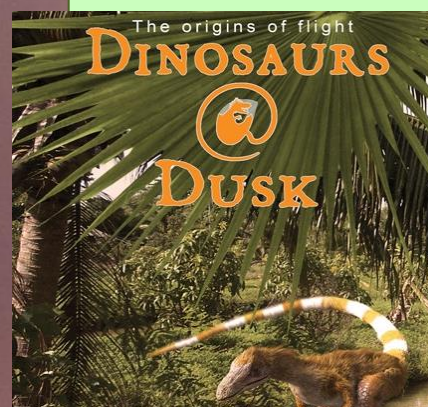
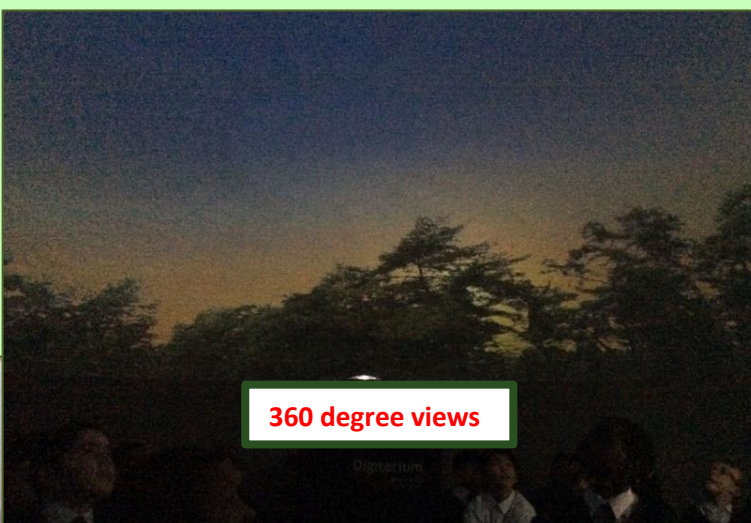
Meet Giuseppe – our Science Dome Guide



All aboard!



360 degree views



Science Dome Adventures

A huge thank you to Miss Burry for organising this unique and genuinely mind-blowing experience. The 'Science Dome' is an immersive, 360 degree experience that transports you to amazing places and experiences: the land of the dinosaurs, under the sea, the world of the pirates and ancient Egypt! These photos can only hint at what an incredible experience this was!

Spring Dates

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

Wed 18th Jan: SATs Information Meeting for Year 6 and Year 2 Parents – 7pm

Thu 19th Jan: Friends of SJV – Junior Film Evening (3:45pm)

Fri 3rd Feb: Class 2 Assembly; Cycling Proficiency Bike Check

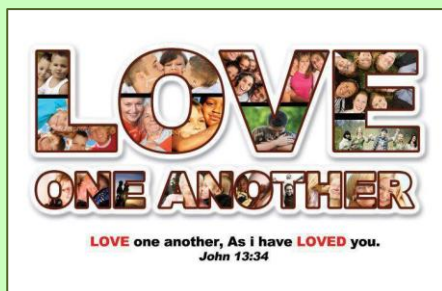
Mon 6th Feb: Cycling Proficiency Week

Tue 7th Feb: Parent Consultations (letter to follow)

Thu 9th Feb: Parent Consultations (letter to follow)

Fri 10th Feb: Class 3 Assembly; Friends of SJV Valentine's Cake Sale (3pm to 4pm)

Mon 13th Feb to Fri 17th Feb: Half Term, school closed



Mass to Start the New Year

We were once again fortunate to welcome Fr. Joe to our school to celebrate mass to mark the new beginning that is both 2017 and the Spring Term (appropriately marked with a gusty snowstorm!)

Plenty to reflect, as always, from the Gospel readings and Fr. Joe's homilies. This year, we were encouraged to start our new year with one of the most powerful pieces of advice from the Gospel of John:

"And now I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. If you have love for one another, then everyone will know that you are my disciples."

Funeral of Bornali Shade

Please continue to remember Ms Shade and her family in your prayers this week. **The funeral service will be held at St. John Vianney Church on Tuesday 17th January at 9:15.** Following the church service there will be a service at New Southgate Cemetery, Brunswick Park Road, New Southgate, N11 1JJ. There will then be refreshments at Argent Court, Leicester Road, New Barnet, EN5 5FL. The family would like to let you know that all are welcome to all parts of the day.

Flowers / Donations - Please note: family flowers only at the funeral, so if you would like to make a donation please make one to Marie Curie Hospice, 11 Lyndhurst Gardens, London NW3 5NS, where the staff showed exemplary care for Ms Shade.

SATs Information Meeting – Year 2 and 6 (Wednesday 18th January 7pm)

We will be holding an information evening for both Class 6 and Class 2 on Wednesday 18th January at 7pm.

This is an important session, which will give you all you need to know about what is expected in the Spring when these two year groups undergo SATs testing.

It is a chance to: understand the process; what tests are involved; when they will be taken; how to help your child in preparation and to ask any questions you may have.

SATs Booster Classes: these will start for Year 6 w/c 23rd January and will focus on practice to prepare for the Maths and Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar tests. They are free of charge and are a proven method of securing the knowledge and skills needed for your child to achieve their full potential. A letter with details will be sent out early next week.

FAIR FUNDING FOR ALL SCHOOLS

PLEASE COME TO OUR MEETING

Tuesday 17 January, 8.00pm – 9.30pm

Rhodes Avenue Primary School, Rhodes Avenue, London, N22 7UT

SPEAKERS TO INCLUDE

Catherine West MP

Claire Kober, Leader of Haringey Council

Kevin Courtney, General Secretary, National Union of Teachers

Matt Dykes, Fair Funding for all Schools

CALLING ALL PARENTS

Schools in Haringey are really up against it.
We are facing a funding crisis as a result of government cuts.

**Haringey schools could be losing up to
10 per cent in real terms by 2020.**

**We are a group of parents in Haringey and we want to
stop the cuts to our schools.**

Please come to our meeting and find out how we can join forces
to get our voice heard for Fair Funding for All Schools.

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