



St John Vianney Catholic School

Newsletter

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

A Varied Couple of Weeks!

It has been a hectic two weeks, with half term around the corner, and a well-deserved rest for all in sight!

In those two short weeks, we have sent a team of our year 6s to a Business Enterprise competition up in the city (and won!), hosted Cllr Blake from Haringey Council for a discussion about the future of the Stanley Culross Park, carried out our first Parent Voice meeting, taken to the high seas for a marvellous Pirate Adventure with Class 2 and...seen a magical infestation of Dinosaurs! Next week we look forward to seeing you all at the Parent Consultations to update you on your child's progress.

DON'T

FORGET

Office on Thursday Mornings: Please remember that the office will not be open on a Thursday morning until 9 am due to staff meeting. Please be patient at this time.

Parent Consultation Times: Parent / Teachers consultations Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th February - please be prompt for your allotted time.

Absences: Please call the office **BEFORE 8.30 am** each day of absence when your child is unable to attend school, followed by a letter on the **FIRST** day of return explaining absence.

Half Term: Normal time finish for Friday 10th for half term break.

Nursery Applications: Reminder that nursery applications for September 2017 are available from the school office.

Vomiting and Diaphorrea: A reminder to parents that if your child has been vomiting or had diaphorrea they should be kept at home for 48 hours after the last bout of illness (we have had a couple of instances where the child has come back to school too early and we have had to send them home again).

Enabling Enterprise – ‘SJV Traders’ Triumph in Business Competition!

We sent a crack team of Year 6 pupils up the Enabling Enterprise Education headquarters in Smithfield, in the heart of the City, this week to give them a glimpse of what it might be like to be successful at business! They were up against 6 other schools, and the process that they went through was described as a cross between Dragon’s Den and The Apprentice (in a good way).

Looking at these future business Titans, you will NOT be surprised to learn that **they CAME FIRST!**

Their pitches for investment projects were judged to be the soundest, best thought through and best delivered on the day. Huge congratulations to the ‘SJV Fair Traders’! If that were not enough, we were also delighted to get feedback from the organisers about our boys and girls: polite, well behaved ambassadors for our school, who were praised for their humour and hard work.



Team ‘SJV Fair Traders’



Down to business with a smile!



Making a pitch...



Formal introductions.



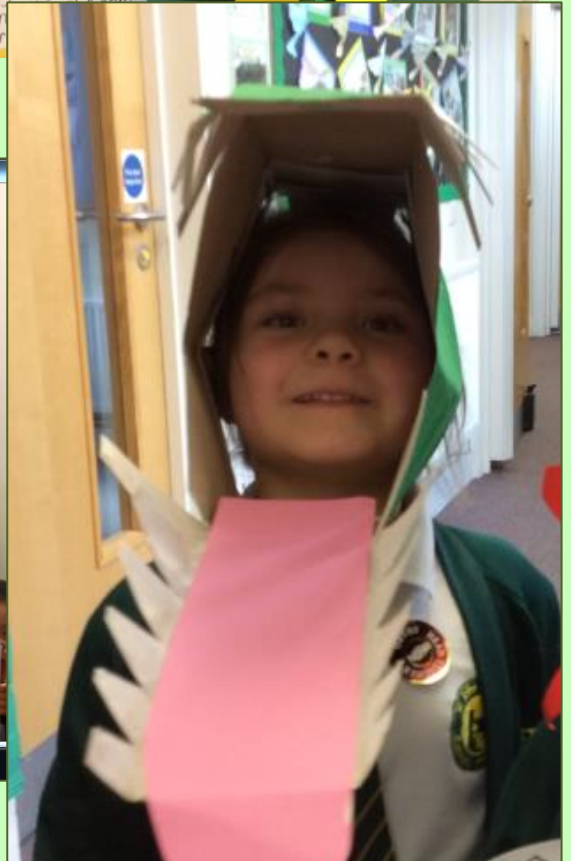
And the winners are....



Dinosaur Infestation!

Something quite unusual happened on Friday afternoon. I was in my office, quietly getting on with my work, when I 'sensed' a commotion in the corridor outside. In a moment of quick thinking, I grabbed an iPad to record 'evidence' of what I might find. I did NOT expect to be greeted with this! A whole herd (Pack? Gaggle?) of Dinosaurs from Class 1 scared the life out of me with a mighty roar!

[If you only watch one clip this weekend, watch this one \(CLICK HERE\)](#)! If ever we (the DfE, the council, Headteachers, staff, parents and even pupils) lose context of what we are here for – this clip is a heart-warming reminder: happy, smiling children proudly showing off the results of their hard work.



Topic Learning

These lovely images are one of the best by-products of our topic based curriculum. Each half term, the children are encouraged to pick a creative project that compliments and extends their learning. Clearly the children love to do this and are rightly proud of their work, and it is also clear that many parents are joining in and being part of the topic. I hope you enjoy helping your children to make these wonderful creations!



Parent Voice

Once again, a huge thank you to our parent voice representatives who, this week, took the time to meet with me and discuss ways in which home / school links can be strengthened.

Raising your points: If you have a suggestion or an item that you wish to be raised at a future meeting, then you can either contact your representative before or after school, or email them on the following addresses. **NB: these addresses will be controlled by your representative, and will NOT be accessible by school staff.**

Nursery (Ms Batchelor): NurseryParentVoice@outlook.com ; Reception (Ms McGaw): ReceptionParentVoice@outlook.com; **Class 1:** (Ms Domenech): ClassOneParentVoice@outlook.com; **Class 2** (Ms Mikeli): ClassTwoParentVoice@outlook.com ; **Class 3** (Ms Quilliec): ClassThreeParentVoice@outlook.com; **Class 4** (Ms Smalle): ClassFourParentVoice@outlook.com; **Class 5** (Ms Dunne): ClassFiveParentVoice@outlook.com ; **Class 6** - Vacant

Actions from the first meeting:

- To improve communication, **important dates will be included in the body of the email** as well as the newsletter itself
- Parents will be advised of a **specific email address for their class**, so that they can communicate ideas and suggestions for discussion more efficiently.
- Invitations to record views in **Ofsted's Parent View** survey will be issued as homework for the children, in order to maximise participation.
- '**Worry Boxes**' will be introduced in classrooms to further encourage children to share concerns they may have
- Each Parent Consultation meeting will have, as its core, **clear details about your child's performance** (whether or not they are working '**Towards** Age Related Expectation', '**At** Age Related Expectation' or '**Above** Age Related Expectation', along with a Progress rating of '**Slow**', '**Expected**', or '**Better Than Expected**' for the year to date.

New Web Page: [I have added a new Tab to the school website, under 'Parents' called 'Parent Voice Forum' – click here to visit the page.](#) It has all of the details about the group's members, aims and will have minutes of the all of the meetings, along with a summary of actions and improvements that result from this forum.

Concerns & Questions

If you have any concerns or questions regarding any aspect of your child's education, please be aware that the school have provided the following channels, through which we will be happy to assist:

- 1) There are three opportunities for **Parent Consultation** meetings throughout the year.
- 2) You may make an appointment to **speak with your child's class teacher**, if you need to do so outside of that cycle; they will be happy to provide a quick overview of progress, and will try to address your questions.
- 3) If you feel that you need further clarification or assistance, please make an appointment to **see your Phase Leader**: Early Years & KS1: Ms Holden; KS2: Ms Kennedy.
- 4) These channels will, I am sure, provide you with the information that you need but, should you feel it appropriate, then please feel free to **make an appointment to discuss matters with the Headteacher**.

In addition, general items and suggestions can be brought to your **Parent Voice** representative, or you can attend one of the **open Parent Forums** that occur during the year and bring your points to a wider audience. In the unlikely event that these channels fail to address your concern, the school has a [formal complaints policy which can be found on our website](#).

We know that, from time to time, you may have specific concerns and questions and will need these resolved; we are determined to provide a range of opportunities for you to do just that.

We are as committed to your child's education as you are, and are resolved to ensure that dialogue is happening through **open, constructive, specific and official channels**.

Valentine's cake sale

FRIDAY, 10th February, 2017

Dear parents/ carers,

Love conquers all!

Come and celebrate Valentine's Day with us on February 10th at 3pm in the main hall.

Any donations of cakes will be gratefully received, especially homemade ones. Please, bring your bakes to the parents' room on the morning of the 10th, however no cake will be refused whatever time it arrives! We would like to remind you to clearly label the containers with your name and cake's ingredients, especially if they may contain nuts.

We will also run a raffle boasting a host of enticing prizes. All money raised will go towards the friends association.

Let's bake!

The Friends Association



Land Ahoy for Year 2's Assembly

Year 2 were proud to present their learning for this half term at this week's assembly. Their Pirate themed topic gave them the opportunity to explore map reading, adventure story writing and character description. Well done Class 2, your work is amazing as always!



Dates

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

Mon 6th Feb: Cycling Proficiency Week; Safer Internet Week

Tue 7th Feb: Parent Consultations (2:45 to 5:40)

Thu 9th Feb: Parent Consultations (2:45 to 5:40)

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

Fri 24th Feb: Class 4 Assembly

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

Mon 27th Feb: Other Faiths Week

Wed 1st Mar: Ash Wednesday Service at St. John Vianney Church (time TBA)

Thu 2nd Mar: World Book Day

Fri 3rd Mar: Lenten Assembly

Fri 10th Mar: Year 5 Assembly; Early Years Book Fair

Mon 13th Mar: Year 1 & 2 Book Fair

Tue 14th Mar: Year 3 & 4 Book Fair

Wed 15th Mar: Year 5 & 6 Book Fair

Fri 16th Mar: Sports relief day & assembly

Mon 20th Mar: Big Maths Day

Tue 21st Mar: World Poetry Day

Fri 24th Mar: Year 6 assembly (Malawi Appeal)

Wed 29th Mar: Easter Liturgy

Fri 31st Mar: Mass for end of term (10am in the school hall)

Fri 31st Mar: End of Term – school closes 1:15

