St John Vianney Catholic School School Newsletter

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



United Against Bullying

This week marked national Anti-Bullying Week and it gave our children a chance to reflect on this important issues.

They learned that bullying is defined as repetitive and deliberate hurting of another person either using physical force, abusive words or using cyber platforms such as mobile phones and social media.

The most important thing that ALL must know, and this week our children DO all know: if you see it, experience it – report it to an adult and IT WILL STOP.

The worst thing we can do is ignore it – we must be, as the theme of this year's campaign says, UNITED AGAINST BULLYING.

Nursery ALL Support Spurs!

I have to share my favourite bit of week with you this week. I was invited to a 'Zoom' session with Nursery to share their carpet time session. So far, so lovely! It got even better when, after a bit of a dance (which I was happy/forced to join in with), we shared a good old singalong — Chas & Dave style! 'Ossie's Dream — Spurs are on their way to Wembley...' What a cracking way to spend a Thursday morning. Now that Nursery are all indoctrinated, we're coming for the rest of you! COYS!

Assembly: We welcomed Reception Class for the first time this morning, with Year 5 leading the prayers – follow this link to enjoy all over again!

Have a lovely weekend – keep safe and we'll see you all next week!



Notices and Reminders

Building Works on Stanley Road

You will have noticed that the demolition and building works on West Green Road is already causing disruption to our school community. We will keep a watch on this in the coming weeks, but I would like to especially ask you to be vigilant when dropping off and picking up from the Stanley Road entrances - ensure that your children are closely supervised at these times when site traffic is manoeuvring.

School Lunches: If parents wish to move their child from school lunch to packed or vice versa please send a note to the school office. Two weeks notice must be given otherwise charges may be incurred.

Ventilation in School

Once again, may I ask that provide layers for children as the weather gets colder. We are obliged to keep windows and doors open in classes so that air is circulated as much as possible. We will endeavour to increase heating as much as we can to counter this, but good layering of clothing will also help.

School Money

The system is now up to date - please contact the school office via e mail if you are experiencing difficulties logging on.

Nursery, January 2021 Intake.

If your child is 3 years old by 31st December 2020 you can apply for a Nursery place starting in January. Forms available from the office.

New Lunch Menu!

HCL, our caterers, have sent us a new, varied menu which will begin on MONDAY, 30th November starting with WEEK TWO.

We ask that you look through the menu with your child to decide their meal choices the night before, or on your way into school, so that they are aware of what is on offer for each day. Thank you for your co-operation.

We always encourage children to eat a school lunch where possible – it's such good quality, good value and nutritionally balanced!



COVID 19 - Important reminders:

Once again, please ensure that you are doing everything you can about keeping possible Covid-19 symptoms away from school.

1) Please DO NOT send your child to school if they are unwell

 If they do not have symptoms of Covid-19, but have been unwell, you must still wait until they are fully better before you send them back to school.

2) Please be vigilant for symptoms of Covid-19

• **IF they have any of the 3 Covid-19 symptoms**, then you MUST keep them at home, <u>book a test</u> and notify the school that you have done this.

Covid Symptoms

- A) High temperature (37.8 degrees and above).
- B) A continuous cough (coughing a lot for an hour).
- C) A change in your sense of taste or smell.
- IF YOU ARE UNSURE ABOUT ANY SYMPTOMS, SEEK MEDICAL ADVICE OR CALL 111.

3) The Importance of being Tested

- If your child has one of the above IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU BOOK A TEST.
- Failure to do this means a) they cannot return to school for a further 10 days and b) we are unable to manage the possible risk of infection to other children and staff in their bubble.
- If you have difficulty booking a test, please keep trying until you get one please let the school know if you are unable to.
- Waiting for 10 days is NOT an option your child may be missing schooling unnecessarily.

4) Please observe STRICT SOCIAL DISTANCING when dropping off and picking up children.

- This has been identified as a key risk in the transmission of Covid-19 in the return of children to full schooling.
- Please do everything you can to observe this.





SJV Nursery Places Available

Our fabulous Nursery has places available

NOW!

- Free 30 hours (if eligible)
- Free 15 hour part time spaces available for 3 year olds.

Please call the office to make an appointment to collect an application form.



Please pass this on to anyone you think may bee interested

Reception Admissions September 2021

Applications for Reception places in September 2021 are open. Obviously, we cannot welcome visitors and show them around our school at the moment, but we will be hosting regular meetings for prospective parents every Thursday morning at 9:30.

This will give us an opportunity to:

- Show a short Life at SJV video (click here to see it)
- Share some information about the school with you, and
- Allow you to ask questions about any aspect of school life at SJV.

If you, or anyone you know, is looking for a school place in September 2021, please contact the school office and book yourself onto one of these sessions.

If you cannot make Thursday mornings at 9:30, please ask and we will make arrangements to contact you.

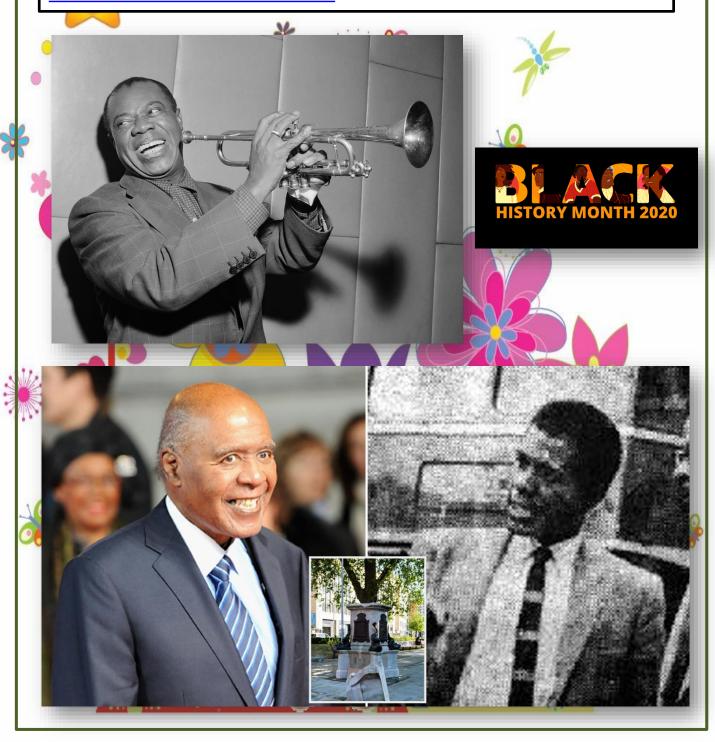


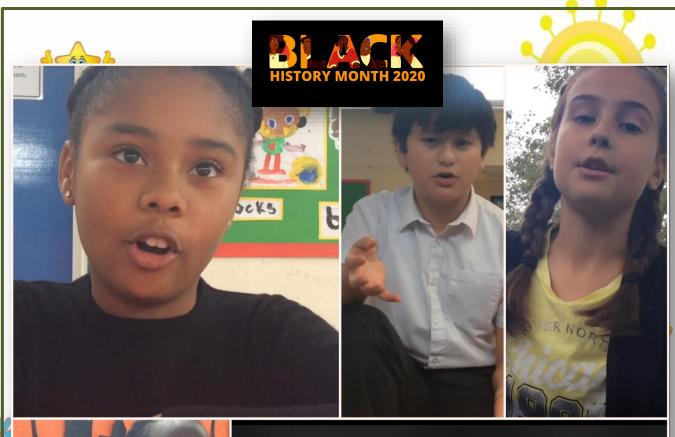
Black History & Drama:

Year 6 and Year 5 have been continuing their history, drama and English work based on their Black History Month subjects – Louis Armstrong and the Bristol Bus Bpycott of 1963.

Ms. Kavanagh has supported the children with wonderful performances, which have been filmed for posterity! Some brilliant writing and performances from our children show the depth of their engagement in this subject.

CLICK HERE TO SEE THEIR WORK!







THE BRISTOL BUS BOYCOTT

AND THE AMAZING PEOPLE INVOLVED







Creating change. Making history.

Bristol Bus Boycott 1963





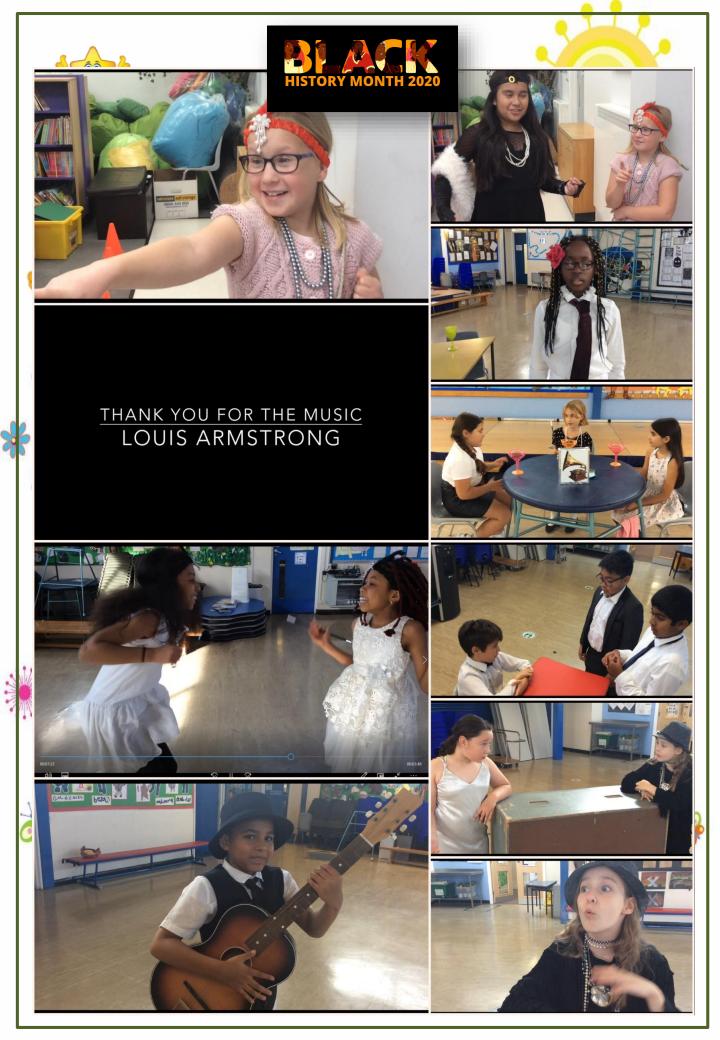


Louis Armstrong.
The man. The myth.
The Legend.









Anti-Bullying Week 16th November to 20th November

Year 1's stunning collage reminds us all that being a good friend is a sure-fire way of keeping bullies out of our community!



Is this bullying?





The ABA (Anti-Bullying Alliance) defines bullying as:

The repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power.

Bullying can be physical, verbal or psychological.

It can happen face-to-face or online.

Odd Socks Day!

The children all wore Odd Socks to kick off Anti-Bullying Week. A really simple but powerful message, is celebrates diversity and shows that we are all different!



Types of bullying





Verbal

Physical

Indirect

Cyber / Online

name calling, calling people unkind names, verbal threats of violence

hitting, kicking, biting, pushing, tripping you up – anything that hurts you by touching you

isolating someone, leaving them out, spreading rumours, threatening looks

social networking pictures, Whatsaap groups to encourage bullying, nasty text messages, filming people without permission, prank calls





ODD SOCKS DAY































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20th Nov 20

J for his great listening on the carpet. His great focus meant he could answer some very tricky questions! Well done!

O for her positive and friendly disposition. She is a pleasure to have in the nursery and a good example of team spirit to her nursery friends.





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G - For doing great phonics this week and for reading some tricky High Frequency red words in class too! You are starting to get more confident in class but putting your hand up more and sharing your fantastic ideas!

E - For great Maths work and for knowing your days of the week song so well! You are always the first one to tell me what day it was yesterday and what day it is today. You are helping your friends become more confident with singing the days of the week song too. Well done!





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E: for trying hard with his writing and remembering to use finger spaces. You are really trying your best!

T: for trying to work independently and confidently in maths, it is great to see that you are trying so hard.





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I want to say well done to all of Class 2 this week. I have been so impressed by their knowledge of the two times tables already.

For my stars of the week this week, I would like to choose:

- S for putting her hand up a lot more in class during Maths this week and explaining her answers in full sentences. I hope her contribution to class discussion continues.
- R for always being an exceptional role model to his classmates. He is always kind and supportive to his partner and goes out of his way to compliment others to brighten their day... including me! Your kindness never goes unnoticed!



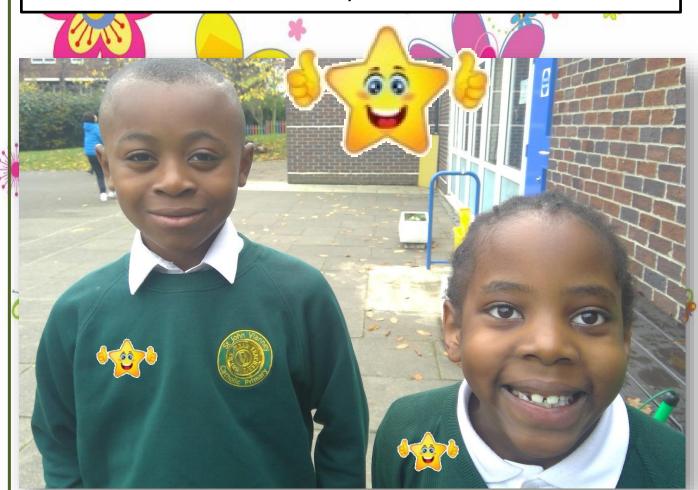


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I'd like to nominate B this week. He has demonstrated what it means to be an inspiring all-rounder and role model. He has worked hard to ensure accuracy in maths and gets excited about solving difficult word problems. I was also very proud to hear how mature he has been on the pitch this week. Well done Brian!

I would also like to nominate T. She is great to have in class. Always calm, kind and generous, no wonder she is doing so well at division - sharing comes naturally to her! I was also really impressed with her fantastic retelling of 'The Fate of Fausto' in Literacy.





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This week can I nominate A for his excellent work in Maths this week. He was able to recall multiplications facts very rapidly which helped him with his division work. I have been most impressed with his enthusiasm and focus throughout the lessons.

I would also like to nominate Z for his excellent attitude this week. He has shown that he has always been ready for learning and approaches his work with such pride. I particularly enjoyed reading through his sentences in about 'The Robin' in which he was able to use effective fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrase and conjunctions in his writing.





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I and K - their hard work in maths this week where they worked together to explain and master the formal method of long multiplication with increasing accuracy. Both girls showed patience, understanding and good listening. As a result they were able to support each other and check their answers together after working it out independently. Very good Maths partner work! Well done!:)





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B - for his efforts in filming his monologue this week. His commitment to character and for designing his own costume.

O - for his continued hard work this week. He listens carefully and always tries his best when completing his week.



