# School Newsletter

Edition: 183 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021 *"Everything we can be, with Christ in our hearts."* 



# You've got a Friend in me!

Reception Class were 'officially' welcomed into our SJV community today by Year 4. We held our 'Buddy' ceremony today and now our youngest troopers have a friend that they can rely on and play with in the coming years! Last year, we held this ceremony in different rooms, so it was lovely this year to be able to have our Year 4s and Reception class together, as it should be with your friends.

Despite Mr. McNicholas' 'outside broadcast' plans going a little skew at one point, it was lovely to see our children being together and starting friendships that are so special to this school. Take this feel-good warmth into the weekend, and we'll see you all on Monday! <u>CLICK HERE TO VIEW</u> *God bless, Mr. McNicholas* 



# **Nursery Places**

- January places available if your child turns 3 this Autumn
- Nursery application forms are now ready. Please email the

admin@st-johnvianney.Haringey.sch.uk to make an appointment to collect a form.



**Parents and Carers:** Please take the time to speak to your children about the issues and suggestions in the poster below. It is a great way for you to have open and honest conversations with your children about how they make sure they stay safe online.



Wow, it's September already! The month when autumn officially starts and ... oh yeah, the beginning of a new school year. Every cloud has a silver lining though! Another term means new friends to make, different stuff to learn, fresh online trends to jump on and exciting new games to play on your phone, computer or console. We've compiled a list of our top tips to ensure that – whether you're going online to chat, research things or just have fun – you can do it safely.

#### Be cautious with your profile

Be careful not to give out too much info on your social media or gaming profiles. Details like your full name, address or school's name could all help strangers to actually find you offline. A trusted adult can help you make your profiles private – so only your family and actual friends can contact you.

#### Lock your devices

Taking your phone or tablet to school? Turn password protection on. It keeps your private info safe and stops anyone accessing your device without permission. Passwords should be memorable to you – but difficult for anyone else to guess. Get a trusted adult to write it down in case you forget it!

### Be smart with screen time

Too much screen time, especially just before bed, can affect your quality of sleep. Losing sleep, or not sleeping well enough, messes with your concentration and energy levels. Try muting notifications so you don't get pinged late at night: you'll feel fresher and more focused the next day.

### Know how to deal with bullies

Sadly there are people online who enjoy picking on other users. If you ever feel like you're being buillied online – by anyone, not just someone from school – talk to a trusted adult about it. Together, you can discuss possible steps, such as blocking or reporting the person who's targeting you.

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### Manage online relationships wisely

Most people in a relationship chat to their partner online. Just be mindful that once you send a pic or message (even if it's private), you no longer control who else might see it. Messaging someone you've never actually met – and who might not be who they say – is definitely best avoided.



### React well to inappropriate content

When you're researching something online, there's always a chance of finding content that makes you feel uncomfortable or upset. If this happens, you can report it as inappropriate and (hopefully) get it taken down. Tell a trusted aduit what happened: they'll help you decide what to do next.

### Report offensive in-game chat

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If you game online with your mates, you'll know things can get competitive and heated on the in-game chat. Playing against people you don't know (especially if they're older) raises the risk of offensive comments and even threats. Our advice? Find out how to block or mute those bad losers.

#### Learn to spot Fake news

If you're looking into a topic for hormework or a project, be careful not to get taken in by fake news: content that's deliberately created to mislead people. Check the story with credible sources, like the BBC or Sky News. Trust your instincts, too – if it seems too unbelievable to be true, it's probably fake. NEWS

### Keep it 'real' with online friends

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\* Safety #WakeUpWednesday

Everyone enjoys adding friends and followers on social media. It's important, though, that the people you interact with online really are your friends. If they're just random people you've connected with to increase your contacts, you don't know if they could be trolls or buillies (or worse).

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# Year 6 Parents: Secondary school applications – online talks

The Deadline for Secondary School Applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October.

Haringey are running a series of online meetings to help parents and carers apply for secondary school places.

Each talk will last approximately 30 minutes and families can ask questions afterwards.

Parents and carers can join the talks by clicking on the links below at the scheduled time of the meetings. Make sure you read the <u>instructions</u> <u>on how to join</u> before the talk begins.

Wednesday 13 Oct, 4pm – join online (external link)

<u>Thursday 14 Oct, 6pm – join online (external link)</u>

Friday 22 Oct, 12pm – join online (external link)

Monday 25 Oct, 10am – join online (external link)

### **General Reminders**

- Absences: If your child is not in, for any reason, please make sure you call the office and let us know – we are spending a significant amount of office time 'chasing', which is wholly unnecessary
- Lost Property: PLEASE make sure you put your child's name on ALL items of clothing – the Lost Property is overflowing with 'anonymous' items

### **Covid Reminders**

If your chid has any of the three symptoms, they **must** isolate and get a PCR test.

They should not return to school until the PCR test has confirmed negative (even if they feel better the next day).

The most common symptoms associated with covid remain:

- A high temperature, or
- A new continuous cough or
- A loss of sense of smell

Please help us keep transmission in our community to an absolute minimum by supporting us in this matter.



### Friends - together (actually) at last!

Friends. Amigos. Companion. Compadre. Comrade. Besties. BFF...Buddy! Call it what you will, there was a lot of friendship in the air today as the Year 4 boys and girls ran the Buddy assembly, offering the hand of companionship and friendship to their lucky Reception counterparts. Each reception child received an SJV Prayer Book, which they can keep at home to remind themselves, whenever they pray, that they are part of something bigger. Something that is worth giving thanks for each time we share time with God.

Brilliant work from our Year 4 team for making our little ones so welcome!







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**Reception** meet their new **Year 4** Buddies!

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# School Life





Year 5 this week were on the D&T production line...making stuffed toys! Superb sewing skills!



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### **Reception:**

Well done Reception Class for another great learning week you have all worked so hard and continue to try your very best!

This week I would like to give **C** and **D** star of the week:

**D** - You have really persevered with your self-registration name writing. I was so impressed with how well you copied your name this week you are remembering to 'pinch that pen' and you are really trying hard to form your sounds well. Good job on writing your new sound 'd' this week:)

**C** - You are really trying hard to develop your talking skills. Even though English is not your first language it is so lovely to hear you answer the register and play with your friends. You are showing great determination it is lovely to have you as part of our class.









## Class 1:

This week the children in class one have been working on their writing skills and have really impressed the staff with their stories of "Room on a Broom". They have all worked so hard thinking about good sentences using the correct punctuation and the effort they have put in is amazing.

I would like to award the stars to: **G**, for her great thinking and trying to make her sentences more exciting and interesting. She was thinking of her own ideas to make the story even better. I would also like to give the star to **R**, this week I have seen a huge improvement in his work, he is getting faster and participating more in class and this has helped him to complete a wonderful story!









## Class 2:

Class 2 have worked really hard this week, especially with their retells of the story of the "The Frog Prince".

One child's writing has really stood out to me and that is **A**. Every day this week I have been blown away by her writing. She uses lots of exciting adjectives to describe and uses coordination to join two sentences together. You really are a mini author!

My second star of the week is **D**. Both myself and Mrs Dewar have been very impressed with his focus, determination and hard work. He has a real positive attitude to learning in Literacy and Maths, always striving to do the best he can. Well done!









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# Class 3:

Class 3 have been impressing many members of staff this week with their calm nature and good manners. Mrs Kavanagh went out of her way to tell me that their behaviour was exemplary when having lunch in the hall. Thank you Class 3. You have made me very proud.

My first star this week goes to **S** for working so hard and achieving one of his goals to become more organised. He is now helping others around him to have a tidy workspace and all the equipment needed for each lesson. Kind and organised! Life long skills Sebastian - well done.

I would also like to give a star to **S**. She has really impressed me with her ability to be reflective and sensitive towards people and situations. She is very generous of spirit and always celebrates the achievements of others. I was really touched this week by the beautiful prayer she wrote in RE thanking God for her lovely sister.









## Class 4:

I nominate **B** who has been excellent during our swimming lessons. She has shown she is a very calm, sensible girl and sets a good example to others. Mrs Kavanagh mentioned how impressed she was with Bryony's attitude and helpfulness every single Thursday. Well done! I nominate **G**. He has settled well into Class 4 and displays all the values of an excellent St John Vianney pupil. I have been impressed with his Math skills when adding 3 digit numbers together. He constantly shows a hardworking attitude towards his school work and as a result he is making good progress. Keep up the hard work!









## Class 5:

**M** - In writing M came up with some lovely sentences in our first week looking at informal diary writing. She showed that she could use simple, compound and complex sentences whilst also using colloquialisms, word contractions amongst other skills. Well done!

**C** - Our design and technology topic this half term has been designing and making a stuffed toy. He has listened attentively and quietly got on with the task in hand. Along the way he has shown an impressive skill set in the subject - particularly with his confidence, speed and accuracy in cutting and sewing. A very successful half term in D&T - well done!









# Class 6:

Well done to all of Year 6 this week, they have worked really hard and have been excellently behaved.

**E** - For her positive attitude and excellent work involving vocabulary. She is working more independently to work out the meaning of unfamiliar words. She will read around the text to help her and she will give an intelligent guess about the meaning of words. Well done!

**K** - For her fantastic work in maths this work. This understood the mathematical concepts that were being taught and she was able to complete some difficult division questions. She has showed an excellent attitude to learning this week. Well done!















