



St. John's RC Primary School

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Newsletter: Issue 8
Friday 21st April 2023

Head's News...

The 21st April is National Tea Drinking Day in England and after another busy week, our children and staff deserve a nice warm cup! The week's highlights would have to include our trip to the Ashmolean Museum that went off with much excitement and learning and celebrating our whole school Mass with Father John.

We have all admired our Muslim children fasting over the last month and their commitment to their faith and beliefs is an inspiration to us all. We wish our Muslim families a Blessed Eid!

The majority of the school intends to stay open during next weeks strike action, this may result in some disruption to learning on Thursday 27th, but we will endeavour to make the day as meaningful as possible. Our Nursery and Reception will be open as normal.

On Wednesday 26th, our children jet off to London to watch Matilda in a theatre at the West End. This is going to be an amazing day out and we wish them all the fun in the world!

Have a safe and lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

God Bless.

Mr Morton

Easter Reflection

Halleluia! All glory, praise and honour to You, Most Glorious Lord Jesus! You have risen from the grave, You have conquered sin and death, You have opened the gates to Heaven! Halleluia! All praise and honour to You, Most Glorious Lord Jesus!

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

A polite reminder that after school clubs run by school staff finish promptly at 4:15pm (unless otherwise stated). Persistently late collections will mean your child will not be able to attend the club. Thank you for your understanding.

HOUSE POINTS

The winning house this week is **FIRE** with a total of **189 points**. Excellent efforts!

ATTENDANCE FOR 27TH – 31ST MARCH

'Attend today, achieve tomorrow'

Early Years: 69% Year 1: 94% Year 2: 99%
Year 3: 92% Year 4: 90% Year 5: 98% Year 6: 95%

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Year 3's trip to The Ashmolean Museum



Our Year 3 class were immersed in all things Ancient Greece earlier this week when they visited The Ashmolean Museum. The trip kicked off their new history topic, offering opportunities to handle artefacts, learn about life in Ancient Greece as well as some of the many Gods and Goddesses they worshipped. The children behaved impeccably and were fully engaged in their experience!

Upcoming Birthdays

Theo EY
Ruvarashe Y2
Connie Y3
Jagoda Y4



Julianna Y4
Emilia Y5
Ruby-Mai Y6
Deividas Y6

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following pupils who received awards this week:

Reception: Maggie, Heron, Elvis

Year 1: Ethan, Irena, and the WHOLE CLASS!

Year 2: JP, Kevin, and the WHOLE CLASS!


Year 3: Marta, Macey-Rae, and the WHOLE CLASS!

Year 4: Nathan, Max, Holly, Zuzanna, the WHOLE CLASS!

Year 5: Sonny, Benjamin, Kacper

Year 6: Alice, Jacob, Ava



An exciting writing opportunity for KS1 children... 

Children in KS1 (Y1 and Y2) have been invited to take part in the 'Poetry Safari' competition. This is to create a love for poetry and allow the children to become engaged and confident writers.

To take part, the children are to create their own animal-inspired acrostic, riddle or sense poems. This can be of an animal of their choice - farm, a loved pet, Arctic animals, dinosaurs or African safari animals.

★ The 1st prize for our school is a Young Writers' Award of Excellence and a £100 Book Token, alongside the opportunity for the pupils to get their poem published in a real book! Other prizes include creative writing goody bags and certificates. ★

There are lots of free resources found on this website youngwriters.co.uk/competitions/KS1/safari23 to support the children in writing their own poems.

If your child wishes to enter their own poem, please return the 'Planning sheet and Entry Form' to Miss Page by Friday 12th May. 😊 These forms will come home with the children at the end of the day today.

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Key Dates

Monday 17 th April	New Term Starts
Wednesday 19 th April	Year 3 Trip Ashmolean Museum
Saturday 22 nd April	Sponsors' Mass Confirmation 4pm St. John's Church
Wednesday 26 th April	Matilda Theatre Trip
Monday 8 th May	King Charles' Coronation - SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 9 th May-Thursday 11 th May	KS2 SATs Tests
Friday 12 th May	Class Photos – all children in full school uniform
Saturday 13 th May	Holy Communion Preparation 4pm St. John's Church
Monday 16 th May-Thursday 18 th May	KS1 SATs Tests
Tuesday 23 rd May	Year 6 Confirmation 6:30pm St. John's Church
Friday 26 th May	End of Term
Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June MAY HALF TERM	
Monday 5 th June	New Term Starts
Monday 5 th June – Friday 16 th June	Year 4 Multiplication Testing Weeks
Monday 5 th June – Tuesday 6 th June	Year 4 Residential to Youlbury
Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th June	Phonics Screening Checks
Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th June	Year 6 Residential
Friday 16 th June	Fathers' Day Stall
Friday 16 th June	Year 1 Parents Meeting
Saturday 17 th June	Year 3 First Holy Communion St. John's Church 12:00pm
Monday 19 th – Tuesday 20 th	Year 5 Residential to Youlbury
Friday 23 rd June	Year 3 and 4 Bikeability Taster Sessions
Wednesday 28 th June	Matilda Theatre Trip
Monday 3 rd July – Thursday 6 th July	Year 6 Transition Week at BGN
Monday 3 rd July and Tuesday 4 th July	Year 6 Transition Days at Wykham Park School
Thursday 6 th July	EY and KS1 Trip
Friday 7 th July	KS2 Trip
Monday 10 th July and Tuesday 11 th July	Year 6 Transition Days at Warriner School



SAFEGUARDING

If you have concerns that a child may be in immediate danger, call the **police on 999** or **MASH on 0345 050 7666**.

If you have safeguarding concerns about a child or family, please do not hesitate to contact us on 01295 263740 and ask to speak to a member of the safeguarding team. Alternatively, you can email our DSL directly louise.kenny@st-johns-banbury.oxon.sch.uk