



Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022 Summer Term Issue 1

# NEWSLETTER

St John's Highbury Vale C. of E. Primary School

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The class with the best attendance  
at 99% was

**Year 3**



The class with the best punctuality and  
with 0 children late all week was

**Year 5 & Year 6**

## Punctuality

A reminder that the school gates do not open until 8.45am and that there will be no school adult in the playground until then. Please do not send children to school on their own before 8.45am.

Any child arriving late to school, after 9.15am, will be automatically recorded as having an unauthorised morning session.

Please do inform the school office if your child is going to be absent from school. You can do that via e-mail [admin@stjhv.islington.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stjhv.islington.sch.uk) at anytime or you can call on 02072264906 from 8am if you wish to speak to someone.

**Activity Clubs are starting next week Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September.**

## Happiness Project

The Happiness Project is a 12 week positive mental health initiative which will be delivered over the Autumn Term. The aim of the Happiness Project is to develop and embed understanding of ways to keep ourselves and others happy; to understand what happiness is for me and what makes me feel good. This is a whole school project consisting of ten themes based around the 'Action for Happiness' themes. Each week we will have an assembly, work in all classes, workshops, visitors and parent and staff workshops to teach children about positive mental health.

This week, we have looked at what is wellbeing and how to set up a routine which helps us to achieve our goals. We have used the Wellness wheel to understand different areas that make us feel happiness and fulfillment. We looked at our school's biblical reference *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Philippians 4:11-13)"* and tried to set up the goals that are right for us. We have looked at a weekly plan which helps us to learn to manage the balance of work and leisure, build/improve social connections and to learn self-care.

Please find a Wellness wheel attached and have a discussion at home.

### Wellness Wheel for kids and families





## Upcoming Free Parent Webinar

### How to Help Your Child Manage Big Feelings Tuesday 20th Sept 7:30 - 8:30pm

A 45 minute webinar followed by Q&A, exploring how to help your child when they experience 'big feelings'.

We will explore how these strategies help to build emotional resilience in your child, so they are ready to embrace mistakes and the inevitable ups and downs of life.

For parents of children of all ages.

More information: <https://www.rolemodels.me/in/webinar-sep-22>

Register here:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/3416564091687/WN\\_Gf7Qmaw\\_Quyw\\_6gG99IWjgw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/3416564091687/WN_Gf7Qmaw_Quyw_6gG99IWjgw)





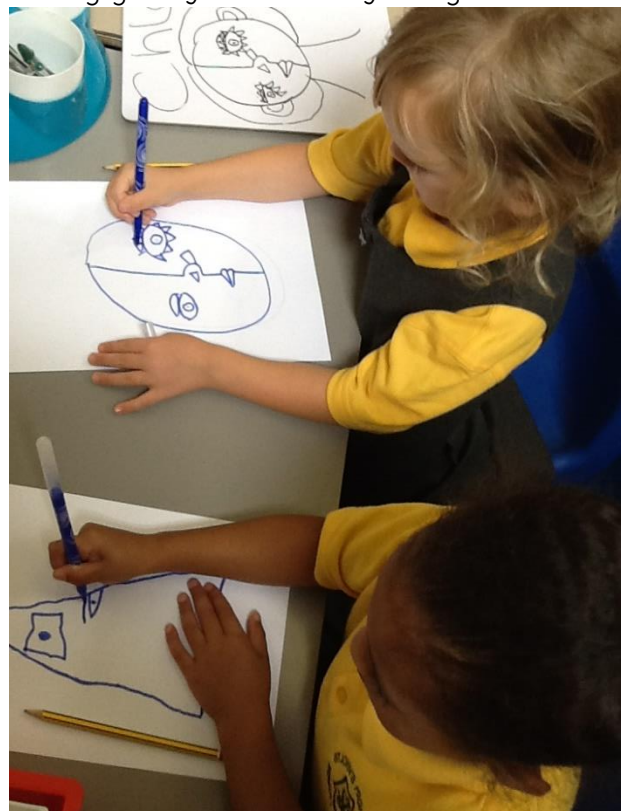
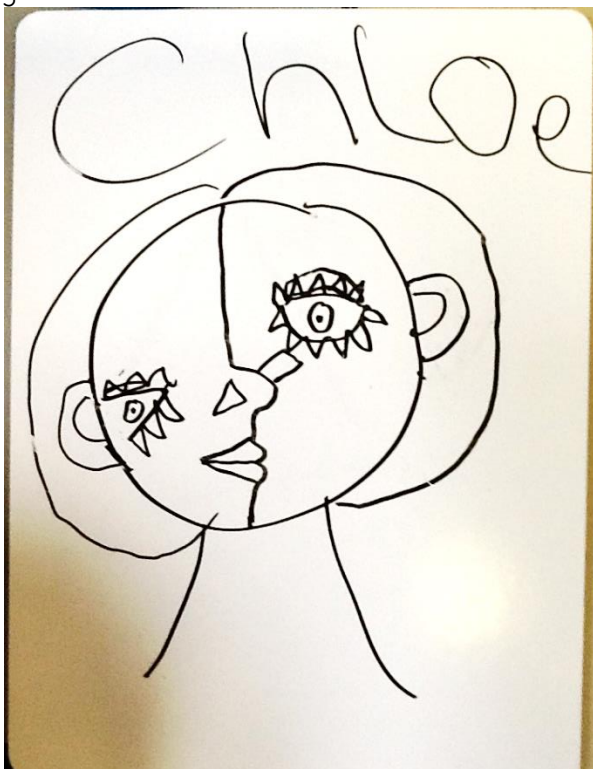
## Reception

We have had some of our new children in this week. They have enjoyed many independent learning activities with their new friends. Our pirate ship was very popular this week and the children enjoyed eating fruit outside.



## Year 1

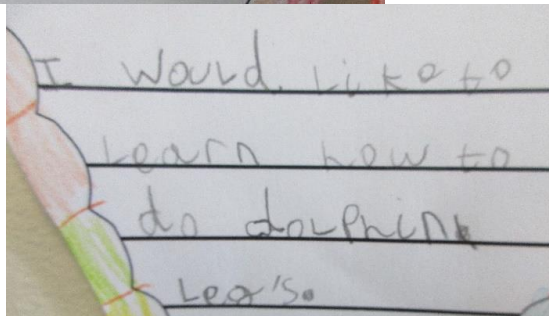
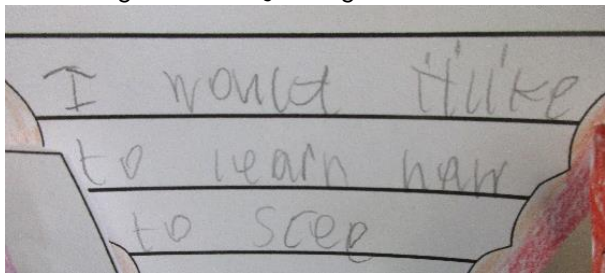
Year 1 have been learning how to draw self-portraits in the style of Picasso. They have had a lot of fun exploring different mediums in Art. They have also been setting goals for the end of the year. Our class goal is to learn how to tie our shoelaces.





## Year 2

In Year 2, we have been thinking about The Happiness Project and have thought about what we would like to achieve this year. Then we set ourselves a goal that we would like to achieve by the end of the year.



## Year 3

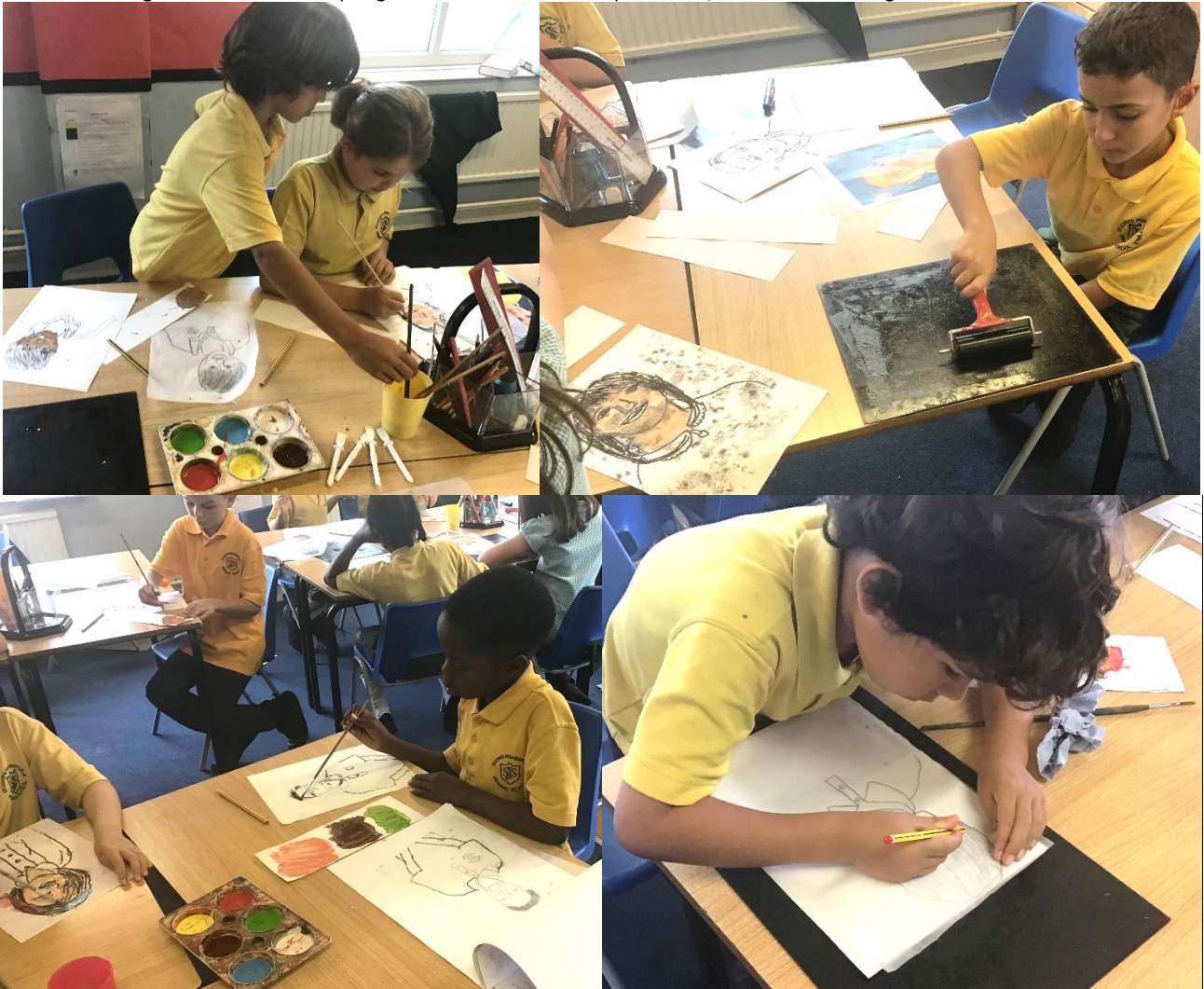
Year 3 has had such a great week this week settling into our new classroom. We have completed many different activities, like setting our goals for the year, writing our 'All About Me' books and working together to complete puzzles and challenging tasks. We spent a lot of time learning about Vincent Van Gogh and how he created his artwork. We learnt that he used oil paints and small brush strokes to create some of his famous pieces of art like Starry Night and his self-portraits. We then tried to paint using his technique to create our own self-portraits. We can't wait for our families to see them!





## Year 4

This week has been a fantastic start for Year 4. For our art project, we have been practicing art techniques inspired by Jenny Saville - including the transfer technique and layering colours using water. The children have worked very hard on their projects and should be proud of their amazing work!



## Year 5

This week we have been making this lovely book corner. We all took part in making one thing or another to create a beautiful under water scene.





## Year 6

The first week of Year 6 has been a lot of fun! We have had interesting conversations about our new, exciting responsibilities being at the top of the school. On Tuesday, we discussed our heritage and created 'Who I am' posters. Year 6 have a lot of imagination, we hope you enjoy reading a couple of our poems.



I am, inquisitive and athletic,  
I wonder, why I'm here,  
I hear, the sound of the childrens booming, questions  
all of them energetic,  
I see, the dancing plants of my future job,  
I want, to see a world where climate change is not a thing  
here,  
I am, inquisitive and athletic,  
I pretend, to solve huge plant questions and be  
surrounded by a great big cheer.  
I feel, elated when I think of me becoming a  
botanist,  
I touch, and stroke my beautiful plants,  
I am, inquisitive and athletic

By Dillon



I am calm and companionable,  
I wonder could the world be  
any better?  
I can hear the sound of cats  
purring,  
I imagine the vision of the  
sun starting to set,  
I wish upon a shooting star, that I  
could have three pets or more,  
I am calm and companionable,  
I pretend to talk to my friends  
whenever I'm lonely  
I am calm and companionable

Monika



I am affectionate and timid,  
I wonder if I'm intelligent or talk-  
ative.



I hear the chitter chatter of the birds  
chirping in the bushy, emerald trees,



I see a galloping giraffe tossing the  
pale, dry sand onto his ebony hooves.



I want to experience being a spiky,  
albino hedgehog crawling through the  
leafy paths and bushes.



I am affectionate and timid,  
I pretend I am a black panther leaping  
across the blank, puffy clouds.



I feel the atmosphere flashing past  
my closed eyes, spinning round and round,  
I touch the soft grass overflowing my  
feet.



I worry that my imagination will come  
to an end...

I am affectionate and timid.

by Lucy