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# NEWSLETTER

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

School Website: [www.stjhv.islington.sch.uk](http://www.stjhv.islington.sch.uk)

## St John's ventures – How you can help

STJHV currently receives a small income from renting out its facilities but we would like to increase this amount significantly. We are looking for someone (or some people) with a bit of entrepreneurial flair who could volunteer some time to research opportunities, advertise the facilities and negotiate with interested parties. There are companies that could do this for us, but the financial gain is greater if we can run it ourselves. With a few hours' time commitment, this is a tangible way you can help the school. If this is of interest to you, please email Paddy Robinson at [probinson@stjhv.islington.sch.uk](mailto:probinson@stjhv.islington.sch.uk)

## Class/Celebration Assemblies

As many of you are aware, we have combined class assemblies and celebration assemblies, which now take place on Friday mornings at 9.05am in the main hall. Although we have had a great response to this from parents, we are also aware that these assemblies are now lasting longer than class assemblies have previously. So if you are still to come to your child's class assembly this year, we are advising they will now last approximately 45 minutes.

## Voices of London

On Monday afternoon last week, Year 3 and Year 4 children took part in a singing workshop 'Ready, Steady, Sing!' for primary school children provided by Voices of London workshop in association with the National Youth Choirs of Great Britain.

The children absolutely sung their hearts out and were praised by the programme leaders for their enthusiasm and effort during the workshop. The afternoon concluded with an opportunity for groups to perform for each other and receive feedback from the festival team.

## Important Dates for July

- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July – Year 6 PGL Trip leaving from school at 1pm
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Year 5 Trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Return from PGL times to be confirmed
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Year 4 Shakespeare performance at Jackson Lane Theatre
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July – KS2 classes, parents meet your child's new teacher
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July – KS1 classes, parents meet your child's new teacher
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Whole School Sports Day at Finsbury Park
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6's leavers service in school – Year 6 parents only
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 leavers show 6.30pm start
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July – KS1 treat morning, trip to the cinema KS2 treat afternoon, trip to Clissold Park
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 leavers assembly
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July – school closes at 2pm

To keep up to date on Year 6 PGL activities please follow us on twitter @STJHV

## Recent Events

### Year 6 Orienteering



Some of our Year 6 students went off on an orienteering adventure last Thursday up in Highbury Fields. The children were given maps to use in order to find their way around the park and locate certain objects.

### Year 5 Bikeability

Over the past two weeks, Year 5 have been taking part in the bikeability scheme over the next two weeks. The children have been working towards their level 2 cycling proficiency. So far we've had some great successes, even getting some groups over to Clissold Park.



### FOSJ Summer Social

Another brilliantly organised and extremely successful summer social happened on Friday evening.

There was a huge turnout of around four hundred people, who in total raised just shy of £1400 before gift aid contributions. Thank you so much to all who came and a MASSIVE thank you to all involved in the organising and running of the event.



## Recent Events

### Year 2 Mini Olympics

Some of our Year 2 children took part in a Mini Olympics on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June, a very exciting event and great opportunity for KS1 pupils!

The children really enjoyed the afternoon, and feedback from the organisers were that they certainly felt there was lots of energy and excitement for the activities, even if standing long jump turned out to be a bit too much. The final standings revealed St John's Highbury Vale finished in 5<sup>th</sup> place out of a 11 teams with a total of 3645 points. The winning team gathering 5640 points. Well done to Year 2!



### Year 5 Town Hall Planning Workshop



As part of London Career Festival, Indigo Planning Company came into school to work with Year 5 on town planning. The children used Lego in the workshop to design and place buildings across the imaginary town which they marked out on large planning boards.

Thank you very much to Claire Tunley for connecting us with Indigo Planning.