

# NEWSLETTER

St John's Highbury Vale CE Primary School



The class with the best attendance at 99.3% was Year 2.



The classes with the best punctuality, with 0 lates all week, were Year 3 and Year 5.

This week's attendance	
Reception	96.6%
Year 1	93.7%
Year 2	99.3%
Year 3	97.4%
Year 4	94%
Year 5	95%
Year 6	97.9%

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Rec:Theo and Cairo  
Y1: Sam and Francesca  
Y2: Leah and Oliver  
Y3: Callum and  
Delilah  
Y4: Nathan and Taliah  
Y5: Immy and Aaron  
Y6: Brandon and Ari

REC: Isla  
Y2: Gaia  
Y3: Ellie and Pearl  
Y4: Hannah  
Y5 : Sam

# Reception News



This week, at Forest School, we learned about the fire triangle.

To start a fire, you need oxygen, heat, and fuel.

We used kindling for fuel, a flint and steel fire starter to create heat and the wind provided the oxygen.

It took a little while but we did it!



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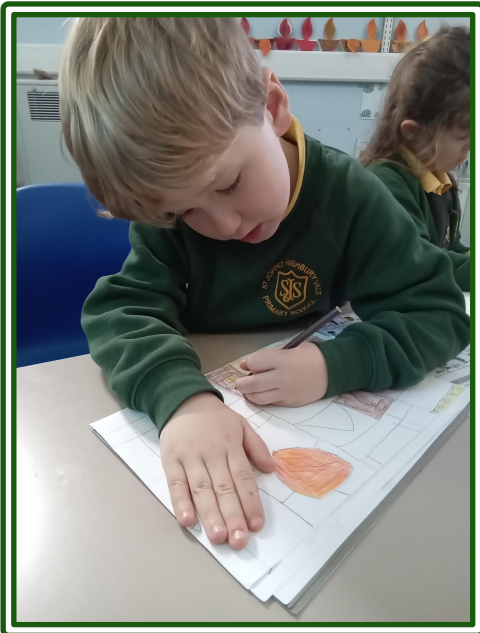




# Year 1 News



This week in Art we have been using Paul Klee as inspiration to create our own abstract art. We used his piece of work called 'Castle and the Sun' to recreate our own version. We really enjoyed being creative and using lots of colour and shapes!



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# Year 2 News



This week in Religious Education, the children performed a conscience alley. We learnt about the Jewish festival Yom Kippur, which is a day of atonement and saying sorry. We listened to the story of Jonah and the whale, and created a conscience alley to help Jonah decide if to listen to God or not.



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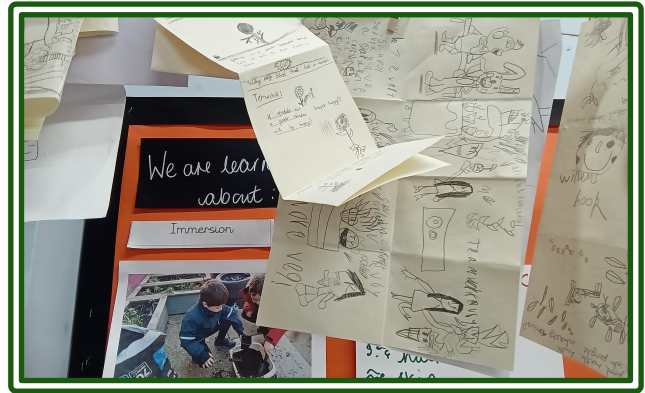
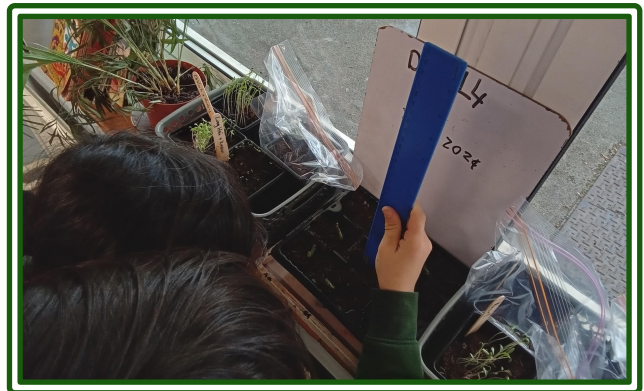
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# Year 3 News



We've started doing persuasive writing about why every school should have a garden. To help us prepare, we've planted our broad beans into pots, thought about how gardening can help us feel calm and drawn maps of our dream garden. We also got to meet the new empathy dog and started learning our 8 times table. What a week!



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# Year 4 News



This week in Year 4, we had a lovely visit from Miep - the therapy dog - along with her sister, Iolanthe! We were given some good advice on how to interact with dogs, as well as some fun facts about Miep - including what she eats, how old she is, her favourite park to visit and what she likes to play with at home. The children did an amazing job at being calm and quiet in order to make sure the dogs felt safe and comfortable when visiting the classroom. Big thank you to Robert for bringing in Miep and Iolanthe to see us.



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# Year 5 News



Another extremely busy week for Year 5 this week! A trip on Monday to our partner school, St Paul's, where we took part in some workshops on gangs and weapons. Lots of progress reading our class book, 'The Other Side of Truth', a great deal of maths learning, continuing with short division, and below are our exploits beginning to learn how to use ipads to record video by using different framing techniques such as 'Close up, Long Shots, Side by sides and high, mid and low shots'.



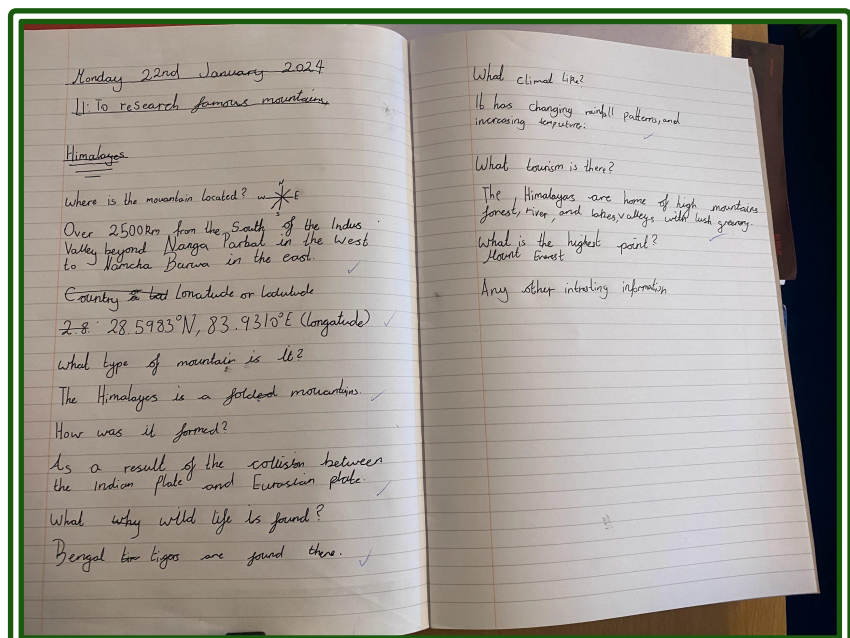
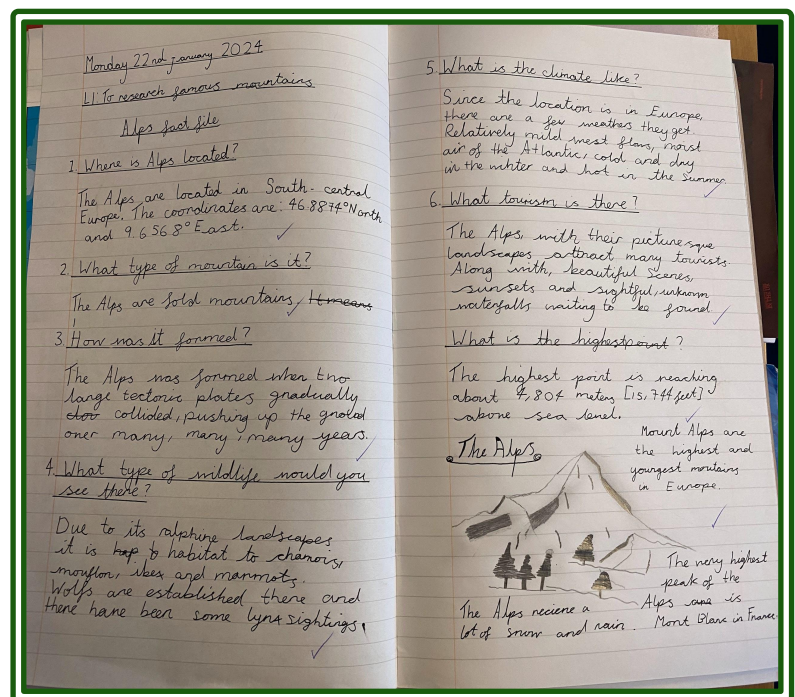
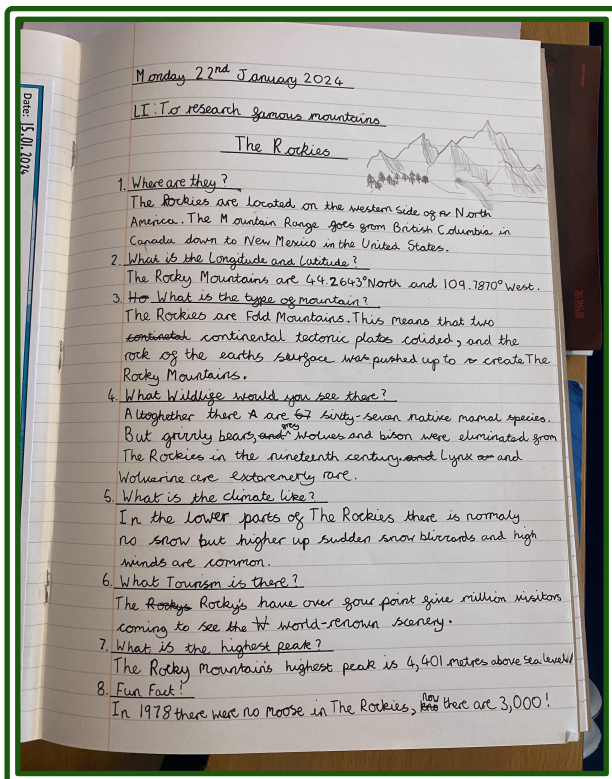
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# Year 6 News

This term, Year 6 are looking at mountains in Geography. This week we spent time being mountain detectives and researching different mountains. We found out where they are located, how they were formed and some really interesting facts! Have a look at our amazing work!



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# Sports



Today, children from year 5&6 competed in the Islington Primary Dodgeball Competition. It was visible that St John's have a passion for Dodgeball and we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. Overall we played 10 games and won all 10 matches, finishing the day in 1st place. Well done everyone!



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# Number Day



Friday 2nd February is Number Day. We will be 'Dressing up as Digits' to fundraise for the NSPCC. Children and staff can wear an item of clothing with a number on it and make a donation. Try and be creative and design a unique t-shirt, hat or even become a human-sized calculator or dice! No sports tops please.

Number  
Day 2024



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# Attendance Matters

A photograph of a group of school children in white polo shirts, laughing and holding books. An orange speech bubble is overlaid on the image.

**"THIS MORNING,  
SHE WAS WORRIED  
ABOUT SCHOOL...  
BUT LOOK AT HER  
NOW!"**

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

 HM Government  
Head to the Education Hub to find out more.





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# February Half Term Camp

A poster for the February Half Term Camp. It features a central graphic with three overlapping circles labeled 'CODING' (white), 'SCIENCE' (pink), and 'FUN FINANCE' (orange). To the left, a hand holds a tablet displaying a space-themed app. Below this, text reads: 'FEBRUARY HALF TERM CAMP for kids aged 5-11 9am to 5pm 12-16TH FEB GRASMERE PRIMARY SCHOOL ALBION ROAD N16 9PD'. To the right, a child is shown at a table with a speech bubble saying 'childcare vouchers welcome'. Below the circles, two children wear colorful masks, and a coin with a drawing of a person is shown.

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for kids aged 5-11  
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**OoberKids Republic™**

childcare vouchers welcome

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# February Half Term Camp



## THE ELMS ACTIVITY CAMPS

St. John's Highbury Vale School, Conewood Street, Islington, London N5 1DL

### OUR CAMPS

Superb holiday activity camps – offering wonderful, safe and action-packed camps throughout the year.

### OPEN TO

All children aged 5-12 years

### TIMES

9.00am - 4.00pm

### ACTIVITIES/SPORTS

- Art
- Athletics
- Basketball
- Board Games
- Camp Games
- Dodgeball
- Football
- Golf
- Hockey
- Kwik Cricket
- Netball
- Parachute Games
- Reading
- Tag Rugby
- Tennis
- Tournaments

Please visit our website for full details and a timetable of the sports available at each of our camps.

### EQUIPMENT

All equipment will be supplied for each and every child.

### WHAT TO WEAR

Comfortable sports clothing (including a light waterproof jacket, if required).

### WHAT TO BRING

A healthy snack, packed lunch and a drink in a refillable container. Please note, on hot days, sun cream should be applied, before Camp.

### EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT

Book and pay by the 'EB' date stated, to qualify for the reduced Early Bird price.

### SIBLING DISCOUNT

1<sup>st</sup> child pays full price, subsequent siblings attending the same day/s, will receive a 20% discount (telephone bookings only).

### NHS DISCOUNT

£17.00 per day\*

Please call The Elms to make your booking. Proof of your NHS ID will be required, to qualify for this discount.

### CAMP DATES 2024

Feb Half Term: (EB 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb)	12 <sup>th</sup> Feb - 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Easter: (EB 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar)	Wk 1: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Apr - 5 <sup>th</sup> Apr (4 days) Wk 2: 8 <sup>th</sup> Apr - 12 <sup>th</sup> Apr
Whitsun: (EB 17 <sup>th</sup> May)	28 <sup>th</sup> May - 31 <sup>st</sup> May (4 days)
Summer: (EB 12 <sup>th</sup> Jul)	Wk 1: 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jul - 26 <sup>th</sup> Jul Wk 2: 29 <sup>th</sup> Jul - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug Wk 3: 5 <sup>th</sup> Aug - 9 <sup>th</sup> Aug Wk 4: 12 <sup>th</sup> Aug - 16 <sup>th</sup> Aug Wk 5: 19 <sup>th</sup> Aug - 23 <sup>rd</sup> Aug Wk 6: 27 <sup>th</sup> Aug - 30 <sup>th</sup> Aug (4 days)
Oct Half Term: (EB 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct)	28 <sup>th</sup> Oct - 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov

### COST

Number of days (within the same week)	EARLY BIRD PRICE (per day)	REGULAR PRICE (per day)
1 day	£32	£34
2 days	£31	
3 days	£30	
4 days	£29	
5 days	£28	

Camps will only proceed if a minimum of 15 children book - parents will be informed of any cancellation, with a minimum notice period of 7 days. Cancellation Policy: We will require 7 days notice for a full refund and a minimum of 24 hours notice for your booking to be moved to an alternative date/credit on account. \*Please note, the NHS discount of £17.00 per day CANNOT be used in conjunction with any other offer/discount.



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