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NEWSLETTER

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

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Attendance and Punctuality

As part of our focus on attendance and punctuality, we have launched two new incentives to encourage the children to take an active part in their responsibility to get to school. The class with the best attendance for the week gets an additional 15 minutes playtime. The class with the least amount of lates over the week gets an additional 15 minutes free time on the I-pads or Chromebooks, at the discretion of their teacher.



The class with the best attendance last week at 88.3% was ...

Year 1



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

Year 6 & 4

Healthy Schools

This year, we are trying hard to gain the Healthy Schools Award. This is an award we have previously held but have failed to maintain. Our school House captains are on a mission to help ensure the foods we eat in school are healthy and environmentally friendly. We have noticed a marked improvement in Birthday treats that have been given out. With parents and children opting for popcorn, fruit winders, fruit kebabs and raisins to name a few. We would like to thank you all for making those changes. In recent discussions with FOSJ, we have also now made a conscious effort to change the name of our cake sales to snack sales. Again, we are aware that some year groups have really made an effort to change what is being sold to our children. We are encouraging all classes to be more open and creative with the sales; moving away from the high sugar, high fat treats and snacks that have previously been sold. House captains will be also looking further into school lunches and packed lunches to make sure both

London Fire Brigade

London Fire Brigade visited year 2 and Year 5 last week, where they spoke to the children about safety in the home. Whilst here, they also asked the school to pass on the message to all parents that the LFB are now visiting homes for free to fit fire alarms and to carry out fire safety checks. To make an appointment with London Fire Brigade you can either call or text 07860021319 alternatively visit smokealarms@london-fire.gov.uk

Car Idling

Last year, Islington council came into the school playground to speak to parents regarding car idling outside of the school at drop off and pick up. There were a number of cars reported as parked illegally outside of the school on both parents evenings this week, with their engines running, and again complaints were made. Please can we ask that you refrain from doing this, as not only is it detrimental to the car's engine, it wastes petrol and is also a known cause of environmental damage. Our children are also exposed to the fumes the cars give off at these times.

of them are the healthiest they can be for our children.

Recent News

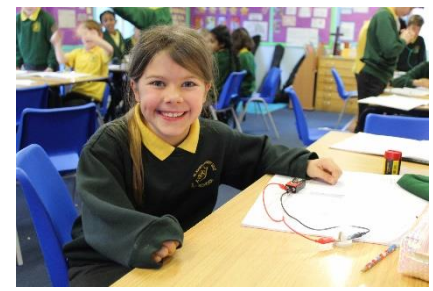
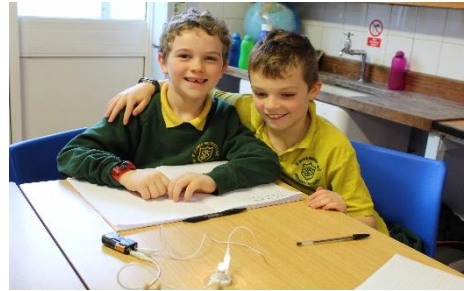
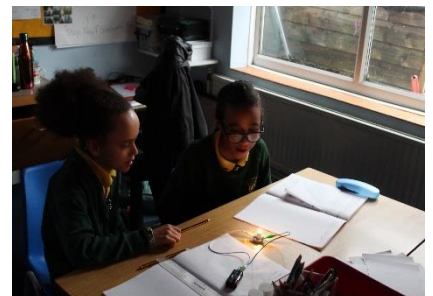
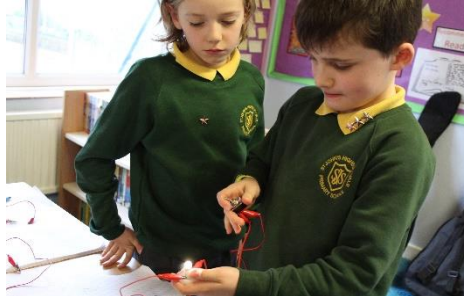
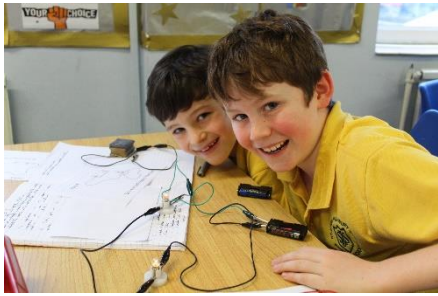
Last Thursday, the **School Choir** attended the Young Voices concert at the O2. This is an annual event for St John's choir and an amazing evening for all. Our school was one of 150 schools, and over 8,000 children, who all came together to put on a spectacular performance.



Our **House Captains** also were out on a trip last week to St Andrew's Barnsbury Primary School. As part of the deanery parliament, they gathered with other House Captains and School council members from the other Church of England schools in Islington. The children worked with the Parliament Education Team, who carried out a workshop looking at the House of Lords, the roles of MP's and the voting system.



In **Year 4** this week, the children have been exploring electricity and circuits. They have been experimenting to see what components are needed in a circuit for it to work, and looking at objects that are conductors or insulators. The children made predictions and tested them to see if they were correct.



Notice from Elizabeth House

We are delighted to be launching a new activity for families with children under 5: Lunch & Play sessions will be an opportunity for families with young children to meet each other, but also to learn to cook on a small budget and share a hot meal together.

We would be so grateful if you could inform families, whom you think would benefit. This activity is aimed at families on low income, or could be affected by food insecurity and social isolation.

Thank you for your support in making sure that families who need it the most know about our Lunch & Play, starting **Friday 24 January at 11 am** (see information on next page).

Elizabeth House Community Centre
2 Hurlock Street
London N5 1ED



COOK it UP

Lunch and Play

Fridays 11 am to 1 pm

Term times only

Starts **Friday 24 January 2020**

Cook, Meet, Eat & Play!

Join us for a healthy lunch at 12 noon.
Come a little earlier to play,
make new friends and find out about
your community

*Create recipes and meal menus that you can
try at home with friends and family*

*Eating, tasty, seasonally available
and healthy food on a low budget!*

*Take time to meet your neighbours and families living
in your area and have fun cooking up ideas*

*Enjoy exploring, sharing and
eating different types of food*

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