



Friday 24th February 2023 Summer Term Issue 20

NEWSLETTER

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

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The class with the best attendance
at 98.8% was

Year 4



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

Year 1 & Year 6

Premier League Primary Stars Football Tournament

On Thursday, boys from Year 5/6 took part in the Premier League Primary Stars Football Tournament at Market Road. This was a huge tournament with lots of participation, 22 schools attended and our school didn't disappoint. After a tough penalty shoot out in the Semi Finals, we finished in 4th place. The boys had a wonderful day with plenty of football. Well done all!



Please ensure your Parentpay account is up to date and all outstanding balances are paid.

No Breakfast Club or Kidz Club bookings will be accepted if there are outstanding balances on Parentpay.

Breakfast Club is £3.50 and Kidz Club is £9 per session. If you are experiencing financial difficulties you are invited to write in confidence to the Head of School, or have a conversation in person, as we may be able to offer the service at a reduced rate. Thank you.

Children's Mental Health Week

On the last week before half term, it was Children's Mental Health Week. We had an assembly, different activities in the classrooms and a special non-uniform day on Friday – Dress to Express.

We, as a community, took part in Place2Be's fundraising project to support the mental health of children and young people throughout the UK. Their aim is that every child should have easy access to mental health support whenever they need it.

All together we raised **£197.71**. Many thanks for your support!



Reception

We have been learning about Dr Sally Ride. Sally Ride was the first American woman and youngest astronaut to fly in space. She looked for ways to help women and girls who wanted to study science and mathematics. Sally was passionate about encouraging children, particularly girls, to pursue interests in science, technology, engineering and maths. Sally wanted to use her fame to help promote equality and inclusion for all in STEM. This led her to start up a science company called Sally Ride Science. She created study programmes for girls and boys to inspire future careers in STEM. Since her death, the organisation has continued her work.

Look at our fantastic art work.



Year 1

Year 1 had an exciting workshop this week all about the seasons and different weather. Their enthusiasm for learning helped the guest scientist to hatch the baby science machine. Well done Year 1!

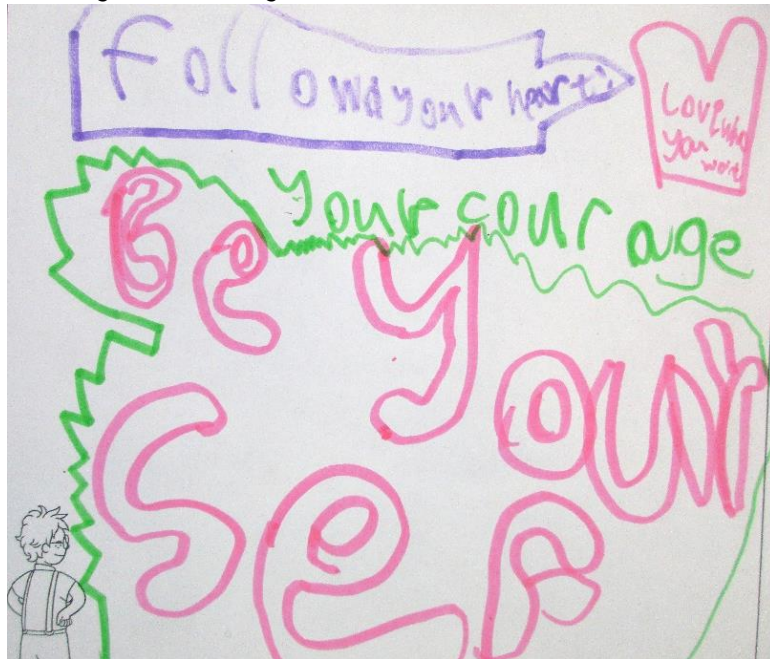
We also started to learn about Palm Sunday and created palm leaves with messages for Jesus on them.



Year 2

February is LGBTQAI+ month. To celebrate, Year 2 learned about a very brave woman from the past, called Catherine Duleep Singh. People were unkind to Catherine because of the colour of her skin and because her partner was a woman. Catherine was brave and she spoke out because she wanted people to be treated fairly.

We made posters to encourage people to be brave, to speak out and to love anyone that they choose to love.



In the past, women were not allowed to vote.

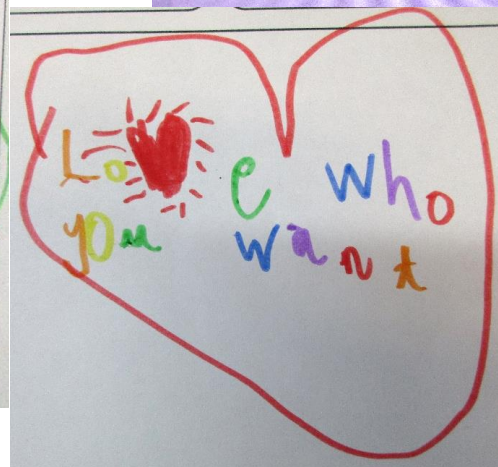
Catherine knew that it was unfair that she could not vote.



People were unkind to Catherine because her partner was a woman.

She wanted things to change.

Have you ever done something brave?



On Friday 3rd of March, we have an author is coming to read his book to Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children

"ONE MORE TRY"

ONE MORE TRY

Available to purchase on [amazon.co.uk](https://www.amazon.co.uk)



A story about a father teaching his little girl how to ride her bike without stabilisers.



SCAN ME

Please check this out! <https://amzn.eu/d/iutA4n7>

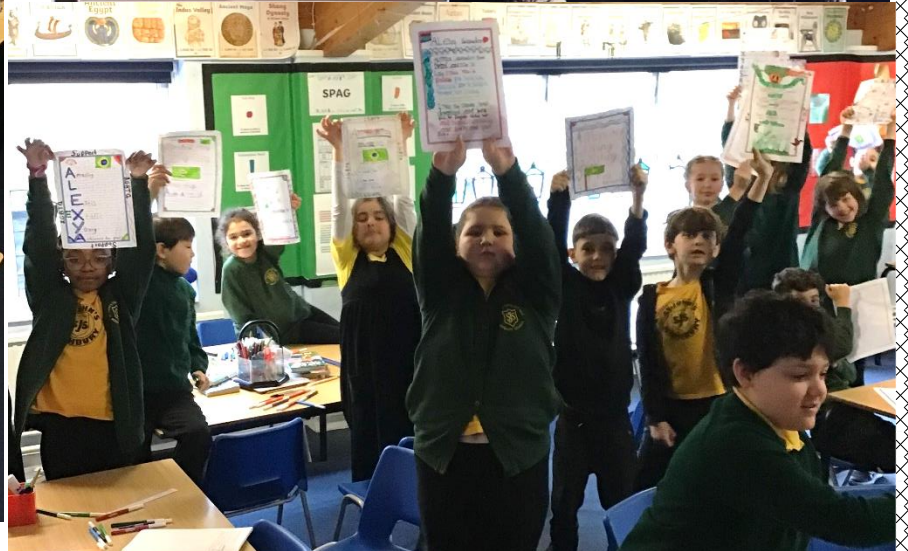
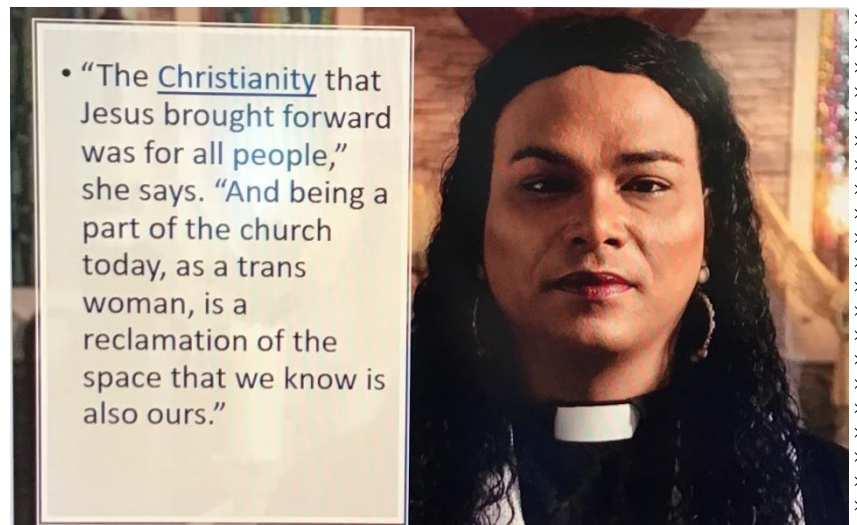
Year 3

In Year 3, we have celebrated LGBTQAI+ history month by discussing how the Roman Empire treated same gender relationships. We learnt about the positive outlook Romans had towards same-sex marriage and looked at some examples like Emperor Nero's allowance of same- sex marriage and Emperor Hadrian's relationships with men. We then discussed how this makes us feel and why it is good to learn about the history of the LGBTQAI+ community.



Year 4

In Year 4, we have been learning about Alexya Salvador, who is the first transgender reverend in Latin America. The children wrote poetry to celebrate Alexya, as well as embrace being proud of who they are.



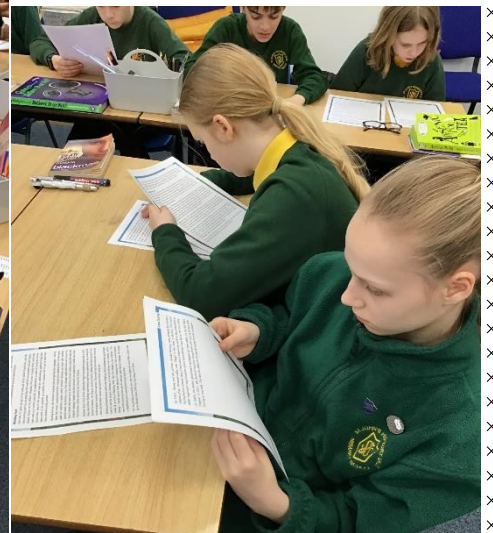
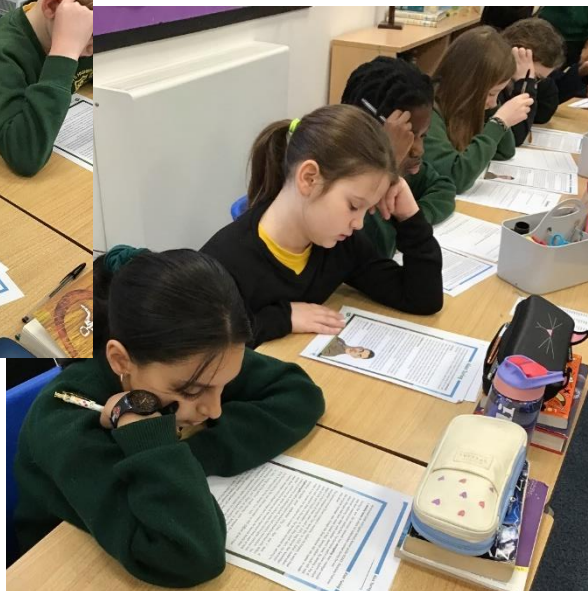
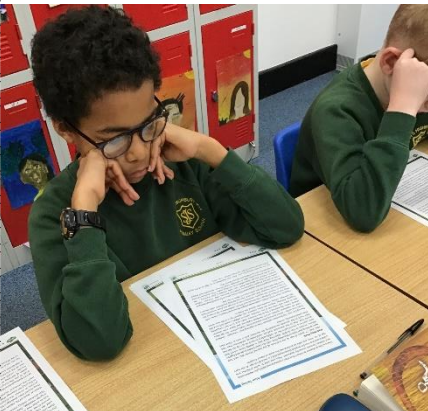
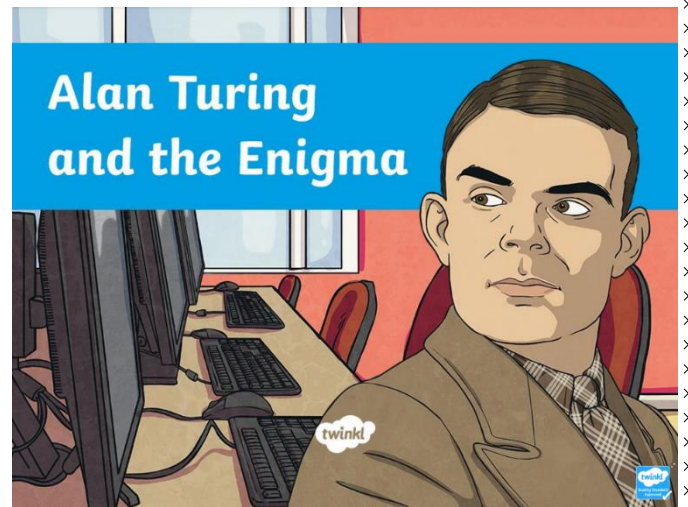
Year 5

To celebrate LGBTQ+ history month, Year 5 learned about Princess Seraphina - England's first drag queen. We designed drag style makeup and discussed the importance of being able to express yourself without judgement.



Year 6

While practising our reading comprehension skills this week, we spent some time learning about Alan Turing, a British Hero and pioneer of Computer science. He developed the Universal Turing Machine, which was the basis for the very first computer and used to crack Enigma and help the allies win WWII. He was also a gay man, who was persecuted for his beliefs at a time when homosexuality was illegal and is viewed by many as an LGBTQ+ hero.



Understanding and managing sleep in primary school aged children

ONLINE WORKSHOP

For parents and carers of children aged 4-11 years!

The workshop aims to explain:

- why sleep is important
- how much sleep children need
- sleep hygiene, bedtime routines, common problems and helpful strategies.

20.03.23

18:00 – 19:30

FREE REGISTRATION!

Sign up via our eventbrite link:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/understanding-and-managing-sleep-in-primary-school-aged-children-tickets-488552883827>

Delivered by Islington's Children's Wellbeing Practitioners

