



Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023 Summer Term Issue 21

# NEWSLETTER

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

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The class with the best attendance  
at 98% was

Reception



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

Year 4

## Book Fair at St Johns!

The Book Fair has arrived at St John's! Purchases will run every morning and afternoon until next Thursday (9th March).



We still need some parent helpers to sell the books in the morning from 8:45-9 and 3:30-4 in the afternoon (we need at least 2-4 volunteers for each slot). Please contact school office for more details.

## Improving Pupil Attendance

Good attendance at school is the single most important factor in ensuring that children and young people have the best opportunities in adult life.

Parents/carers have a legal duty to make sure their child receives a suitable education. If a child is registered at a school, they must, by law, attend that school regularly and punctually. Children should only miss school if they are ill or unable to attend for some other unavoidable reason.

If child is unwell, please contact school office to update. If your child is unwell for a few days, you have to update the school every day. Please find the link for the parental guide for [Minor illnesses and school attendance](#)

For more information about pupil attendance and how parents/carers can help their child to have good attendance, please check [Improving Pupil Attendance in Islington: The Role of Parents/Carers](#).

If you have any questions or need any help from school, please contact us and then we can work together.

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



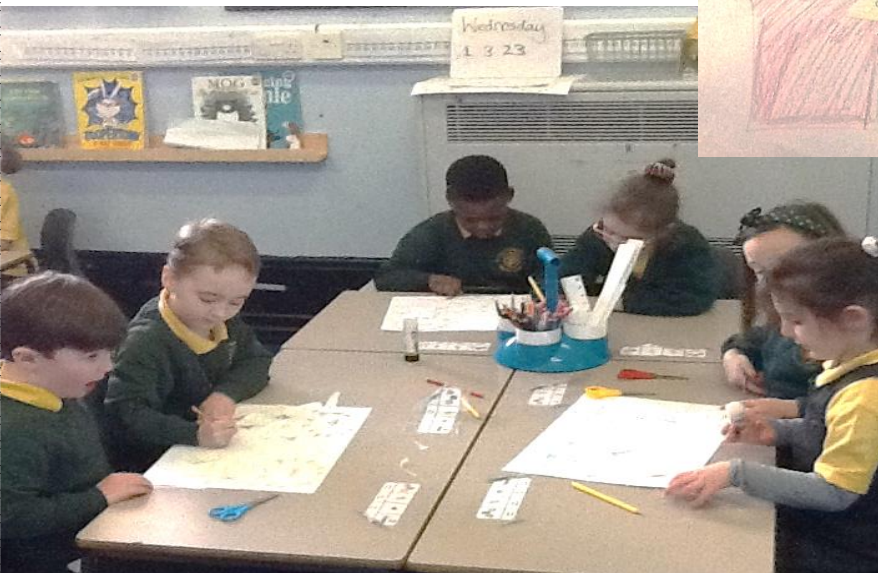
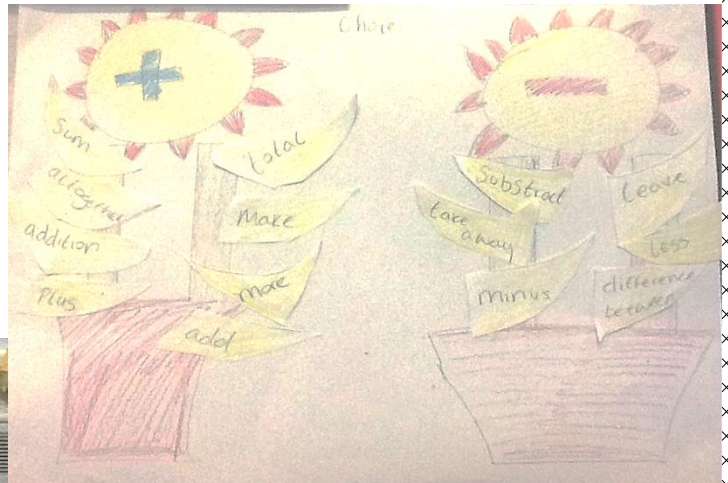
## Reception

This week, we have been thinking about our experiences with the sea. We talked about what the water is like and what we would find in the sea. We also looked at different types of shells and made some wonderful observational drawings.



## Year 1

This week, we have been learning about subtraction by going back to 10. Next, we will be learning how to understand word problems. We made maths vocabulary flowers to support our understanding. We had a lot of fun incorporating our cutting skills and creativity when creating our maths flowers.





## Year 2

Year 2 have been continuing to explore measurement. This week we focused on mass. We used balance scales and digital scales to measure mass in grams and kilograms.



On Friday 3rd of March, we had an author 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**

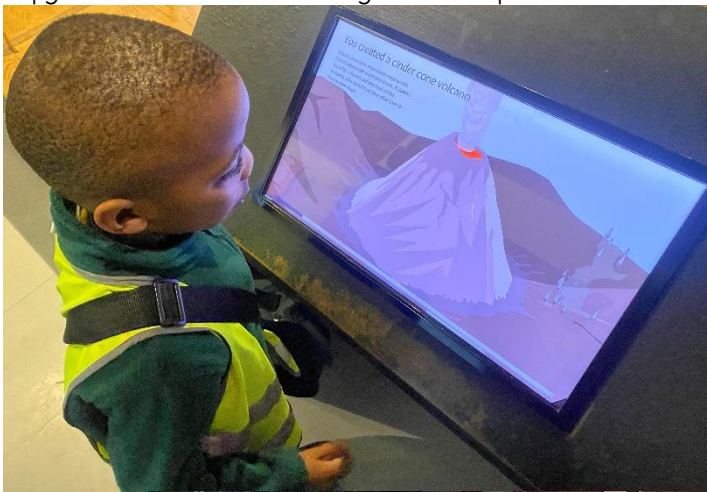
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### Year 3

This week, Year 3 went on a trip to the Natural History Museum. We explored the volcanoes and earthquakes exhibit and watched a fantastic Emergency! Volcanoes and earthquakes show. We had an amazing time learning about volcanoes, earthquakes and tectonic plates. We went on an earthquake simulator and experienced what an earthquake would actually feel like.

Our show taught us about what happens when a volcano erupts. We also had the opportunity to explore more of the museum, including the creepy crawlies room. Thank you to the parents who volunteered to come with us!





## Year 4

Year 4 have completed their DT project. They have made light boxes using cardboard boxes. They decorated the box, and used acrylic paint pens to decorate laminating sheets for the light to shine through. I'm sure you'll agree they look fantastic!



## Year 5

In Science this week, Year 5 have started learning about Earth and Space. We created a scaled model of the solar system using fruit. Fun fact: The sun would be the size of four big umbrellas! We then used toilet roll to represent the distance of each planet from the sun (1 sheet of toilet roll = 100 million km).





## Year 6

This week, we had a visit from the NSPCC, who discussed with us in greater detail the forms of abuse that children around the country can face in their lives and to equip us with the tools we need to deal with it! They reminded us that we can call Childline for any reason, including sharing good news!"





# 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>

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