



Friday 23rd April 2021 Spring Term Issue 27

NEWSLETTER

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

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The class with the best attendance at 100 % was

Reception



The class with the best punctuality last week and with 2 children late all week was ...

Year 6

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the Easter holidays. I hope you all had a lovely break and enjoyed the sunshine. It has been lovely chatting to children this week about what they got up to over the holidays. After carrying out a lot of assessments last term, teachers are feeling confident in their knowledge of now understanding where your children's learning currently is after the last lockdown. They have worked hard to ensure their planning is addressing any gaps in learning identified and will be working very hard this term to try and close any gaps which have become apparent. We will continue to monitor the mental health and well-being of the children, to make sure we are supporting all of their needs.

Best wishes,

Mrs Lindsey Hodgson
Interim Head of School



PARENTS EVENING

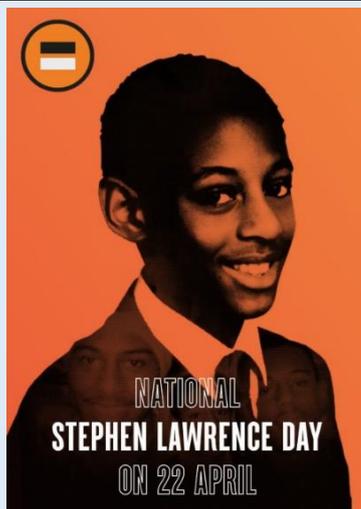
Parents evening will be held on

Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th May

this term, and the booking slots will become available from Monday, 26th April until 3rd May. You will get a separate email with all the details of how to book it.

Welcome back

A huge welcome back to Mrs Sime this week from maternity leave. She is returning to work part-time to support in Reception Class on Thursdays and Fridays. This does mean sadly we are saying goodbye to Mr Thomas who has been covering various roles in school, through a supply role, since last year.



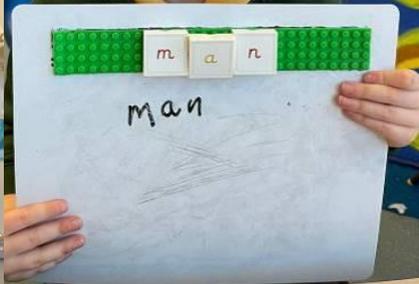
Yesterday, April 22nd, was **Stephen Lawrence Day**. This day was created by the Stephen Lawrence Foundation as a celebration of his life and legacy. It exists "to inspire a more equal, inclusive society, and to foster opportunities for marginalised young people in the UK".

Stephen's mother, Baroness Lawrence, said: "The events of 2020 – George Floyd's death and the subsequent resurgence of the Black Lives Matter movement, along with societal inequalities exposed and exacerbated by Covid, has made us reflect how we engage with our communities. ...I want Stephen Lawrence Day to be a reflective learning experience, and a celebration and journey toward a greater equality and inclusion for all.

At St. John's, we marked this poignant day through age appropriate lessons, discussions and activities in each class.

Reception

Reception Class have had great fun using the Duplo blocks to practise their spelling and writing. They have also loved making signs for our vet role play area and safari.



Year 1

Year 1 have had an amazing first week back at school. We were lucky enough to cook with Judy which was something we missed during lockdown. In celebration of Easter, we baked Hot Cross Buns.



Year 2

In Year 2 we have been thinking about measurement and have been exploring the resources that we can use to help us.



Year 3

This week Year 3 have been studying the book 'The Great Kapok Tree'. We have written a letter to persuade a man to refrain from cutting down the kapok tree, which resides in the Amazon rainforest. Did you know the Amazon rainforest produces 20% of the world's oxygen?

Thursday 22nd April 2021

LI: To write a persuasive letter.

Dear Senhor,

Please don't chop down this marvellous, spectacular tree because my beautiful, grazy, grazy children will have nowhere to sleep my poor, poor children boo hoo hoo!

If you chop down this tree you will come back and back for more. Soon the rain forest will be a dry and desolat place with no trees and the earth will loose 20% of its oxygen! Do you really want to chop down this tree?

Don't listen to your yellow man He doesn't know what he's meddling with! This tree has been in my family for generations and generations and it has loads of memories stored inside it! Do you really want to destroy all of my memories?

Sincerely, Jimmy the sloth

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LI: To write a persuasive letter

Olá Ssenhor,

I am ssssam the snake. I hope you are cutting down this marvellous maracular tree... please don't. My family and friends will suffer without this tree. Where will we find are good? Where will we live?! All our labours are there!

This tree is the biggest tree in the world so if you cut it down it will have to grow all again! Also if you cut down this tree you will end up cutting down all the trees and the you will end up having 20% less of - clean air!

For many years my family and friends are tired hard to make this tree beautiful. Do you want to ruin a lifetime work?????

Warm regards Ssam the snake

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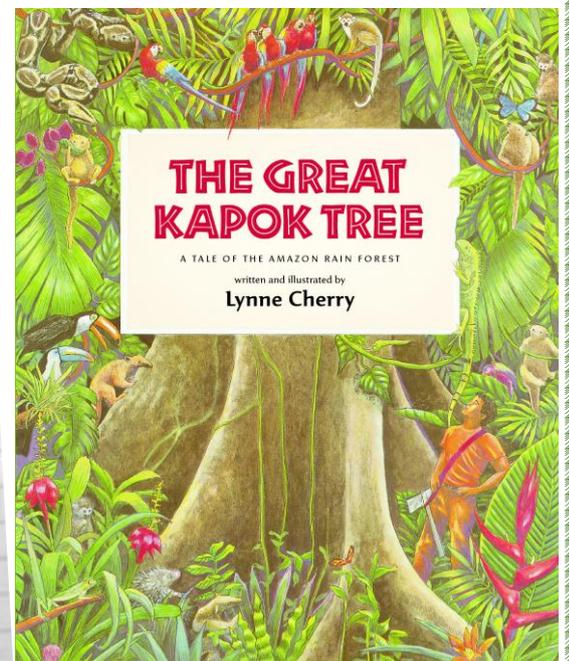
I want to talk to you very badly Senhor very badly but first let me introduce myself: I am Rally the Box constrictor.

I have alot of friends on this beautiful Kapok Tree since I became vegetarian. A lot of them are Bee's, who work hard for living. They have A thousand Bee hives on this great kapok tree.

My family and I have Lived in this tree for YEARS! Do you get your food out of thin air or do you work for it? Well I work for it. loads of trees produce food. Did you know that 20% of earths oxygen from this Rainforest? Well now you do.

I Rally get fresh air food and drink from this tree and around it. It is a billion tree. Do you want to destroy memory?

Sincerely, Rally



Year 4

Year 4 have thoroughly enjoyed their first week of the summer term. The children have been working super hard on fractions. This term, the children are looking closely at the use of plastic in the world with our new class book 'One Plastic Bag' by Miranda Paul.



Year 5

After two weeks off, it has been great to see everyone back and so enthusiastic for the coming term. A real highlight was our drama performances, where we re-enacted the opening scenes from our new English text 'Wolf Brother'. There were amazing performances from all the students, but special mention to this group who really stood out for their creative interpretation of the text!



Year 6

Just before half term you saw Year 6 learning about mountains. We learnt about the different types of mountains and we went on to designing and making our own. Here are the final steps of the process - we had a great time painting them and adding the finishing touches.

