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# NEWSLETTER

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

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The class with the best attendance  
at 97.8 % was

**Year 3**



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

**Year 3**

## Beat the Street

Wow, what an achievement! St Johns Highbury Vale you have absolutely smashed the streets!! Last Wednesday we were at 260,460 and we had set a school target to hit 300,000 points. We actually reached 424,470 points and finished in 1st place with a 266,500 point cushion from 2nd place. We would like to say a huge thank you and well done to all that have been active collecting points, whether you walked, scooted, ran or cycled; every point/ journey has impacted our overall school result. We have thoroughly enjoyed the game and how it's brought our school community closer together. We have a number of staff, children and family members who managed to finish in the top 20. This is a huge achievement; well done!





# Congratulations!

## Schools - Total Points

- 1st - St John's Highbury Vale CoFE Primary School
- 2nd - Canonbury Primary School
- 3rd - Thornhill Primary School
- 4th - St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
- 5th - Ambler Primary School and Children's Centre
- 6th - Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

## Community & Workplace Teams - Total Points

- 1st - North Islington Nursery School
- 2nd - Barnard APG
- 3rd - Fairer Together South
- 4th - RoseBowl
- 5th - Health and Wellbeing Team Team
- 6th - Fairer Together Central

## Small Teams - Total Points

- 1st - Charterhouse Sq School

## Charity - Total Points

- 1st - Freightliners Farm
- 2nd - Garden Classroom
- 3rd - Access to Sports

## Schools - Average Points

- 1st - St John's Highbury Vale CoFE Primary School
- 2nd - Drayton Park Primary School
- 3rd - St Mary Magdalene Academy
- 4th - Hanover Primary School
- 5th - Canonbury Primary School
- 6th - Thornhill Primary School

## Community & Workplace Teams - Average Points

- 1st - North Islington Nursery School
- 2nd - Barnard APG
- 3rd - Fairer Together South
- 4th - Health and Wellbeing Team Team
- 5th - Rosebowl
- 6th - Fairer Together Central

## Individual Leaderboard

- 1st - AnthonyC







# National Children's Gardening Week

28th May - 5th June 2022



## Take Part In Our School Competition!

### About The Competition

This year's National Children's Gardening Week we want your school to make as many grass caterpillars as you possibly can! Get all the kids involved in this cheap and easy activity and win some awesome prizes! All you need to compete in this competition is:

- Old tights or stockings (not opaque – grass needs to grow through them)
- Fast-growing grass seed, sawdust or compost
- Plant trays
- Rubber bands
- Pipe cleaners and googly eyes.

Make sure you have a space for them to grow in peace as they are easily scared!

### How To Enter

Entering is easy, all you need to do is grow as many caterpillars as you can as a school. Be careful, they must all be longer than a standard 15cm ruler. Once you're all done, take a picture with all of the caterpillars and fill out our form on the website with your details and the number of caterpillars: [childrensgardeningweek.co.uk/school-competition-2022](http://childrensgardeningweek.co.uk/school-competition-2022)

**All entries must be in by the end of the day on the 20th May 2022.**

We will announce the winners on Facebook [@nationalchildrensgardeningweek](https://www.facebook.com/nationalchildrensgardeningweek) so give the page a follow and the winners will be announced within 28 days of the competition closure. Just after the school holidays!

### PRIZES

- 1st place:** £500 School Gardening Success Plan + £200 of National Garden Gift Vouchers!  
**2nd place:** £200 of National Garden Gift Vouchers + 5 interactive solitary beehives and guides!  
**3rd place:** £100 of National Garden Gift Vouchers!  
**3 Best Looking Entries:** £50 of National Garden Gift Vouchers!  
**First 10 Entries:** £10 National Garden Gift Vouchers!  
**1 Random Entry:** A Willow Wand for every pupil!



[childrensgardeningweek.co.uk/school-competition-2022](http://childrensgardeningweek.co.uk/school-competition-2022)

It is National Gardening week 28th May-5th June.

This year's National Children's Gardening Week school competition requires you to grow grass caterpillars.

These must be in line with the following guidelines: the caterpillars must be at least 15cm long and must have sprouted grass.

They need to be decorated by the children and brought into school by Wednesday 18th May so we can take photos of them and send the entry off in time. Please find the instructions for growing them below.

## Instructions



1. Cut off each leg, and toe end of the tights.
2. Tie a tight knot in one end of the tights.
3. Fill the tights with the sawdust, compost or a mixture, to create the body for your caterpillar. Make sure the tights are filled and keep filling to your desired length.
4. On the inside of the tights, sprinkle grass seed along one side of the caterpillar, then tie a knot in the end.
5. Now that you have made the main body for your caterpillar, wrap rubber bands or string around the body to create sections.
6. Add your googly eyes, legs and antennae to the caterpillar using the pipe cleaners.
7. Lay the caterpillar in a tray with shallow water, so that the sawdust soaks it up. When the caterpillar is watered, remove it from water and place it in a dry plant tray.
8. Place your caterpillar on the windowsill and remember to water your caterpillar once or twice a week.
9. As the grass seed grows it will poke through the tights, making a hairy caterpillar.





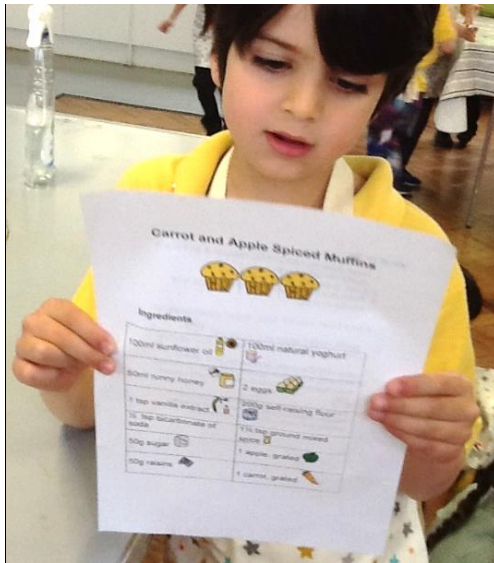
## Reception

Reception class made their own superhero cityscapes inspired by Van Gough's starry night using collage, crayon and pastels.



## Year 1

Last week, Year 1 made carrot and apple spiced muffins with Judy. We looked at the difference between fruit and vegetables (linked to our science work on plants), we had a go at reading the recipe ourselves and read numbers on the scales to help us measure. Our muffins were delicious! Some of us even had a go at making them again at home.





## Year 2

Year two children have been developing their control, strength and balance through yoga in their PE lessons.



## Year 3

Year 3 have been very excited about our times table races. Some of us have already got up to Bronze B and we can't wait to carry on with our challenge and become multiplication masters!





## Year 4

This week, Year 4 have started learning about money; they have been learning about estimating and giving change. Year 4 calculated how much money they would need to purchase items from receipts. They were able to gain some confidence with financial literacy concepts and have some fun!



## Year 5

The children have been investigating materials and properties during Science lessons. They have been making predictions; experimenting with materials; discussing material properties and interpreting their results. Well done!



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Cap 2	82 c	64 c	54 c	46 c	41 c
Cap 3	82 c	68 c	52 c	45 c	40 c



Our class book this half term is Tales from the Caribbean. As part of our English lessons, we practised our research skills to gather information about one of the countries in the Caribbean and made notes. After that, we turned those notes into paragraphs following the features of a non-chronological report. Finally, we used our creativity to present this information in an appealing way for the reader. We learnt a lot about the country and we enjoyed using our artistic skills.

