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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 last week at 99.5% was

Year 1



**Please arrive to school on time**

Lateness has a huge impact on the running of the school day and on your child's learning. Please arrive at school promptly each morning.

## Third Week of Term

Dear Parents and Carers, thank you everyone who attended the virtual parent consultations this week. Despite some technical issues, the SchoolCloud system ran reasonably smoothly and most of you were able to have a video call with your child's class teacher. Those of you who ran into technical difficulties and had issues with your internet connection, should have been offered a phone consultation at a later date. Please contact the school office if you were not offered the opportunity to reschedule your appointment. Thank you for your patience and understanding. Wishing you all a restful weekend.  
Mrs Shaw, Head of School

## Changes to Drop off and Pick Up Times

To assist families in Reception pick up siblings in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6, the Reception pick up time will move from 3.30pm to 3.25pm. Please pick up children in Reception first. In the morning, children in Year 3, 4, 5, and 6 can be dropped off at 8.55am.

In order to reduce congestion on Conewood Street, the gates for Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 will open at 8.55am. Please arrive at school from 8.55am- 9.00am and drop your child off straight away. Please do not congregate on the street and ensure that you comply with social distancing regulations. This helps to set a good example for the children.

## Meaningful Minds at St John's

Next week, Meaningful Minds, a service to give extra support for the emotional well-being of the children, will starting again at St John's. This service is for children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Meaningful minds motivates students to embrace positive attitudes and improve their academic and emotional development. It can enable the children to reflect, and find resolutions to their problems. They also offer emotional support in dealing with any anxieties that may arise due to the current pandemic.

The 15-minute sessions take place in the lunch hour on a Monday and will be facilitated by a practitioner with over a decade of experience delivering the programme. Children can self-refer and can attend on their own or in groups of up to four. Different bubble groups will be allocated alternate Mondays. Please refer to the letter sent out by the school office for more information.

## Recent Events

Take a look at all of the wonderful learning that has been happening at school this week!

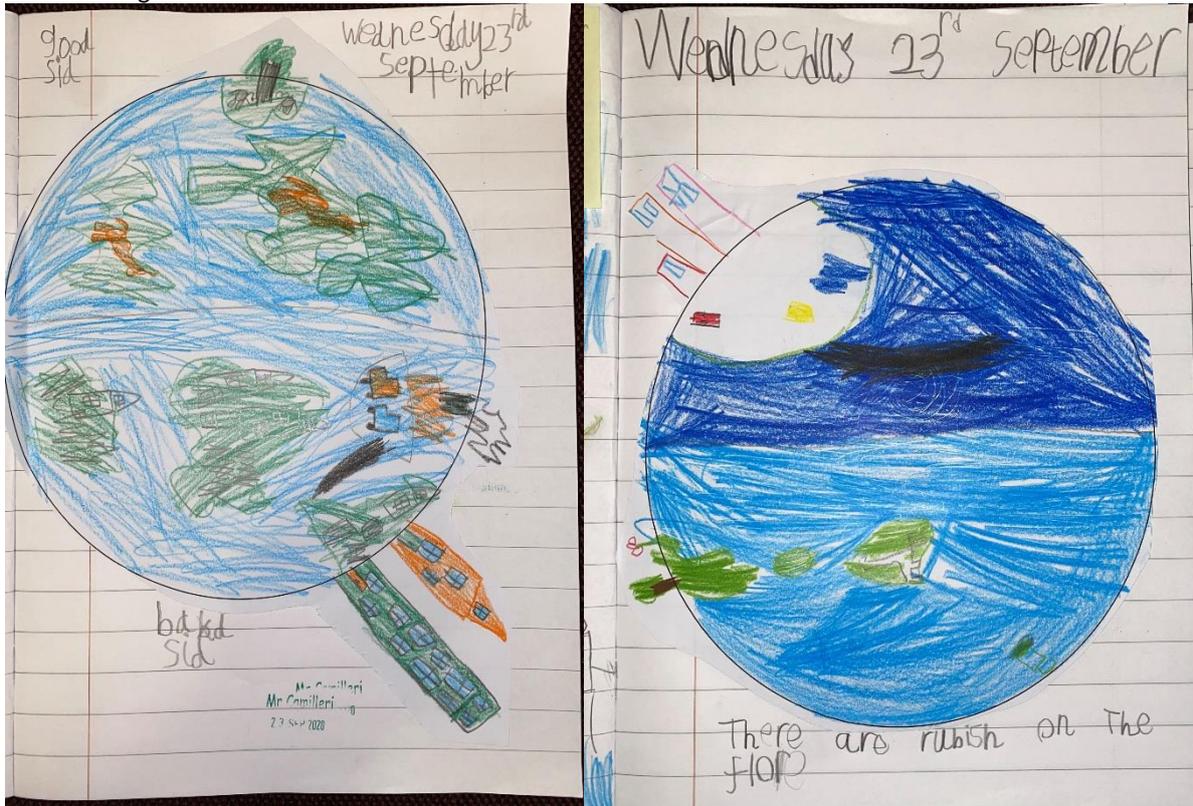
### Reception

We would like to say a big well done to all of the children for completing their first week in Reception. They have all done really well and tried really hard! Here they all are enjoying their lunch!



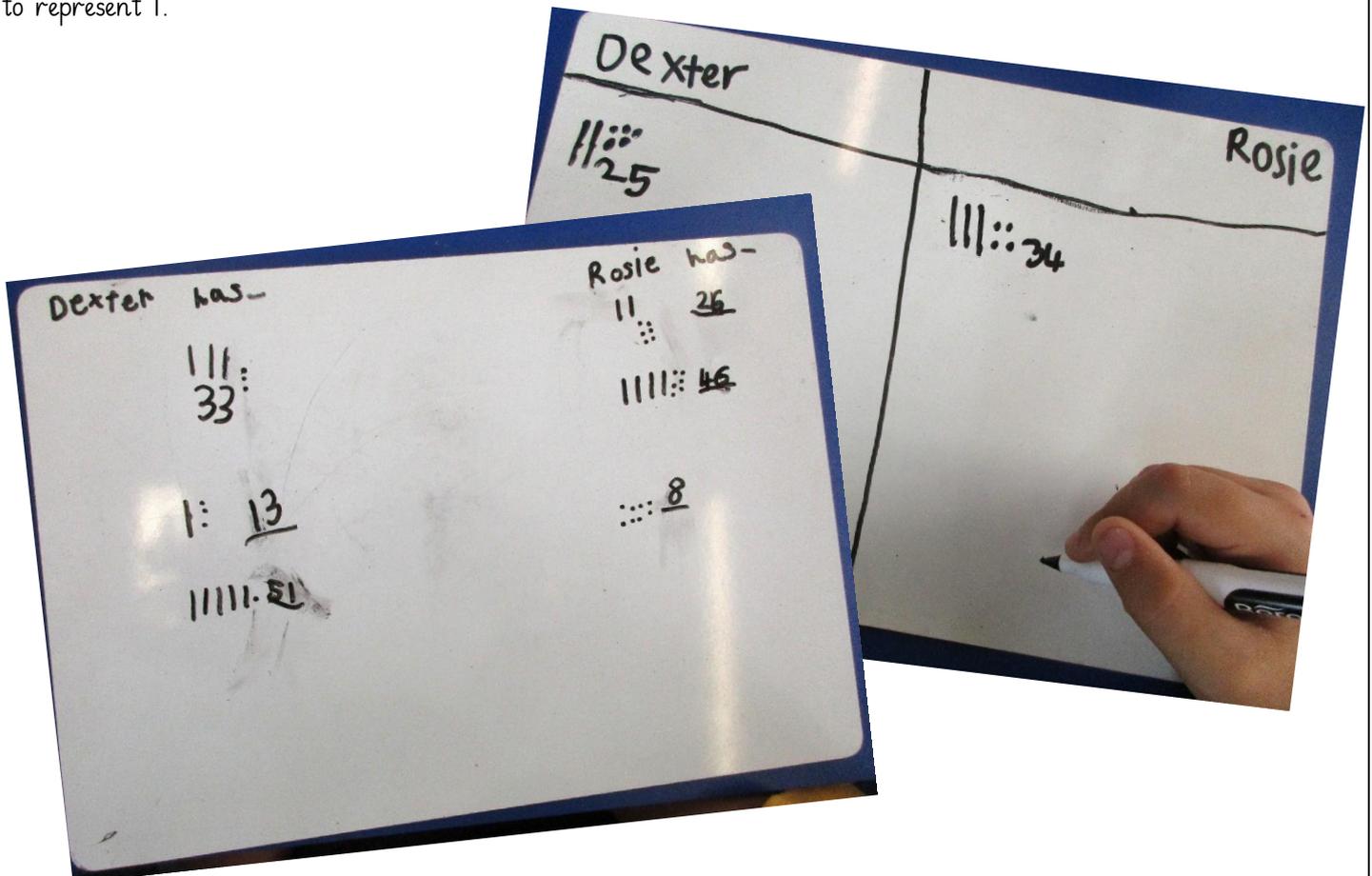
## Year 1

Year 1 have been learning about the creation story and how God intended creation to be for us. They discussed what it looked like when God created the world and how it looks now. They then drew pictures to show what they were discussing.



## Year 2

Year 2 have been learning to represent numbers in different ways. We used a line to represent 10 and a dot to represent 1.



## Year 3

In Literacy we have been learning about Ug, a boy who lived in the Stone Age. This week we invented our own games that we think Ug might play using materials only available in the Stone Age, then we presented our ideas to the class.

In History we learnt about timelines, and sorted our own timeline of the prehistoric ages.



## Year 4

Children in Year 4 worked together to produce a creative silent role play for our current class text 'I was a rat! or The Scarlet Slippers' by Phillip Pullman. They used body language and expression to demonstrate to their peers the events that have occurred so far in the text. Well done, Year 4!



## Year 5

Year 5 are currently studying the miracles of Jesus and, this week, we've been having fun trying to recreate the miracle of Jesus turning water in to wine at the wedding in Canaan. As you can see, Mr. Rudd didn't quite manage wine, but he did manage Apple and Blackcurrant squash!



## Year 6

In Year 6 we had a great time creating art work around our topic WW2. Our focus for the art was evacuation.

