

NEWSLETTER

St John's Highbury Vale CE Primary School



The class with the best attendance at 99.3% was Year 2.



The class with the best punctuality with children on time all week was Year 2.



REC: Amelie and Oliver
Y1: Mikhail and whole class
Y2: Sadie Rose and Woody
Y3: Mark and Kason
Y4: Nathan and Sophia
Y5: Holly and Aaron
Y6: Jesse and Barnaby

Rec: Octavia
Y1: Elsa
Y2: Georgia
Y3: Delilah and
Ethan
Y4: Favour
Y5: Andreas
Y6: Etta and
Maggie



Reception News



This week Reception class attended our first forest school session. We met the team and explored some of the activities, like the mud kitchen, hammock and rope support.

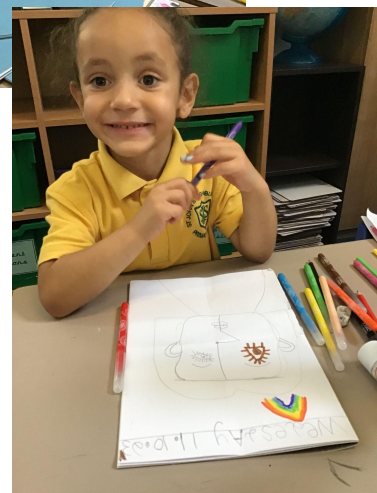




Year 1 News



This week, we started creating our very own versions of Cubism Portraits! We had a look at Pablo Picasso's artwork which inspired us with ideas for our own. Here are some of our awesome pieces of art that we have begun creating.





Year 2 News



This week we followed instructions to make paper lanterns for Laszlo (the main character of The Dark). We then wrote our own instructions using time conjunctions, imperative verbs and noun phrases.





Year 3 News



On World Mental Health Day we thought about ways to find our calm. As well as breathing and mindful colouring, we took some time out to use the calming tools. Excitingly, in maths we have been learning about pictograms. We did a class survey to decide our new table names. We chose mythical creatures. Look out for dragons in year 3!

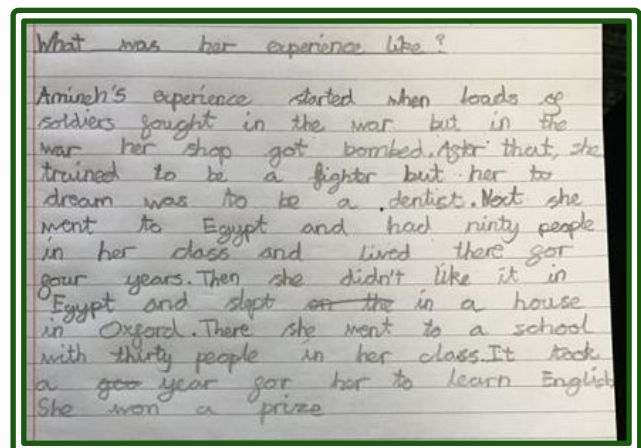
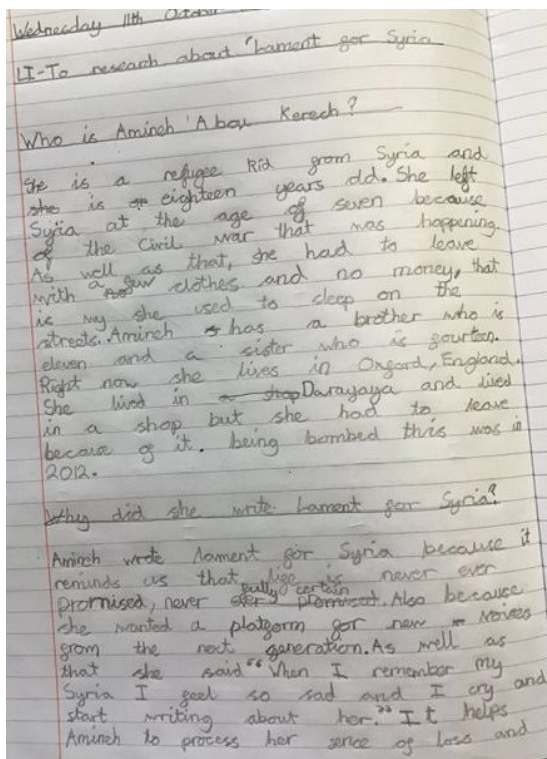




Year 4 News



In Year 4 we have been doing research on the poet Amineh Abou Kerech - particularly on her poem 'Lament for Syria'. We have learned a lot about her experience as a refugee, and we are beginning to analyse her beautiful poem so that we can use it to inspire our own poetry writing next week.





Year 5 News



This week Year 5 wrote newspaper articles about the ending scene of The Adventures of Odysseus. They used journalistic language and direct speech to explain the story from the 3rd person. Well done Year 5! Below are a few examples of their excellent outcomes.

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MAULING MAN SLAYS SUITORS

An old man kills suitors and wins Queen Penelope's competition to see whom she would wed

by E.Maarouf

Yesterday evening, the Queen's suitors were dining on fine food when an old beggar entered the feasting hall. He passed from table to table with outstretched arms begging for food. One witness informed us that the suitors taunted the old man by pouring wine

competition where the suitors would try to string the arrow through the bow and loose it through the hoops of twelve ceremonial axes and whoever comes the closest Penelope would wed. As the old beggar observed the suitors try however nobody even came close. A witness claims to remember this sentence "I was an archer in my youth I might be able to regain some of my skill." the suitors replied "a nobody like



skill." However he allowed the old man to try and believe it or not he succeeded. He smirked at the suitors who gaped googly-eyed at him.



Elias M

DEATH VISITS ODYSSEUS' DOOR

Late last night, an old beggar came into Odysseus' feasting hall to beg for food. He was helpless for the suitors hurt him. Penelope, challenged the suitors to shoot an arrow through 12 axe handles. None could do it so the beggar had a try and did it, then the beggar murdered the crowd of suitors with Prince Telemachus. The old man was none other than the lost king Odysseus.

Earlier that afternoon, an old beggar came into Odysseus' grand feasting hall where he begged hopelessly.

All of the suitors laughed at him and mocked him as the old man went from table to table asking for food. Witnesses say that the suitors poured wine on his head and struck him with the shinbone of an ox.

Apparently, all the commotion stopped as soon as Queen Penelope came downstairs from her bedchamber. The nursemaid commented that "my lovely Penelope, was going to challenge those foolish men to shoot an arrow through 12 ceremonial axe handles but not on could do it."



Imogen L

Old man attacks suitors! Old man attacks suitors with bow Old man murders suitors with bow by Mike

Yesterday, at 11.30, it was discovered that a person known as "a Old man" finds approximately 12 suitors in Odysseus' feasting hall while stealing his food and wine.

The Old man sneaks in to meet Penelope's maid, and tells her the plan. Old man also known as a "beggar" finishes telling his plan to the maid, and they started the plan.

Apparently, Old man asks to play a game so he shoots a arrow through the 12 ceremonial axes, and then says "let's start round two!" and then shoots a arrow through one of the suitors throat, the suitors were terrified!

They tried to escape, but apparently, the maid locked the door from the outside. Telemachus came to help the Old man attack the suitors, and then, apparently they killed the suitors with a sword and a bow. The nursemaid commented "it worked!" and then they noticed that Odysseus was back. Penelope answered "its you, Odysseus"




Mike P

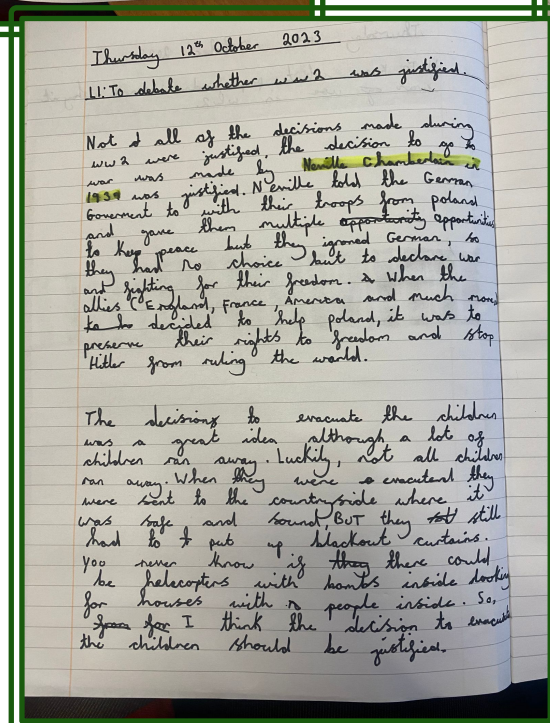
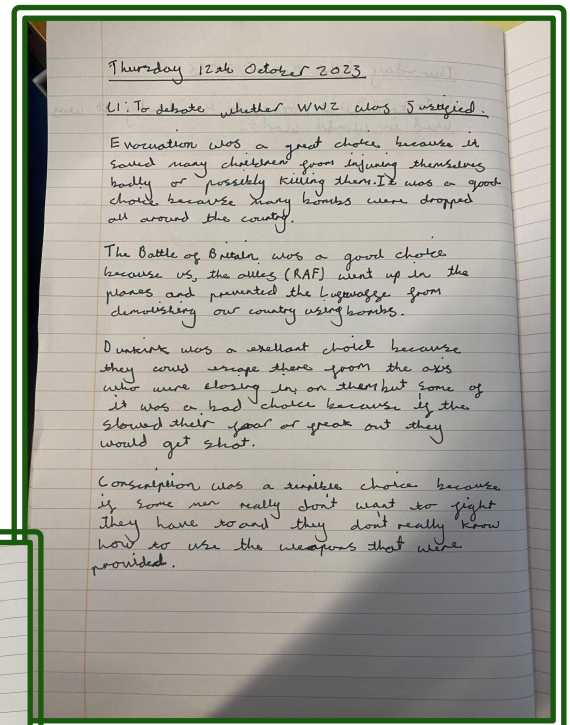
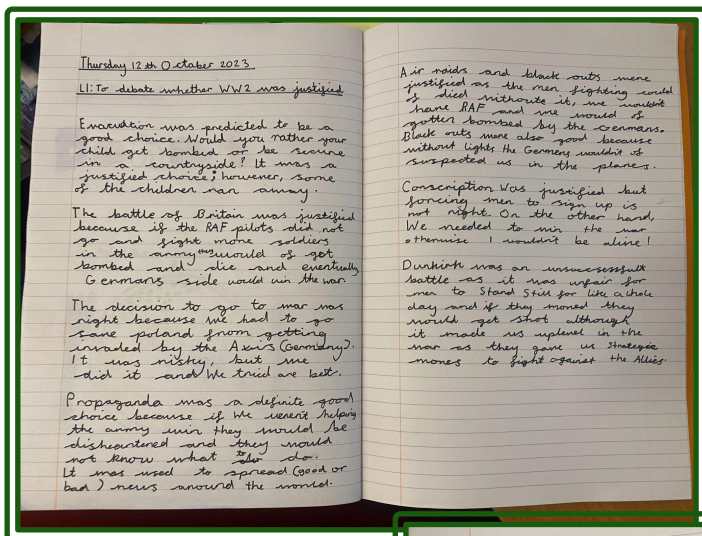




Year 6 News



To finish our history topic, Year 6 have written answers to the question: Were all of the decisions that Britain made in WW2 justified? We came up with some amazing responses. Have a look.





Any other news



On Tuesday we celebrated World Mental Health Day at St. John's. The theme this year was '**mental health is a universal human right**'.

Following on from our assembly on Monday, we discussed what we can do to support our own mental health, alongside the importance of taking and making the time to look after ourselves and others. Each class dedicated a session of their week to investigate and explore our theme in greater depth.



Reception had fun as they embarked on their Forest School adventures this Thursday. They explored the natural world around us and continued to learn more about the world in which we live.

Year 1 spent the afternoon learning about what we can do to feel good whilst at school and looked at how to use the calm corner that we have in every classroom.

Year 2 created some inspirational drawings to represent the different colours in the Zones of Regulation.

Managing big emotions was the focus in Year 3, where the children took part in a carousel of calming activities.

The importance on reflecting on what makes us happy, as well as how we can regulate our feelings whenever we get stressed or upset was Year 4's focus. This was followed by some fresh air time outside to clear their heads.

Year 5 looked into big emotions and how sometimes they can seem overwhelming, but how important it is to talk about them. They role played scenarios and discussed who their trusted adults were.

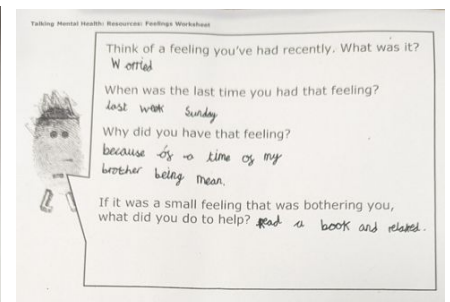
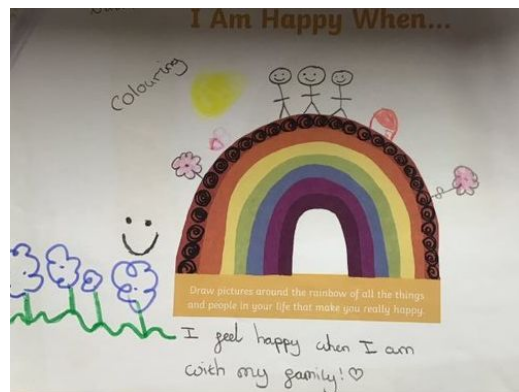
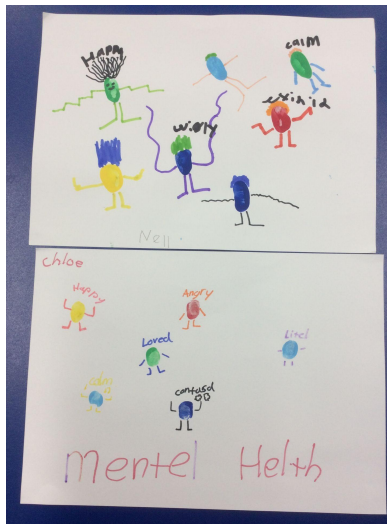
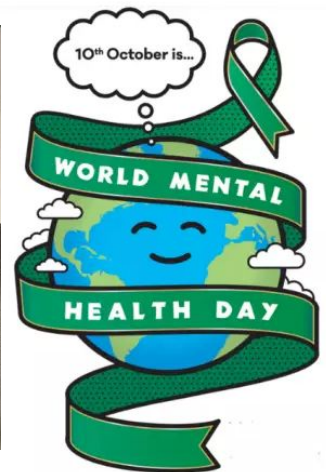
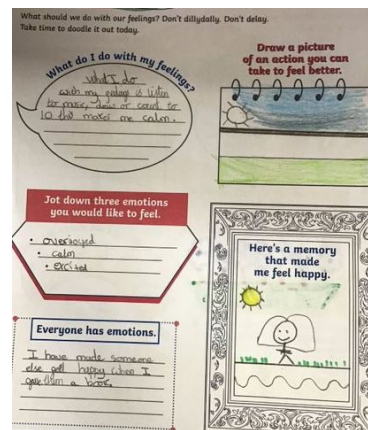
A healthy walk around our local environment helped Year 6 explore the day. They looked carefully at the environment around them and listened to sounds they could hear - something we often forget to do in our daily rushed lives.

It's safe to say that we celebrated in style and explored ways to support our mental health. What could you do this weekend to support your mental health?





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We are delighted to be reintroducing a service called **Meaningful Minds** to give extra support for the emotional well-being of the children. Gladys Carcelo has been working with children from Year 3 to Year 6 at St. John's for many years and we are very excited to see her again after half term.

Meaningful Minds has the advantage of motivating students to embrace positive attitudes, be open to learn and improve their academic and emotional development.

It can enable the children to reflect, concentrate and find resolutions to their problems. Also, to build friendships and improve their communication skills. This is also an opportunity to address sleep problems and nightmares. An important element of the service is learning how to prevent bullying.

The 15-minute sessions take place in the lunch hour facilitated by a practitioner with over a decade of experience delivering the programme. Children self-refer and can attend on their own or in groups of up to four.

Comments from children who have used the service:

"Helping me when I am sad."

"I don't get bullied anymore."

"Conquer my fears."

"Helped me achieve things I have never imagined in school before."

If you do not want your child to take part in this service please let the office know before Monday 30th October 2023.





Sports



On Monday, boys from Y3/4 travelled to Market Road pitches to compete in the Y3/4 Islington Primary Football Competition. They had a great time, with some children experiencing a competitive sport for the first time. We won 2 games and lost 1 which, unfortunately, wasn't enough to qualify for the next stage. Well done everyone.

This week we also had Y5 starting their two week intensive swimming block and Y4 completed Bikeability. Well done everyone!



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Bubble Church dates:

Sunday October 15th 2023 at 9.30am

Sunday November 5th 2023 at 9.30am

Sunday November 26th 2023 at 9.30am

Sunday December 10th 2023 at 9.30am: Christmas Special!

Sunday January 14th 2024 at 9.30am

Sunday February 4th 2024 at 9.30am

Sunday February 25th 2024 at 9.30am



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