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Dear Parents & Carers,

Another amazing week topped with all kinds of emotions here at St John's. We had Reception class' first ever assembly yesterday and boy did they smash it. I truly believe they may be the loudest and most confident Reception class I have ever seen. They were fantastic from start to finish and have really blossomed in their first two terms here at St John's. Due to a short term, we also had Year 1 assembly this morning. What a musical masterpiece that was. It has been really lovely to look around the hall during both assemblies and see the other children in the school really encouraging the younger children and spurring them on. The community spirit really feels great at the moment.

Fundraising for the Ukraine

A huge thank you to all who donated, sponsored and fund raised to help us raise money for the refugees leaving the Ukraine. Collectively, as a community, we have raised a whopping **£1,956.82**. Having the children drive the fund raising with their ideas has been amazing. I truly feel we are raising children who are informed, respectful, caring and considerate.

Beat the Street

The campaign has begun and St John's are off to a great start. It has been brilliant standing on the gate the last two mornings listening to families sharing how many of the beat boxes they have managed to tap first thing in the morning or on an evening after school. As a school we may be taking the children out for their daily mile and incorporating the Beat the Streets route, so please make sure they bring their cards to school with them. Other than if classes are going swimming or on a trip, we will be walking within a miles radius of the school. If you are struggling with registration at home, please do speak to your child's class teacher and they can help you with this.

We would also love to receive pictures of you and your children out as a family tapping into the Beat the Street stations. We have a display in the playground where we can share these and encourage others to take part. Please send your photographs to the main office address admin@stjhv.islington.sch.uk.





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Year 5 PGL

We received the great news that PGL have offered the year 5 class a free day trip to compensate for their trip earlier in the term which had to be cut short due to COVID-19. The date for the day trip is Friday 15th July. This will be completely funded by PGL and at no additional cost to parents. I will write to you nearer the time with more information.

New Salad Bar

As a school, we are working closely together with our catering partners, Cater link, to give school lunches and the whole dining experience for the children a bit of a revamp. We had the brilliant addition of the new dining hall tables courtesy of FOSJ at the beginning of the year, and this term we introduced the new salad bar. We are looking to update the plates and bowls soon, as well as introducing more new initiatives to encourage the children to enjoy their food and the experience more.



Reminders

Easter Service and Easter Bonnet Parade

The Easter service will be at Christ Church, Highbury at 2pm on Wednesday 30th March. You may take your children home straight after the service if you wish. There will be posters along the side of the fence at Christ Church indicating where to wait to collect your children. The Easter Bonnet Parade will be held in the school playground, weather permitting, on Friday 1st April at 1pm. Parents are welcome to come into the playground to watch. Children will be dismissed to parents after the Easter Bonnet Parade.

I hope you all manage to get outdoor this weekend, Beat the Streets if you can, and most importantly enjoy the sunshine while it's here.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Lindsey Hodgson

Head of School

