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## A Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope that you all had productive meetings with your child's class teacher this week. It was wonderful to welcome you into the school building and to give you the opportunity to peruse the children's exercise books and see the excellent learning that takes place day in, day out at our wonderful school!

It is hard to believe that it is almost December. In the Church calendar, Sunday marks the beginning of Advent: this is a special time for Christians focusing on preparation for the birth of Jesus. In school, our RE units of work will be focused on Christmas and there will be lots of reflective, and festive, preparation and work going on in the coming weeks.

Parents and carers will be aware that St Jude's was last inspected by Ofsted in 2008. 13 years is a long time and there have been a number of changes to the inspection framework and expectations of what schools need to do since then. Indeed, a school judged to be Good under the current regime is a significant improvement on an Outstanding judgement in 2008. The government has recently changed education legislation, meaning that all schools previously deemed Outstanding are subject to routine inspection once again. We are expecting a Section 5 Ofsted inspection imminently and are working very hard to be ready to show off our brilliant school. Since I joined the school last month, I have been forming my own judgements of St Jude's, its areas of strength and areas where we can do even better. My judgement is that the school remains an excellent, inclusive place of learning with truly exceptional children and a talented, dedicated staff team. However, we are not complacent and are highly self-evaluative; we have identified areas where we can still improve further and swift work has begun on these areas. Thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

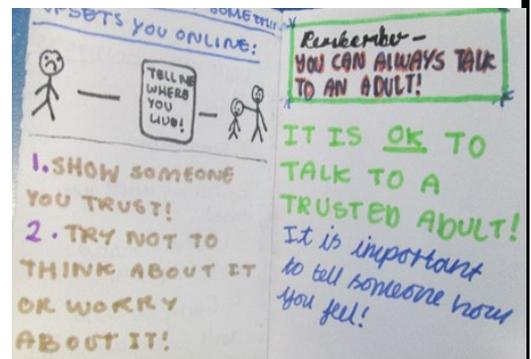
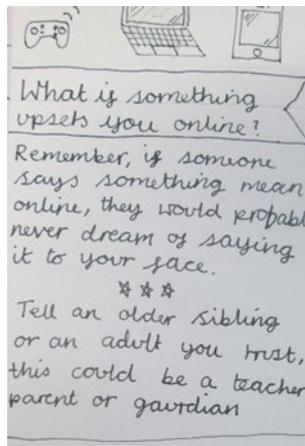
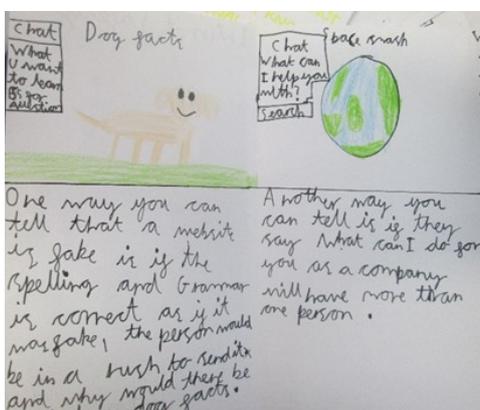
Mr Dunford-Crozier



## What have Year 6 been up to?

Year six have had a very busy week this week! Between learning about how to classify microorganisms and celebrating Multi-Faith day, our schedule has been very packed!

In computing, Year 6 have been learning about 'Growing up in a Digital World'. We discussed the importance of avoiding putting our personal information online, and we created leaflets for younger children in the school to communicate this message to them.



In science, we are learning about the importance of classification. We learned about what microbes are and the similarities and differences between them.

Using play-dough, we made our own microbes and classified them!



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In design and technology, we have been learning about structures and how to ensure that they are strong and reinforced. We built our volcanoes first designing the base and inner tube, then used papier mache to build upon this.



On Thursday, we celebrated Multi-Faith Day. Year Six went around different classes and complete art activities related to different religions. These include creating a collage for the Gurdwara Amritsar, as well as our own Gansha Murtis for Hinduism.



## Multi Faith Day

This week we celebrated Multi- Faith Day.

We had an exciting day learning about artwork in different places of worship. We moved around the school going to different classes and learned about a range of different faiths.

We watched videos of people of faith talking about their places of worship and what makes them special. We learned about what different faiths do in their places of worship. We also took virtual tours of significant religious buildings such as the Grand Mosque in Abu Dabi.

We made clay Ganesh murtis that you would find in a Hindu mandir, collages of the Golden temple (a Sikh Gudwara), Buddhist prayer flags, stained glass windows and arks (from a synagogue). We also created our own Islamic art. At the end of the day we reflected on what we had learned and created posters demonstrating our learning.



# Friday Stars !

## Reception

Reception's Friday's Star is Agnes. This week Agnes made a poster to help Sammy the spider to find his lost sock. Agnes worked so hard on her writing that I think we'll find that sock in no time. Well done Agnes!



## Class 1

Class One's Friday's Star is Andreaia. This week Andreaia has been using new words to describe teddy bears when writing about That Rabbit Belongs to Emily Brown. She has used these words in great sentences! Well done Andreaia!



## Class 2

Class Two's Friday's Star is Bella. Bella is a wonderful role model to the class and is always showing us what fantastic learning looks like. Her story writing this week has been amazing and her persuasive writing was excellent, well done Bella!



## Class 3

Class Three's Friday's Star is Isla! Isla has been a real have a go hero this week, putting her hand up to answer questions and coming up to the board to show her working out. Brilliant job Isla, keep it up!



## Class 4



Class Four's Friday's Leo. You are always so helpful and kind to others. We think you are an absolute role model for others. Thank you and well done!



## Class 5

Class Five's Friday's Star is Deborah. Deborah has been an incredibly kind and helpful partner this week. She has been helping her partners with their language for writing and also with their maths learning. She also helped Miss Potts put up an RE display. Thank you for all of your kindness Deborah!



## Class 6

Class Six's Friday's Star is Kevin. Kevin has worked very hard on his writing this week, particularly during our writing session on creating atmosphere. He has been using challenging vocabulary and writing techniques. Well done Kevin!



## Dojo Winners

With **423** points, the winners are...

Year 5!

You got most of your Dojos this week for being prepared and working well together! Well done and keep it up!



## Saints and Workers of the Week



Each week, the staff nominate children to be our Saints and Workers of the Week.

**Saints of the Week** are children who have worked really hard to live out our Christian school values:

- We work well together
- We are prepared and helpful
- We are resilient
- We are there for one another
- We celebrate each others' success

**Workers of the Week** are children who have shown huge effort and progress in their learning.

This week we are celebrating:

### Saint of the Week

**Alex, Year 1**

**You showed kindness and compassion towards a friend when you saw that they were upset**

**We are really proud of you!**



### Worker of the Week

**Isabella, Reception**

**You are trying so hard in your phonics lessons. We are really impressed with your blending of CVC words.**

**Well done!**



## Mystery Readers

On Friday afternoons in Reception we are starting "Mystery Readers." This is a time for an outside adult to come and read a story to the class and we would love to get parents involved! If you are interested in reading a story to Reception, please speak to Miss Valuks to book a slot. All slots will be between 3-3:15 on Friday afternoons. You are welcome to bring your own stories or borrow one from our book corner.



We can't wait to have you!  
The Reception Team

## Volunteer Readers

At Jude's we know that reading little and often has a huge impact on our children's reading ability. Therefore, we would love to invite the adults in our school community to come and listen to children read as volunteer readers.

If you are interested in volunteering, we ask the following:

- ◇ You can commit to a half term
- ◇ You can commit to the same day and time each week
- ◇ You can complete a DBS check (this can be done through the school office)
- ◇ You may be asked to read with children in any class, reception—Year 6.
- ◇ Contact Miss Douch via the school admin email address to show your interest: [admin@st-judes.lambeth.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-judes.lambeth.sch.uk)

We look forward to welcoming you.

## Important Dates

- \* Christmas Pantomime for whole school—**Tuesday 7th December, 2pm**
- \* Reception Christmas Performance—**Wednesday 8th December, 9.30am**
- \* Christmas Church Service Rehearsal, Herne Hill Baptist Church—**Tuesday 14th December, 2pm** (*volunteer parents needed to help walk to the church—please speak to your child's class teacher if you are available*)
- \* Christmas Performance Years 1—6— **Wednesday 15th December, 9.30am** (*more information to follow*)
- \* Christmas Jumper Day— **Thursday 16th December**
- \* Christmas Church Service, Herne Hill Baptist Church—**Thursday 16th December, 9.30am** (*volunteer parents needed to help walk to the church—please speak to your child's class teacher if you are available*)
- \* Christmas Lunch—**Thursday 16th December**
- \* Last day of term—**Friday 17th December, children leave at 1.30pm**



## WANTED!



### *Can you help us?*

*We need unwanted shirts (adult or large child) to be used for art activities in school. We would love it if we could get a whole class set for our key stage 2 classes (approximately 30 children).*

*Please send any items that you feel would be appropriate, washed, into the school office.*

## Christmas Fair!

The PTA would like to invite you to share in an hour of festive fun.

Please join us in the key stage 1 playground and hall for:

- ◇ **Mulled Wine and Hot Chocolate**
- ◇ **Christmas games and music**
- ◇ **Christmas tree decoration & craft making**
- ◇ **Cake sale**
- ◇ **Tombola**
- ◇ **2nd hand uniform sale**
- ◇ **Face painting**
- ◇ **Lucky dip**
- ◇ **And a visit from a special guest.....**



## Message from the PTA

### Tea Towels

The PTA are selling tea towels again this year!

As you may remember, these include self portraits drawn by the kids and they make excellent Christmas presents...

This year we are running everything by PRE-ORDER. You just need to place your order in our online shop and your tea towel will be delivered via your class PTA link person later this term.

We will set a deadline to close the order process once we've checked in with our printers, and we'll let you know... But we know we need to get our bulk order in very soon, so it's likely to be a short deadline.

<https://st-judes-pta.sumup.link/products>

Happy ordering!!

## Covid communication update

Guidance regarding positive COVID-19 cases was updated in August 2021. Below is a summary of the actions we will take to keep our school community safe:

- If your child has a positive test result, please notify the school by emailing the school COVID-19 communications email: [covidcommunication@stjudeslambeth.org](mailto:covidcommunication@stjudeslambeth.org)
- Please state the dates and timings of the tests taken, and when any symptoms began.
- If your child tested positive with a rapid test (one that gives the result within about 20 minutes), they will need to take a confirmatory PCR test (you can book this through [www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test](http://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test) or by phoning 119)
- The email will be checked daily and at 7.00pm on a Sunday evening, so that the school receives the information soon enough to inform parents if there is further action to be taken.
- Families must also notify NHS Test and Trace if their child tests positive for COVID-19. NHS Test and Trace will identify close contacts.
- The most important symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of any of the following:
  - ⇒ a new continuous cough
  - ⇒ a high temperature
  - ⇒ a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)
- If you, or your child, have any of the symptoms above, even if the symptoms are mild or only last a short time, they must stay at home and arrange to have a PCR test.
- If your child is presenting any of the symptoms above whilst in school, we will contact you and ask that you collect your child as soon as possible. We will then ask you to arrange for a PCR test for your child. Please notify the school as soon as possible when you receive the result of the test.
- If someone in your household has tested positive for COVID-19, you will not be required to self-isolate if you are fully vaccinated (have had both jabs and it is more than 2 weeks since the second jab) or aged under 18 years and 6 months. Instead you will be advised by NHS Test and Trace to take a PCR test (please note: individuals SHOULD NOT take a PCR test if they have tested positive within the last 90 days, unless they have new symptoms themselves. NHS Test and Trace will advise on what to do in this scenario).
- Children in St Jude's who live in the same household as someone who has tested positive are still required to come into school, unless they start presenting symptoms.
- Additional protective measures will be taken as a school if a threshold is met in relation to positive COVID-19 cases. We will update you immediately if these additional protective measures need to be taken.

If you have any questions, please do contact the school office.

