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# St John's Green Primary School

Learn to Live, Live to Learn

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# Newsletter

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### School Council

On Monday, January 17th, our School Councillors and UNICEF Ambassadors met, led by Mrs Malhotra. We have elected class representatives for the School Council across all year groups and the UNICEF Ambassadors are from Year 4 to Year 6. The meeting was also attended by Mr Beale, our Chair of Governors and by Mrs Spencer-Campbell, another of our school governors. We announced the winner of the school council badge design—well done to Millie Horn. We also reviewed how we are recycling paper, pens and glue sticks at school and it was recommended that Year 6 and Year 4 take on the role of collecting these items at the end of each week. Mrs Malhotra discussed the plan to make bees-wax wraps to aid the reduction of plastic. These workshops will take place this term.



The **Big** Question for this Assessment Period—**Who is Responsible for the World?**

Our Jigsaw Theme for next week—Dreams and Goals

Our Assembly Theme for next week is: Introducing the Concept—Education.

As parents, the most important thing we can do is read to our children often. Reading is the path to success in school.

Laura Bush

### E-mail Address Check

Every week the school newsletter is sent out by e-mail to all parents. If you are not receiving it, it means that the contact details we hold for you are not right. Please could you pop in or call either of our Office Teams if you are not receiving the newsletter electronically each Friday.

### Tuesday Trot

Please don't forget about our 'Tuesday Trot' which takes place (every Tuesday) straight after school and is just round Abbey Fields—we have plenty of stickers for those successful trotters!



Please remember that every child in the school should bring in a water bottle with them daily, to keep them quenched and hydrated through the rigours of the day.

### Breakfast Club and/or MDA Vacancy

The school has a vacancy for both a Breakfast Club Assistant and a Mid Day Assistant.

Daily hours: 1 hour and 15 minutes Monday - Friday

Hourly rate of pay: £9.43

Annual salary: £2,552.81

This role is for term time only excluding non-pupil days.

Application packs can be collected from either school office from Monday 17th January.

**The next payment for Danbury our Year 4 residential is due on 11th of February. If you would like your child to go and haven't booked a place yet, please speak to either School Office.**

### Tending Show Competition

Design a front cover for the Tending Show.

"Farming, Food and Fitness" is our theme for the 2022 Show and we would like your pupils to design a front cover to reflect on farming food products which are part of a healthy lifestyle and to demonstrate the importance of local produce and outdoor activities.

All the information that you need is on the flyer, including the entry form and these are on the 'Welcome Page' of the school's website.

Entries need to be handed in to either school office by Monday 7th March—which does give everyone quite a bit of time to come up with some excellent designs!

### Football Match

After several enforced delays, our Football Team finally got their season moving yesterday, when they travelled to Montgomery Junior School.

Mrs Cook and Miss Wiggins were the coaches extraordinaire who with deft tactical skill and football knowhow elicited a second hand performance of such brilliance that the crowd were left awestruck!

In effect and in layman's terms—we won 5-1. Really well done to the children and to the parents who were there in support and vocational enthusiasm and encouragement. Roll on the next match.



### Awards

STAR—Farrad (CC), JUMBO—Harrison (RREX), CHARIOT—Anastasia (MLM)

EAGLES—Delphine (RREX), CIRCUS—Austin (MM), ROSES—Jack (RREX).

MERCURY—Sofia (MM), CLAUDIUS—Alishba (MM), ROMANS—Lester (MM).

DUTCH—Alexa (MM), ICENI—Kiara (CC), PAXMAN—Ronnie (RREX).

CASTLE—Jake (RREX), CAVALIER—Georgina (MM), GARRISON—Jack (RROX)

OYSTERS—Trae (RREX), MAGNETS—Zuzu (RROX), RAEDWALD—Amber (RREX).

CYMBELINE—Maisie (RREX), TRINOVANTES—Freya (MM), LATHES—Finley (CC).

ATTENDANCE—Iceni

### Term Dates

Spring Half Term. Monday 14th February—Friday 18th February.

Last day of Spring Term—Friday 1st April

First day of Summer Term—Tuesday 19th April

### Diary Dates

Friday 4th February—Non Uniform Day 'Purple Pinkie' in support of Rotary Clubs 'End Polio Now' Children can be as pink/purple as they like, £1

Tuesday 8th February—Safer Internet Day

Friday 11th February—Women in Science Day

### Colchester Walks



This week's walk is Friday Woods. Pretty much on our Doorstep—easy! As always the walk is on the school website under 'Colchester Walks.'

### GoRead

Just a reminder to all parents please, to download the GoRead app so you can record and log when you read with your children at home.

<https://go-read.co.uk/parents>

If you've lost your login details, please let either school office know and we'll send you out your details again.

"The sign of great parenting is not the child's behavior."

The sign of truly great parenting is the parent's behavior."

— Andy Smithson

Although no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending.

— Carl Bard

### January

January does sometimes seem like the month that just will not come to an end. It's cold, it's dark and everyone is hanging on by tender hooks for the end of the month and February, when it starts to get a little bit lighter.



However, January can also be absolutely stunning as a month—if we take a step back. This picture was sent to me by Mrs Shuttlewood this week on her walk to work.

The name for January comes from the Roman god, Janus, who is always depicted with two heads. He uses one head to look back on the year and one head to look forward into the New Year.

- In leap years, January always starts on the same day as April and May (go on have a look!)

- Generally January is the coldest month of the year in the Northern hemisphere.

- January is not only a month, but also part of the name of Brazil's second biggest city: When the Portuguese expedition under Gaspar de Lemos landed at Guanabara Bay on the coast of South America in 1502, the calendar showed January 1. This is why the Portuguese named the place Rio de Janeiro (River of January).

- The birthstone for January is the garnet; the flower is the carnation.

**Year 4 Swimming. Just a reminder to Year 4 children that when going swimming you MUST still wear your school uniform to school.**

**Article 28 (right to education)** Every child has the right to an education. Primary education must be free and different forms of secondary education must be available to every child. Discipline in schools must respect children's dignity and their rights. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.