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our learning



St John's Green Primary School

Learn to Live, Live to Learn

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We are all
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School Development Priorities

100% of staff and pupils have an opportunity to develop their skills in a chosen area (lifelong learning)

Solo Taxonomy

You will have hopefully heard your children talk about Solo Taxonomy and how they apply it in the classroom, but what does it mean?

As it's part of our assembly focus next week, it would seem helpful to explain it a bit.

SOLO (Structure of Observed Learning Outcomes) taxonomy is an illustrated model of learning that classifies depth of understanding into categories.

According to these categories, children could understand: nothing; something; several relevant things; several relevant things that they see relate to each other; or a few related things they can apply in new situations about any topic.

There are names for each of those levels of understanding: prestructural; unistructural; multistructural; relational; and extended abstract.

Importantly, there are symbols to represent each level too. For example, you can represent the unistructural level with a single line and the multistructural level with three lines. Then sketch the symbol for relational level with three lines, but joined to each other.

The symbols represent how each level builds on the previous. You can't jump to understanding something relationally until you understand it multistructurally - you can't draw three lines joined together until you've drawn three lines.

Easy—and a brilliant way for children to self assess where they are in their own learning and understanding of what they need to do next.

	I'm not sure about...
	I have <u>one</u> relevant idea about...
	I have <u>several</u> ideas about...
	I have <u>several</u> ideas about... ...and can <u>relate them</u> to the BIG PICTURE
	I have <u>several</u> ideas about... ...and can <u>link them</u> to the BIG PICTURE ...and can look at these ideas in a <u>new and different way</u>

Awards

STAR— Charlie (RREX), JUMBO— Paisley (MLM), CHARIOT— Edward (RREX).

EAGLES— Barnaby (RREX), CIRCUS— Oliver (MLM), ROSES— Katie (RROX).

MERCURY— Kian (MLM), CLAUDIUS— Whole Class (RREX), ROMANS— Whole Class (MM).

DUTCH— Kiara (RREX), ICENI— Martha (MM), PAXMAN—Clark (MM).

CASTLE— Layla (MLM), CAVALIER— Muneeb (RROX), GARRISON— Nikola (RREX).

OYSTERS— Tommy (RROX), MAGNETS— Whole Class (RREX), RAEDWALD— Maddie (MLM).

CYMBELINE— Lui (MLM), TRINOVANTES— Emily (MLM), LATHES— Ali (RROX).

ATTENDANCE— Dutch



Tabitha

Tabitha is having her hair cut today and donating it to the Little Princess Trust

(they provide free real hair wigs to children and young people, up to 24 years, who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment or other conditions). Any money raised is going to Red Nose Day.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/tabitha-norton>

Super Tabitha, as a school, we are very proud of you.

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

Our Jigsaw Theme for Half Term—Healthy Me

Our Assembly Theme for next week is:

Taking responsibility for our own learning.

ST. John's Green
Parent & toddler drop in.
Everyone welcome!

Every Wednesday (term time only)
Abbey Field, Site
9am – 10am

Come along for a chat and play.

Term Dates

Last day of Spring Term—Friday 1st April

Monday 4th April—Monday 18th April, Easter Holiday

First day of Summer Term—Tuesday 19th April

Monday 18th July—Last day of Summer Term.

Monday 5th September—First day of Autumn Term

Diary Dates

Wednesday 23rd March @ 5.00p.m. Year 4 Final Information meeting for Danbury Residential @ AF.

Friday 25th March @ 3.00p.m. PTA EYFS/Year 1 Biscuit Decoration in EYFS learning garden.

WB 28th March— Online Safety Week of Awareness

WB 28th March—St John's Green—Science Week

WB 28th March—PTA Easter Egg Competition

29th March—AP2 Reports to Parents

30th March—4.00p.m.—6.00p.m. Parents Evening (incidentally it's also my birthday)

Tuesday 19th April—Friday 22nd April Year 4 Danbury Residential.

GET OUT THERE AND WALK!



This week's walk is 'West Mersea'.

This is a great walk and with the sea and facilities in Mersea, you can't go wrong.

As always, it's on the school website—under Colchester Walks.

Holi

Today is the start of the festival of Holi which celebrates Spring, love and new life. It is most definitely a colourful festival, with dancing, singing and the throwing of powder paint and coloured water—Holi is also known as the festival of colours.



The legend of Krishna: The Hindu god Krishna was quite mischievous. He complained to his mother Yashoda that he didn't like his dark blue skin and wanted to be fairer, like the love of his life Radha.

Yashoda, who adored her son, suggested he paint Radha's face any colour he wanted, to make him feel better. So that's exactly what Krishna did. Krishna and Radha were still madly in love after he did this, so Radha clearly didn't mind Krishna's little practical joke.

Some people believe this is why, during Holi, everyone pelts each other with the perfumed gual powder. It could also be why one of the names of Holi is the 'festival of love', as it is in part celebrating the love between Krishna and Radha (as well as emulating his prank).

Gual powder comes in many colours and some are thought to signify specific things:

red = love, blue = Krishna, yellow = turmeric (a spice used in lots of Indian food), green = spring

And together, they create a glorious rainbow, usually in parks and public spaces across the globe.

Holi also celebrates the Hindu god Krishna and the legend of Holika and Prahlad.

So the story is very simple and mentioned in the holy text Narada Purana. Once there was a mighty demon king called Hiranyakashyap. He had prayed to Lord Brahma for many years and pleased with his devotion, Brahma gave him a boon. This boon made him invincible. King Hiranyakashyap soon began to think of himself as God. He became very arrogant and forced all his subjects to worship him.

However, King Hiranyakashyap's own son Prahalad did not believe that his father was God and paid no heed to his father's cruel demands. Prahalad continued to pray to Lord Vishnu. This angered King Hiranyakashyap and he decided the kill his own son. He tried many ways, but always Prahalad came out unscathed. King Hiranyakashyap then approached his sister Holika for help. Now, Holika had a boon that made her immune to fire. So Holika took Prahalad on her lap and sat in the middle of a burning pyre of fire. The intention was that Prahalad would be burnt alive and would not be able to escape her hold. But that's not what happened. Prahalad kept chanting Lord Vishnu's name and stayed safe, while Holika was burnt to death. Later Lord Vishnu also killed the evil Hiranyakashyap in his Narasimha form.

It signifies the victory of good over evil.

Huge thanks to everyone who bought a book or two from our Book Fair last week. You raised over £900 for us to spend on books so Mr. Payne will be very happy!

Mrs. Roberts term as a Parent Governor has now come to an end. Mrs. Roberts has said she is happy to stand again, but if any parent would also like to be considered, please let Mrs Bourne know by Friday 1st April. Many thanks.

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.

Foundation & Year 1 FREE Biscuit Decorating Event



Where: Foundation Learning Garden
When: Friday 25th March, After School

We look forward to meeting you!



DECORATE AN EGG COMPETITION



£1 Per entry

Hand in your decorated egg to the PTA
At either site
Before school on the 28th, 29th, 30th & 31st March

keep an eye out for a letter in your child's bag from Mr Billings,
it will have more details & tell you where to drop off your egg.

It's time to get creative!

PRIZES TO BE WON!

Chocolate gift for each entry
Class and year group winners
Plus a prize for the best adult entry!






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Colchester Royal Grammar School Sci-Fest 2022

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