

John Keats
Primary School

JK News

Friday 23rd February '24



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, we have been getting ready to wave our Year 5 students off on our first ever Residential. On Monday they travel to Nethercott Farm (Michael Morpurgo's farm!) for a week of mucking in, adventure and excitement. We can't wait to hear their stories when they return. I'm sure you'll join us in wishing them the best of times and for some kinder weather! In school this week we have had two brilliant assemblies all about food. The first saw the hall filled with flames as the children learnt about the science of food. The second helped children learn all about healthy eating and how food fuels everything they do every day. Ask them about what they learnt in both! Well done to Year 1 who had a Sports Session at the Damilola Taylor Centre, delivered by some Year 10 students. They did so well. Please see a list of dates on page 3 of the Newsletter. We'd like to particularly draw your attention to Friday 8th March, which is both **World Book Day** and the **PTA Mothers' Day Coffee Morning**. Look out for more announcements about both over the coming weeks. Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you at 8:45 on Monday!

Mr Jack Taylor
Deputy Headteacher

Nursery

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We are starting to learning about how plants grow. We are reading Jack and the Beanstalk. We are building our own beanstalk that will reach the giants castle in the sky. We have made a golden harp and been practicing counting with the golden coins that Jack stole. We are also growing our own beans.

We will be continuing our story of Jack and the Beanstalk and making some bread. We will also be watching and recording the growth of our beans.

Reception have had a lovely first week back. We have started a new book of the week, Jasper's Beanstalk and the children are really enjoying it. We are beginning to plan our first trip! More information to follow soon.

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Please could we have more plastic bottles for our growing!

Reception



Year 1



Year 1 have had a great first week back! We have got straight into our learning this week by starting our new book 'Sams Plants a Sunflower', this has also linked to our learning of Plants in Science and looking at some sunflower artwork by William Morris. In Maths we are continuing to look at our tens and ones, and recognising how to make groups of 10 up to 50. Half of Green 1 and Blue 1 went to a multiskills trip on Thursday where children from Borough Academy led the sessions. We had a great time and the children showed great team work through their communication and resilience. Can children please wear their PE kits on Tuesdays for Taekwando and Wednesday for their normal PE session.

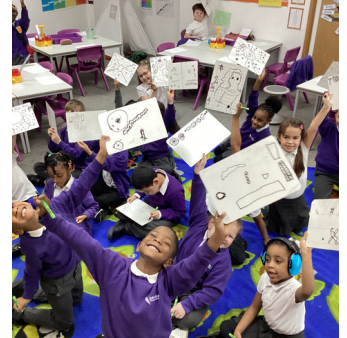
Next Friday Year 1 are planning on walking to Southwark Park to observe and compare plants. Please can they all wear comfortable shoes and a waterproof jacket.

This term, year 2 will be learning all about Australia! We started looking at our new text, a non-fiction book about Australia, in English. In art we have begun to look at indigenous Australian art and learned about dot paintings. We've started looking at measurements in Maths and have been using centimetres and metres and comparing the two. On Tuesday, we had a special assembly and learned about the science of food! This week, we had a special assembly about healthy eating. Please do talk to your child at home about how we can have a healthy and balanced diet.

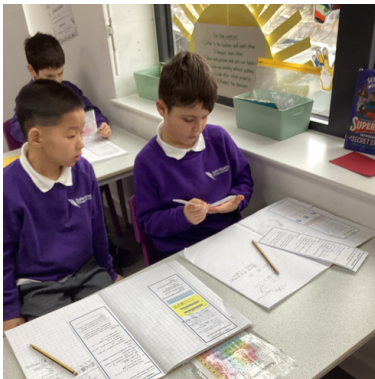
We have a special guest coming in to tell us all about hajj next Friday!



Year 2



Year 3



Year 3 has been having a great week immersing ourselves in our latest project focusing on Trinidad and Tobago. In English, we've started studying "Gregory Cool", diving into the island life experiences portrayed in the book. Our Maths lessons have been centered around units of measurement, where we've been hands-on measuring various objects around us, from the hall to our pencil cases and pencils. It's been a practical and engaging week full of exploration and learning.

We are looking forward to reading more about Gregory



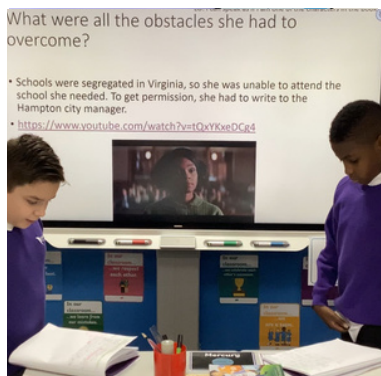
Year 4 have had a brilliant first week of Spring 2! We have explored perimeter in maths and learnt lots of new techniques. We have begun our new project theme and learnt a lot about the rainforest. In Art, we have revisited the work of Henri Rousseau. PE will continue to be on Thursdays.

After half term, PE will be on Thursdays only. Please could all children wear their PE kits on this day. We will be beginning our new project which will have a geography and science focus. We will also begin working on a huge art project!

Year 4



Year 5



This term, Year 5 will be learning all about Space by looking closely at Katherine Johnson, Mary Jackson, Christine Darden and Dorothy Vaughan and they impact they had on NASA. This week we thought of questions we would like to be answered within our topic and we wrote down everything we already knew! We learnt about the Universe and how massive it really is. We named the key features of the universe and understood that we are a part of the Milky Way. We started our new class text which is 'Hidden Figures' and we are all really enjoying it so far. We even created a role play situation between Mary Jackson and the City Council. These were fantastic! In computing we are looking at data and we will be looking into how diverse NASA is compared to what it was. Be at school at 7:20am. We cannot wait around as we have a long journey ahead. Children do not need to wear uniform going to or coming from the farm.

Nethercott Farm!

Dates for your diary:

Monday 26th February	Y5 to Nethercott Farm
Friday 1st March	Y5 return from Nethercott Farm
Friday 8th March	World Book Day PTA Mothers' Day Coffee Morning
Thursday 14th March	Well-Being Day: Neurodivergence
Monday 25th March	Values Award (provisional)
Wednesday 27th March	LAMDA Exams
Thursday 28th March	Spring Fair 1pm Finish for Easter Holidays

Attendance:

Blue 3 won our punctuality trophy

Green 3 won our attendance trophy

Maya in Year 3 won our 100% book voucher!



What if we let children eat what they want daily?

Some pupils are really struggling with food.

What can we do?

The Pupil Parliament have made a petition to the House of Commons. We want more funding for all primary school children to learn basic cooking skills in primary schools – will you sign it?

We need 10,000 signatures!

[Click this link to sign the petition](#)



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Menu

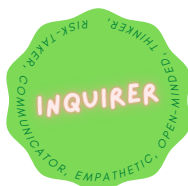
WINTER MENU

Week 2



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meat Dish	Vegetable curry	Chilli con carne with taco shells	Chicken stir fry	Beef stir fry noodles	Beef burger
Main Vegetarian Dish	Vegetable pastilla	Vegetable shawarma	Ravioli stuffed with grilled vegetables	Butternut squash macaroni & cheese	Vegetable burger
Starchy Dish	Basmati rice	Roasted new potatoes	Steamed rice	Mashed potato	Spicy potato wedges
Vegetable	Seasonal vegetables	Seasonal vegetables	Seasonal vegetables	Seasonal vegetables	Seasonal vegetables
Salad	Selection of fresh salad	Selection of fresh salad	Selection of fresh salad	Selection of fresh salad	Selection of fresh salad
Bread	50/50 bread (W)	Garlic bread (W)	50/50 bread (W)	Garlic and coriander naan bread (W)	Olive and sundried bloomer (W)
Dessert	Fruit selection or cheese & biscuits (W) or fruit yoghurt (D)	Fruit selection or cheese & biscuits (W) or fruit yoghurt (D)	Special pudding of the week	Fruit selection or cheese & biscuits (W) or fruit yoghurt (D)	Fruit selection or cheese & biscuits (W) or fruit yoghurt (D)
Drink	Water	Water	Water	Water	Water

John Keats' Values Stickers



Y1

	Summayah, Aniya, Emma, Zayna, Millie, Gamille	Arthur	Elham		All of Year 1!
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Y2

Oisin, Michael, Sakinah, Jooshua, Mathias, Bentley, Alihya		Analyah			
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Y3

Blake	Anthony	Bliss 3	Emmy, Hector, Amir, Finn, Maya M		
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Y4

Joshua	Malachi Olivia Diana Alyana	Alyana Rebecca	Ibrahim, Diana Keysha	Oscar Fayral Zahra Roshana	Rory
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Y5

	Roghnaoh, Sana, Martina	Amanda	Riley	Jotham	Jayko, Seigan
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Helping my Child with Reading

A **FREE** 4-week online course for parents and carers



Do you read with your child?

Would you like to learn more about how to support your child's reading?

On this course you will learn about:

- The stages of children's reading **development**
- How to **support** pre-school and school children's reading
- **Activities and games** to support reading practice
- Ideas for making reading together **fun!**

Tuesdays 10am-12.30pm
5th March - 26th March 2024

This course will take place online using Zoom

To book a place please complete the application form using this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/helping-my-child-with-reading-tickets-845828976237>

**Free* 15 week Learning Unlimited course for adults
interested in becoming Teaching Assistants**

Award in Support Work in Schools

Wednesdays 9.30am – 12.30pm

From 28th February to 26th June 2024

We will contact you after you register to arrange an assessment time.
This course will be delivered online using Zoom



What will I get from attending the course?

- The knowledge and skills required to become an effective teaching assistant
- The City & Guilds Award in Support Work in Schools (Level 2)
- The opportunity to progress to the Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools or to apply for work as a Teaching Assistant

How much does it cost?

*The course is free but there is a non-refundable registration fee of £60.

To apply for a place on the course use the link below to complete the online form:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/award-in-support-in-schools-tickets-814027687727>

All applicants should have level 2 English.

*Please note you will need to complete a portfolio which will require a lot of homework.
Places are subject to completion of application form and assessment.*

