



# St John's Green Primary School

Learn to Live, Live to Learn

## Newsletter

We ♥ Maths

We are all writers ...

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### Diary Dates

WB 5th October will be Conker Competition week—Children in Years 4, 5, 6 can enter the competition but all children are welcome to play conkers at school.

Wednesday 7th October—Individual and Family Group Photographs.

Wednesday 14th October 9.00a.m.—10.15a.m.—Open Morning.

WB 12th October Harvest Week

Monday 26th—Friday 30th October—Half Term.

Friday 18th December—Last day of Autumn Term

### Oddly, Oddly Onker, My First Conker

On finding your first conker of the season you should say, 'Oddly, oddly onker, my first conker.' This apparently will ensure good fortune and few tangles throughout the season. Of course, if you didn't say that, then I can't be held responsible for any lack of success in any forthcoming conker battles.

I would actively encourage children to bring conkers, on a piece of string/shoe lace, into school from next week and for you to go through the general rules of the games of conkers with them. Please prepare your children for the worse—i.e. the demise of the conker and a few rapped knuckles.

The actual competition will be led by Mr Bates and is for children in Year 4, 5 and 6 only but all other children in the school are welcome to play conkers at break and lunch.



At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents.

Jane D. Hull

### Individual Photographs

Children's Individual Photographs will be taken this Wednesday, 7th October.

**If you have a pre-school child or child older than primary age who you would like to include in a family photo, please bring them all to the Abbey Field site for 8.00a.m. on Wednesday morning.**

All children who are at the school will have both a sibling and an individual photograph taken during the school day.



### Sponsored Walk

Many thanks to everyone who came along to the Abbey Field site yesterday afternoon to support our children in their sponsored walk. The route was a bit meandering but your children were fantastic as they walked, ran, hopped, jumped and in some cases dragged themselves round. The total distance per lap was 500 metres and, with lots of children completing well over 10 laps, which is a good 5km, I hope they slept well. My thanks to the parent volunteers who quenched the children's thirst during the afternoon, apparently there was a lot of water drunk, which is excellent. If parents/children could start bringing in sponsor money as soon as possible, to the school offices at either Abbey Field or Town that would be much appreciated.

### Awards

Tigger Award (Trinovantes) - Ruby Sunderland

Eeyore Award (Oysters) — Shay Gilbert

Winnie the Pooh Award (Castle) - Francesco Wilson-Turco

Rory the Lion Award (Dutch) - Sam Laverick

Pluto Award (Iceni) - Emmanuel Ojo

Sully Award (Mercury) - Tierney-Rose Beattie

Diddle Award (Claudius) - Riley White

Scrappy Award (Eagles) - Ivan Yu

Bumble Award (Circus) - Eowyn Chambers

Simba Award (Roses) - Mae Grimwade

Stitch Award (Chariot) - Dylan Merrion

Hathi Award (Star) - Jack Christie & James Ratcliffe

Mickey Award (Jumbo) - Jacob Dunne

Heads' Award — Trinovantes

Attendance — Iceni

Spot— Jayden Johns

### Class Castle—All things Roman

Class Castle have been embedding their learning about the Romans this week as they've taken in some of Colchester's Roman heritage.

On Monday, they visited the site of Britain's only Roman Circus. The children saw first hand evidence of the structure of the circus, re-enacted chariot racing, and took a close look at a mosaic being made.



On Wednesday, they visited Colchester Castle and were given a guided story tour.



### School Job Vacancies

We currently have a vacancy in the following positions.

Breakfast Club Assistant, 1 hour 15 minutes daily from 07.45—09.00. Payable at Band 1 Point 9, £7.30 an hour. **If the successful candidate has children at the school they will be able to attend the breakfast club free of charge.**

Catering Assistant, 1 hour 30 minutes daily from 12.00—13.30. Payable at Band 1 Point 9, £7.30 an hour.

Mid Day Assistant, 1 hour 15 minutes daily, from 12.30—13.45. Payable at Band 1 Point 9, £7.30 an hour.

For further information and an application form please contact the school offices.

### Maths Challenge

There were an infinite number of ways to make the number 8.

This weeks challenge.

The box below is a Magic Square. This means that the numbers add up to the same total in every direction.

		7
13	37	

Every row, column and diagonal adds up to 111. But there are some numbers missing! Fill in the missing numbers. They are all different.

Answers on Mr Bates' door if you are at Town site and on Mr Green's door if you are at Abbey site.

The winning entry each week from each phase will get to choose a free book.

And Finally ...

A word to the wise. Don't leave your mobile phone lying around if Miss Cook's about. It would appear that Mrs McIver left her phone on the side the other day and Miss Cook then used it to take a plethora of selfies, with her face contorted into different facial expressions. Mrs McIver was kind enough to send me one of the selfies but self preservation has taken over, following a threat from Miss Cook, which is why the picture is not in the newsletter...yet!

Enjoy the weekend

Simon Billings

We are growing  
our learning

