



# St John's Green Primary School

## First Footsteps

### Foundation & Year 1 Weekly Newsletter

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#### THIS WEEK:

Class Awards  
Lower Phase Reading  
Learning in Year 1  
Foundation Learning  
Learning Pit

#### DIARY DATES:

**Monday 1st May**  
Bank Holiday— School closed

**Monday 29th May—Friday 2nd June.** Half Term

**Friday 30th June—PTA Summer Fair**

**Thursday 20th July—Last day of the Summer Term**

#### Diary Date

The Foundation and Year 1 Sports Day will take place on the 22nd June at the Abbey Field site. Details will follow nearer the time.



#### Reminder

Just recently we have had a number of incidents of toys children have brought in from home being lost or broken. It would be better if you could please ensure that children are not bringing toys into school. Thank you for your support.



We ♥ Maths

We are all writers ...



We are growing our learning

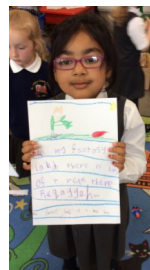


#### Learning in the Foundation Classes

Last week saw the Foundation children working on designing their magical doors that opened to their fantasy worlds. They then transferred their ideas using a range of materials to create their own model doors. While engaging in this fun activity the children were working their Early Learning Goal linked to Expressive Art and Design as they used and explored materials using them in an imaginative way.



A big thank you to Mr Kelly who popped into the Foundation Learning Garden to help the children to prepare the beds and plant seeds ready for the warmer weather. While clearing the garden the children found some mint which they used to make some refreshing mint tea. Hopefully as the growing season develops they will be able to try more produce from the garden.



#### Colchester Zoo

The Year 1 children will be visiting Colchester Zoo on **Thursday 18th May**. They will be leaving at 9.15am and returning to school by 3.00pm. The cost of the trip will be £10.00 per child. If your child has a gold card the cost of the trip will be £3.00. Please return payments to the office by Friday 12th May.



#### Foundation Transition to Year 1 and Forest School workshop

On Thursday 4th May at 2.30 pm the Foundation staff will be holding an information session in AF Hall. This meeting will be discussing ways to support the Foundation children with their transition to Year 1 and information about Forest Schools.

#### Easter Egg Competition

It was fantastic to see all the amazing well designed eggs entered for the Egg Competition. As you can imagine it made it very difficult to pick any winners. After much deliberation the winners for the lower phase categories were:

**Year 1-** Maisie Forsyth  
**Foundation-** Hartley Tyler-Smith  
**Parent/Teacher-** Jo Goodger  
Well Done to everyone who entered.

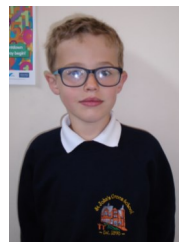


#### Learning in Year 1

There was some fantastic story writing taking place in the Year 1 classes last week. The children took the core book story 'Handa's Surprise' as a guide and changed the characters from animals to teachers and the fruit to their favourite foods. The children really engaged with this and I was lucky enough to read some funny and well written stories.



During their science lesson the children have been finding out about the features of different animals. Then working in groups they used their knowledge to sort a range of animals using a set criteria.



#### Weekly Awards

**Star:** Mia Ghuman— For the extra effort she is putting into all her learning.

**Jumbo:** Aisha Nadim— For her positive approach towards her learning and taking part in whole class learning.

**Chariot:** Connor Marples— For the hard work he has put into developing his writing skills.

**Eagles:** Ella-Mae Newell— For her improved positive attitude towards her learning in class.

**Circus:** Beau Brindley— For his fantastic writing of his version of the 'Handa's surprise' story.

**Roses:** Scarlett He— For the way she has settled into her new class.



#### Lower Phase Reading

Class	% Reading
Star	91%
Jumbo	76%
Chariot	97%
Roses	100%
Eagles	97%
Circus	93%