



St John's Green Primary School

'In the Middle'

Years 2, 3 and 4 Newsletter

Wednesday
21st February 2018

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**ESSEX
BOOK
FESTIVAL**

Look on the back to see what's on at the Essex Book Festival
for FREE on Saturday 1st March



KEY DIARY DATES:

Wednesday 21st February—
Open School. 3.30p.m.—
4.15p.m.

26th-29th Book Fair both
sites

Thursday 1st March. World
Book Day.

Year 3 Synagogue Trip
Apologies to our Year 3 children who didn't get to go to the Synagogue due to the leader's illness. We aim to reschedule the visit for after Easter.

Year 4 Duxford Trip

Please remember that Year 4 are going to Duxford on Thursday. If you need to order a school packed lunch please do so before Thursday. In addition, if you haven't paid for the trip (£7) please do so ASAP.

We ❤️
Maths



We are all
writers ...



We are growing
our learning



Kevin the Frog

Meet Kevin the Frog (named by the Year 2 children) who we found in the playground on Tuesday. A rescue mission was successful using a Celebrations box and squeals of excitement from the children. He is now safely residing in the pond in our nature garden!



World Book Day - Thursday 1st March

Please remember that it is World Book Day on Thursday 1st March. The children and staff can come to school dressed as their favourite books characters. There will be a £5 gift voucher for a child in each year group for the best costume. Teachers can't win, of course, but they will thoroughly enjoy taking part. Here are some photos from previous World Book Days to inspire you!

PLEASE NOTE: CLAUDIUS CLASS WILL GO TO FOREST SCHOOLS ON WEDNESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY INSTEAD OF THURSDAY 1ST MARCH, SO THERE WILL BE NO BOOK CHARACTERS IN THE FOREST!



Awards

Year 4 (Castle) - Isabella Castagnoli
Year 4 (Cavalier) - Cameron Harris
Year 3 (Dutch) - Freya Cairney
Year 3 (Iceni) - Henry Thornley
Year 3 (Paxman) - Kairon Martin
Year 2 (Mercury) - Jamee-Lee McGeachie
Year 2 (Claudius) - Maci-Blue Cook
Year 2 (Romans) - Charlie Hodgson



Reading

Please remember that our aim is for every child to read 5 times a week at home. Our Middle Phase classes have a high percentage of children who achieve this and it is fantastic. Please keep up the hard work. There is a direct link between children's love and ability for reading and their writing.



Year 2 Mad Scientist Day

Our Year 2 children will be taking part in a Science day on Friday. If you haven't already paid the £4, please could you do so before Friday. Many thanks.

Year 4 Rehearsals

Rehearsals for the Year 4 production of 'Olivia' are well under way this week. Our children are very talented and there are some admirable cockney accents to be heard!



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EXCLUSIVE EVENT FOR SJG PUPILS ONLY !

The PTA have arranged an exclusive story telling and African Drumming session at Firstsite 2pm-3pm on Sat 3rd March as part of the Essex Book Festival celebrations. Tickets are free and limited from PTA on the playground before and after school this Friday.

Saturday 3rd March 2018

St John's Green Primary School at Essex Book Festival

Widening our Knowledge of the World: Children, Place, Arts

An inspiring day of enhancing children's understanding and mastery of the arts, in partnership with Essex Book Festival (<https://essexbookfestival.org.uk/>) & Firstsite Gallery (<http://www.firstsite.uk/>)



Schedule of Activities:

- ✦ 11am – Meeting at Firstsite, Lewis Gardens, High Street, Colchester CO1 1JH (Restaurant Space at the back)
- ✦ 11am-12noon - ***Are You Sitting Comfortably?*** (Leigh Hodgkinson of CBeebies). Storytelling and Illustration, for Foundation, Year 1, 2, 3. Co-sponsored by EES for Schools.
- ✦ 12noon-12.30 – lunch (on your own)
- ✦ 12.15 - Meeting at the Restaurant Space, Firstsite
- ✦ 12.30-1.30pm – **Flash Fiction Writing Competition** (Restaurant Space). Super-short fiction, KS1 and KS2 competitions with awards!
- ✦ 1.30-2pm (and drop-in later) **Sumi Ink Club** (Firstsite foyer). Drawing/writing for all ages and abilities, based on Sumi mural tradition. Aim: to make a big community mural with the themes of peace and place.
- ✦ 2-3pm - ***Traditional Stories from Africa and African Drumming*** (Efua Sey Corbi) Storytelling, Drumming, and Dancing for all year groups. Session exclusive to St. John's Green Primary! Twenty drums! Co-sponsored by Essex Cultural Diversity Project.
- ✦ 3pm – **Flash Fiction Writing Competition PTA Awards** (Restaurant Space)
- ✦ Drop in to one of the Firstsite exhibitions: *Rose Finn Kelcey: Power for the People* and *Wunderkammer (Cabinet of Curiosities)*.

Co-sponsored and co-organised by **PTA St. John's Green Primary.**

Find us at the Abbey Field and Town Site playgrounds on **Friday 23rd February am & pm** to get your free tickets (limited numbers!).

