



St John's Green Primary School

First Footsteps

Foundation & Year 1 Weekly Newsletter

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THIS WEEK:

Class Awards

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DIARY DATES:

Friday 19th May

Non Uniform Day in aid of Aya (Pink Day) - Aspirations

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

Friday 30th June—PTA Summer Fair

Thursday 20th July—Last day of the Summer Term

Cudmore Grove Nature Park

All the Foundation Classes will be visiting Cudmore Grove Nature Park after the half term break. The children will be taking part in activities that support this assessment period topic of My Fantasy World. The date of the class trips are;
Thursday 8th June—Jumbo and Star Classes
Friday 9th June—Chariot Class
The children will be leaving school by bus at 9.15am and will return before the end of the school day. The cost of the trip will be £10.00 per child. Please return payment to the office by Monday 5th June.



We ♥ Maths

We are all writers ...



We are growing our learning



Learning in the Year 1 Classes

Last week the Year 1 children were discussing the features of non-fiction texts. To support their learning the children created a fact file about an animal. At the start of the week in groups the children studied an example of a fact file about a fox. After reading the file the children highlighted key features that needed to be included in their file. Once they had a good understanding they set about creating their own files. The children were very enthused with this task and have produced some fantastic and very informative files.



The focus of Mathematics last week was shape and measures. The children started the week recapping their understanding of 3D shape features using a wide range of concrete resources to create named shapes. To finish the week the focus was time. This can be a tricky concept for the children and one that would benefit them from having the opportunity to practice regularly at home.



Forest Schools

By the end of this week all the children in the foundation classes would have attended at least one session of Forest schools.

From the conversations I have had with the children they have all had a brilliant time. This week they will have had the opportunity to swing on rope swings, make dens, find mini-beasts climbing trees and of course



playing in the mud.

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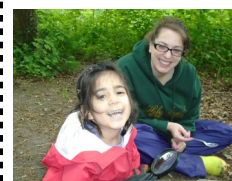
Chariot 1 will be going to Forest school on Tuesday 13th June not Wednesday 13th June there was a mistake on the letter sent to parents.



Aya

This Friday it is a Non Uniform Day in aid of Aya. Aya is a girl in one of our Foundation classes who has bilateral spastic cerebral palsy. Her parents are currently raising money for an operation that will enable Aya to walk. The Non Uniform Day next week is 'Wear it Pink' as this is Aya's favourite colour. We are asking for a minimum donation for wearing non uniform of £1, though if you feel you can donate more I know this would be very much appreciated.

We will also be talking next Friday about our aspirations. Aya's aspiration is to be able to walk and play with her friends.



Weekly Awards

Star: Jennifer Tran—For her fantastic number work.

Jumbo: Jessie Davis—For the way she always puts 100% into all her learning.

Chariot: Smera Arora—For the way she has transferred her knowledge of doubling to other areas of learning.

Roses: Harry Ledgerton—For his improved handwriting.

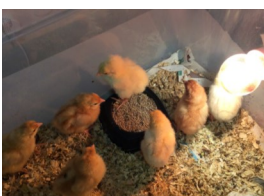
Circus: Aaliyah King—For the positive way last week she approached her learning.

Eagles: Jamee-Lee McGeachie—For her very informative fact file about animals.



Learning in the Foundation Classes

Last Monday there was great excitement in the Foundation classes when 8 eggs and an incubator arrived. All day the children waited patiently for the eggs to hatch. They didn't have to wait long as on Tuesday morning cracks appeared in the shells and by the end of the day there were 3 chicks. So far we have successfully hatched 7 out of the 8 eggs. All the children have enjoyed observing the chickens develop and it has been a fantastic stimulus for their language and recording skills. The children also had the opportunity to use their creative and imaginative skills when in small groups they created their fantasy world.



Lower Phase Reading

Class	% Reading
Star	84%
Jumbo	84%
Chariot	100%
Roses	100%
Eagles	87%
Circus	90%