



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

Foundation Transition to Year 1 and Forest School workshop

It was lovely to see that so many Foundation parents were able to attend the transition workshop on Thursday 4th May. During the meeting we explained the different ways in which the children are being supported to help them achieve their Early Learning Goals. Changes to the children's learning day and practice time to aid their transition to Year 1 were also highlighted. All the children should have brought home an information sheet. If you have any questions please feel free to speak to the class teachers in the



morning or make an appointment for after school.

We ♥ Maths

We are all writers ...



We are growing our learning



Learning in the Foundation Classes

Last week all the foundation classes took a trip to the local Co-op shop to buy cake decorating ingredients. This trip was linked to the children's Mathematical learning as the children focused on money and developing further understanding of the world around them.

Each class wrote a list and decided how much money they needed to take. While walking to the shop the children recapped over their understanding of keeping safe when walking on the pavement and crossing roads. In the Co-op the children used their lists to collect their ingredients, pay for them and then bought them back to the school. Once back the children used photographs to sequence the events of the trip to the shop. Then in our



celebration assembly on Friday the Foundation classes received the Heads' award for representing the school so well during their outing.



Forest Schools



This week has been the first visit for some of the Foundation children to Forest schools. The sun was shining when the groups excitedly put on their Smurf suits and set off on the walk to Borne Wood. When the children

arrived, after asking the trees if they could play in the woods, the children took part in a number of different activities which included getting to know the boundaries of the woods and of course playing in the mud. The children had a fantastic time and on the way back to the school they could be heard enthusiastically deciding what they would like to do next time.

Date Change

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



Learning in Year 1

The Year 1 children have continued to look and find out about the natural world around them. In art they were given the opportunity to transfer this understanding by using the medium of printing.

The children thought about a natural object they would like to print. They had to consider that their object had a suitable silhouette and how much detail they would apply.

Once they had decided on their design they cut it onto a polystyrene tile. They then rolled paint over the tile and set about printing their objects. The overall effect was very effective and the children have produced some very interesting designs.



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



Non Uniform Day

Friday 19th May will be a non-uniform day in aid of Aya—Aspirations. Children are invited to wear pink (Aya's favourite colour) and donate £1. During the day they will be able to think about and discuss what they aspire to achieve.



Weekly Awards

Star: Harry Cording— For the effort he has put into improving his writing, especially checking that his letters are not reversed and it makes sense.

Jumbo: Maddison Patch— For trying hard to develop her recording skills.

Chariot: Safia Stone— For the fantastic way she is transferring her adult directed learning to her independent learning.

Eagles: Keaton Wilson— For the positive way he coped with the changes in class last week.

Circus: Callum McGuire— For the consistent way he works hard in all lessons.

Roses: Scarlett Bloomfield— For her improved writing.

Heads' Award: Star, Jumbo and Chariot



Lower Phase Reading

Class	% Reading
Star	86%
Jumbo	96%
Chariot	78%
Roses	97%
Eagles	90%
Circus	84%