



# St John's Green Primary School.

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## Newsletter

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

Jane D. Hull

### Mr. Dugdale

Parents and children in KS2 will be aware that yesterday afternoon one of our parents, Mr Dugdale, had a nasty fall while helping out at the track with the Year 3 children and we had to call an ambulance.

I am very pleased to be able to tell you that Bill is back home and recovering. He has a collection of cuts and bruises and a stiff shoulder.

My profound thanks to all the parents who were so supportive of both Bill and the teachers as the ambulance was called and the children escorted safely back to school.

### Class Photographs

Your child will hopefully have brought home an image of their class photographs this week. Larger versions of the class photographs will be on display in the entrance lobby of both the Town and Abbey Field sites. Photograph orders need to be returned to the school by Tuesday 19th May. Cheques need to be made payable to 'Kittle Photographic Ltd'

### Diary Dates

Monday 11th—Thursday 14th May—Year 6 SATs

Tuesday 19th—Friday 22nd May—Year 4 Residential Danbury

Monday 25th—Friday 28th—Half Term

Friday 5th June—Year 1 Trip to Colchester Zoo (If Parents have a Gold Card could they please bring them in to the school office at Abbey Field to be photocopied)

Friday 5th June—PTA Quiz Night (Teams of 6)

Monday 8th—Thursday 11th June—Year 2 SATs

Thursday 18th June—Sports Day

Friday 17th July—Last Day of Summer Term

### Netball Victory against St Theresa's

(written by Nina Preston and Zakaria Simani)

As the ball was being rapidly

passed, players sprinted to the cramped semi circle like hunters scavenging for food.

The ball reached our left attacker Shanni, time slowed as she aimed, sweat trickling down her face, she shot, goal and happiness filled the air. St John's Green were the better team, an intercepted pass. The ball was an eagle swooping into Jessica's hands. Her pass reached Zakaria, he shot, it hit the rim. Fortunately Shanni caught the rebound and scored like a hero. Our opposition made a comeback 5—4 to us but we weren't having it. Goal after goal to us and St Theresa's couldn't hold back our mighty efforts. The final whistle blew and we celebrated 7—4 to us.



### Year 5 Walk to Highwoods

Having chosen one of the wettest and windiest days so far in May, our Year 5 set off to Highwoods Country Park for a day of den building. The rain didn't dampen their

spirits and, after their gentle hour stroll, the children set about building a variety of dens and shelters. Never let it be said that our Year 5 aren't up for a challenge, with some of their shelters comprising of logs that took several children to carry. Shame on Miss Ali who (borrowed) sticks from another groups shelter so that she could complete her own.



### Staying Safe on Line

On Wednesday night we had staff and governor training on safeguarding. One of our main focuses was about the importance of keeping children safe on-line as this is something that is often overlooked by parents. Whilst absolutely brilliant, the internet is also exceptionally dangerous and parents should teach their children how to be safe when using the internet and never allow children to use it or any form of social media unless supervised.

Please watch the following link.

<https://goo.gl/mL05t>

Year 6 SATS next week—Good Luck Year 6

'Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.' Benjamin Franklin

### Awards

Tigger Award (Trinovantes) - Sam Swift  
Pluto Award (Iceni) - Precious Claydon  
Eeyore Award (Oysters) — Thomas Cornell  
Winnie the Pooh Award (Castle) - Eloise Gee  
Rory the Lion Award (Dutch) - The Whole Class  
Sully Award (Mercury) - Emmanuel Adedare Ojo  
Diddle Award (Claudius) - Sakeus Natanael  
Scrappy Award (Eagles) - Marlie Wigley  
Bumble Award (Circus) - Mia Wickers  
Stitch Award (Daffodils) - Ivan Yu  
Mickey Award (Roses) - Brandon Osborne  
Hathi Award (Snowdrops) - Mae Grimwade  
Heads' Award — Oysters  
Attendance— Snowdrops & Iceni  
Spot— Riley Thompson

### Playground Competition

Really well done to all the children who entered the competition to come up with some new designs for the school playground at Abbey Field.

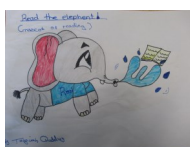
Unfortunately there can only ever be one winner, in this case three, from each of the school phases.

Lower Phase—Mia Wren

Middle Phase—Tasfiah Quddus

Upper Phase—Preet Johal

As well as choosing a free book in assembly today, each of the children will get to see their playground design marked out on the playground at Abbey Field later on this term.



### Newsletter Challenge

Each week, I will put in a sentence or phrase which will act as a story starter.

The challenge is to write the next part of the story but you can use no more than 100 words. Lower Phase children need only write a sentence. Middle and Upper Phase will need to write a paragraph.



The shark glided silently through the water...

As always, answers on Mr Bates' door if you are at Town site and on Mrs Smith'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 ...

I have had a torrid time this season watching Colchester United. However the last two games this season have almost made up for the cost of the season ticket with Sunday's victory over Preston saving them from relegation. As a school we continue to work with Colchester United who run the holiday training sessions we have at school for the older children. On Sunday 19th July, a long way off I know, Colchester United are having their Open Day—well worth popping along.

Have a good Weekend

Simon Billings