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# St John's Green Primary School

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## Newsletter

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### PTA—Year 5/6 Disco

Just a reminder that tonight is the last of our PTA discos and it's the Year 5/6's turn to hit the dance floor.

The disco is from 6.00p.m.—7.00p.m at the AF site.

Entry for the discos will be via the AF playground and small hall—which you will only be able to be access via the side gate in the Alley way between Abbey Fields and Mersea Road.

If you haven't managed to source your tickets yet, then it will be possible to pay your £2 entry fee on the door.

### Flippin Marvellous

On Tuesday, our very own Mr Bates took to the stage with a frying pan and batter in hand to demonstrate the art of pancake making and tossing.



The name 'Shrove' comes from the old word 'shriving', which means to listen to someone's sins and forgive them. In Anglo-Saxon England, Christians would go to church on Shrove Tuesday to confess their sins and clean their soul. In other words, they would be 'shriven'.

Traditionally, during Lent, Christians would give up rich, tasty foods such as butter, eggs, sugar and fat (some Christians continue to do so, in fact).

Shrove Tuesday is always 47 days before Easter Sunday—so if you have given up something nice for Lent—the countdown for a chocolate fest has begun!

### Layer Marney Towers

Yesterday, Year 5 visited Layer Marney Towers to take part in a Stone Age day which consisted of an archaeological dig, Stone Age School and making clay pots. The children even said hello to some of the locals (pigs and goats) but sadly, the cats didn't come out to see Mrs Wall. Both classes' behaviour, knowledge and contributions were fantastic and were commented upon by the staff - a great day had by all.



### SJG v Kelvedon

Last week, our Year 5/6 Football Team took on Kelvedon in a league match. Unfortunately, Kelvedon were just a touch better than us and we didn't emerge victorious. It was a lot of fun though and the team were fantastic and did themselves and the school proud, persevering and enjoying the game.

### Sponsored Read

Many thanks to the parents who took part in the sponsored read as part of book week.

If parents could start handing their sponsor money into the school offices as soon as possible, that would be very much appreciated.

### Year 2 Residential Skreens Park

Just a reminder that the final payment for our Year 2 residential of £25 is due by Friday 22 March.

Many thanks

"Practice isn't the thing you do once you're good. It's the thing you do that makes you good." - Malcolm Gladwell



### Awards

Year 6 (Trinovantes) - Yehia Abou Wafia (MOM)  
Year 6 (Cymbeline) - Riley Hunt (MML)  
Year 5 (Oysters) - Khanyi Kurys (MML)  
Year 5 (Magnets) - Dante Miller (MML)  
Year 4 (Castle) - James Biudole (RROX)  
Year 4 (Cavalier) - Eowyn Chambers (CC)  
Year 4 (Garrison) - Kairon Martin (RREX)  
Year 3 (Dutch) - Harvey Smith (MOM)  
Year 3 (Iceni) - Faye Lake (CC)  
Year 3 (Paxman) - Kiara He (RREX)  
Year 2 (Mercury) - Aaisha Nadim (MOM)  
Year 2 (Claudius) - Drew Caller (RROX)  
Year 2 (Romans) - Tyler Hayward (RREX)  
Year 1 (Eagles) - Ameira Varma (MML)  
Year 1 (Circus) - Oscar Reed (MLM)  
Year 1 (Roses) - Ramone Campbell (MML)  
Foundation (Chariot) - Leah McPherson (MML)  
Foundation (Star) - Thomas Worth (MML)  
Foundation (Jumbo) - Joe Wilkinson (RR)  
Attendance - Cymbeline

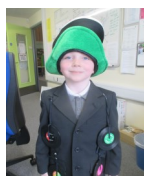
### Book Character Day

Many thanks to all our parents, friends and relatives who clearly put in so much effort this morning for the amazing array of Book Characters we had around the school.



There's not enough room to put photo's of everyone but well done to the following children who were the year group winners.

EYFS—Henry Bowen, Year 1—Luca Castagnoli, Year 2—Connor Marples, Year 3—Nathaniel Paz, Year 4—Isabelle Harsini, Year 5—Millie Self, Year 6—Zara Gibson.



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### Diary Dates

Friday 8th March. 6.00p.m.—7.00p.m. Year 5/6 Disco @ AF.

Tuesday 26th March. Children's Evening. AF & T. 5.00p.m.—7.30p.m.

Thursday 28th March. Year 4 Danbury final information meeting for parents/children. 6.00p.m. @ Town.

Tuesday 3rd April. Year 4 Production to Parents. Town. 2.00p.m. Pre-school children/babies welcome.

Tuesday 3rd April & Wednesday 4th April. Year 4 Production to parents. No pre-school children or babies. 6.00p.m.

Monday 8th April—Monday 22nd April—Easter Holiday

Tuesday 23rd April—First Day of the Summer Term

Tuesday 30th April—Friday 3rd May. Year 4 Danbury Residential.

Tuesday 23rd July—Last Day of Summer Term

Wednesday 4th September. First Day of Autumn Term.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THERE ARE OTHER KEY DATES ON THE SCHOOL CALENDAR ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE.

### Life Bus

You may have noticed the Coram Education Trust Life Bus parked outside Abbeyfield site all week. All children have had a session with Nancy the Life Bus coordinator to help with their social, emotional and health education. Sessions have ranged from Mental Health help, how the brain works, keeping our body healthy, making good decisions about our health and healthy relationships.



### Collaborating Carlos (Work Well Together, Support each Other)

Collaboration is the process of two or more people or organisations working together to complete a task or achieve a goal.

Did you know?

1. The mere presence of other people can boost your performance.

Social psychologist Floyd Allport's research showed energy of other people can act as a substitute team even if we're working solo.

2. Prevent failures

A massive 96% of executives cite ineffective communication as the reason for workplace failures.

Also, researchers in Australia found that a person working alone has a 59% chance of successfully completing a series of critical tasks. However, the likelihood of success jumps to 99.9% based on a team of three subject matter experts working together—with one person completing tasks and the other two supporting the work along the way.

3. Creative input

People who work in a team are more creative, productive and confident. Decades of scientific research have revealed that great creativity almost always springs from collaboration, conversation, and social networks—challenging our mythical image of the isolated genius.

And Finally,

It can sometimes be a little bit difficult to take things too seriously at school. Teaching your children today, we have had: a pack of Coloured Crayons, a Cowardly Lion, a Rainbow Fish, the Lorax, Mary Poppins, Mrs Large, The Tiger who came to Tea, a Scarecrow, Little Red Riding Hood, The Cat in the Hat, Elmer and Where's Wally—just to name a few.

Have a Good Weekend

Simon Billings