

# St John's Green Primary School.

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## Newsletter

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### Diary Dates

Thursday 13th February (p.m.) - Class Dutch Assembly to Parents

Monday 17th February—Friday 21st February—Half Term

Monday 7th April—Tuesday 22nd April—Easter Break

*'A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new.'*

Albert Einstein

### Toy Fair

It was great to see the children from Foundation and Year One getting a hands-on experience with many different types of toys from the past. The children were able to play with a diverse selection of old toys such as Meccano, jigsaws, puppets, spinning tops and dolls. It was all part of the grand finale for the Lower Phase 'Toys' topic. Travelling Toy Museum 'History off the Page' visited the children in the top hall on Monday and Tuesday, talked about the history of toys and the many different types of toys that are still around today. The children were animated, active and engaged and seemed to enjoy everything they did.



### Turkish Delight

It was the turn of Year 2 and 4 to work with Mrs. Burke this week to create some culinary delights. At the end of their topic 'Other Worlds,' the children were transported back to Narnia to make Edmund's favourite Turkish Delight. The children assisted with the measuring, mixing and cooking of this sweet delicacy. Not all of the children were persuaded that this was such a delicious confectionary but several members of staff did not have to be asked twice to try it.



### Year 4 Sports Festival

Year 4 had a fantastic time at St. Helena School on Monday afternoon, taking part in sports that they may not usually be able to experience. The children were able to have a go on the school's climbing wall, play basketball in the school gym, show what they can do on the competition sized trampolines and take part in a mini indoor athletics competition against the other schools taking part. We had several certificate winners: Kayla Simmonds in the pick up and retrieve, Kalaum Corani in the standing long jump, Alexei Abdravikov in the boys speedbounce and Rosie Brook in the beanbag throw. Last but not least, Ruby Sunderland gained certificates in the sprinting and girls speedbounce.

Well done all of you!



### School Reports

Just a reminder that the latest reports for Assessment Period 2 came out last

Tuesday. All parents should have received a copy of their child's report.

### Year 6 Residential 2014—Kingswood

#### Year 4 Residential—Danbury

Please remember that the next instalment of £65 for the Kingswood residential and £15 deposit for the Year 4 Danbury residential was due to be paid by Fri 31st Jan.

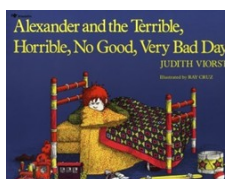
### Awards

- Tigger Award (Trinovantes) - Hollie Hunt
- Eeyore Award (Oysters) — Gus Birchmore
- Winnie the Pooh Award (Castle) - Alice de la Cruz
- Lion Award (Dutch) - Faith Major
- Sully Award (Mercury) - Camron Cattrall
- Diddle Award (Claudius) - Rosie Whitwell
- Scrappy Award (Eagles) - Naomi Hearn
- Bumble Award (Circus) - Jamie Humphrey-Johnson
- Stitch Award (Daffodils) - Sofia Helene
- Mickey Award (Roses) - Zak Linnemoller
- Simba Award — Lower Phase
- Spot Award — Alfie Sherman
- Attendance Award - Circus

### Book Review by Mrs. O'Shea

#### Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day—Judith Viorst

One of my all-time favourites, this book takes you through a day in the life of Alexander who indeed is having a terrible day that begins with waking up with gum in his hair and just keeps getting worse! This hilarious book has poor Alexander suffering through everything that could possibly go wrong in the run of a young child's day. Both young children and adults can relate to having a day where nothing seems to be going your way. If you're having a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day and need a good laugh, try this funny book which is sure to make you smile. You'll realize things really aren't so bad after all!



### Newsletter Competition

Each week in the newsletter we will give you a single word. The challenge is to use that word correctly in a sentence. Children should write down their sentence with the word correctly used. The prize each week will be a book. This weeks word is 'skulduggery' meaning 'underhand dealing or trickery'

And Finally...

Sometimes it's very difficult to come up with something for the 'And Finally...' section for the newsletter. Mr. Billings is often trying desperately all week to find something silly that a member of staff has done or said. This week, however, my job seems to have been made quite easy. Mr Bromley, we salute you. There is very little to say about this picture. I shall leave it up to you.

Have a good weekend !

Dan Bates

