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# St John's Green Primary School

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We ♥  
Maths

We are all  
writers ...



## Newsletter

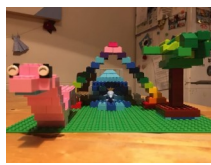
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### PTA Lego Competition

Really well done to James and Faye who were the winners of last week's lego competition with the theme of Fantasy.



The next two week's lego competition theme is 'Winter Wonderland' - you have an extra week because of Half Term.

Please remember that entries need to be uploaded to the PTA facebook page by Wednesday (24th) February. As before, there is a prize for the best entries from EYFS/KS1 & KS2.

"What do you call two birds in love?"  
"Tweetharts!"

"If he doesn't appreciate your fruit jokes, you need to let that mango."

### School Council and UNICEF Ambassador

On Wednesday, we held our first ever School Council and UNICEF ambassador Teams Meeting. With the children's fantastic knowledge of Teams, this was a smooth and productive meeting. It includes children at home and at both Abbey and Town sites.

We discussed the schools "Unicef badge" work and how best to ensure that every child knows about this project and what they have to do to earn their own badges.

We also talked about single-use plastic and how we, as a school, can cut it's use. The children's ideas will be put together in a proposal and a bid made to Essex County Council for £250 to help put the children's plans in to action.

Finally, we took this opportunity to thank Mrs Corani for all her hard work over the years with the School Council. There were some very sad faces, when the children heard she was leaving. Her enthusiasm and hard work will be greatly missed by us all.



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

Jane D. Hull

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

YOUR CHILD WILL FOLLOW YOUR EXAMPLE, NOT YOUR ADVICE.

### Half Term Challenge



Describing how we're actually feeling is not always easy, even as adults we sometimes struggle to find the words to properly describe our emotions at any given point in time.

According to recent research, there are 27 human emotions but 34,000 distinguishable feelings.

If we are going to verbalise how we're feeling at any one time, then it's important that we are able to know at least 40 words to describe our feelings. These can be anything from 'excited' to 'sad' and 'relaxed' to 'anxious'.

Mrs Bullivant's challenge then to everyone, staff included is whether you can write down at least 40 different feelings?

To make it a little bit more interesting these should be done as a 'Word Cloud'. There are plenty of free word cloud generators out there—wordart.com is just one of them. Entries to Mrs Bullivant via—[admin@st-johnsgreen.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-johnsgreen.essex.sch.uk)



### Awards

Year 6 (Class Bubble) - Whole Class (RREX)

Year 6 (Mrs Wall) - Noah (MM)

Year 6 (Mrs Smith) - Kushal (MM)

Year 5 (Class Bubble) - Alex (MM)

Year 5 (Miss Kerr) - Charlie (MM)

Year 5 (Miss Stockwell) - Violet (MLM)

Year 4 (Class Bubble) - Whole Class (RREX)

Year 4 (Mrs Hancock) - Oliver (MM)

Year 4 (Miss Mitchell) - Aisha & Bahram (MLM)

Year 3 (Class Bubble) - Whole Bubble

Year 3 (Mrs O'Shea) - Stanley (MM)

Year 3 (Miss Aston) - James (RREX)

Year 2 (Class Bubble) - Kane (RREX)

Year 2 (Miss Pickard) - Julia (MM)

Year 2 (Mrs Kibbler) - Nayeli (MM)

Year 1 (Class Bubble) - Lily (RREX)

Year 1 (Mrs Scotting) - Tilly (MLM)

Year 1 (Mr Rudge) - Oliver (RREX)

EYFS (Class Bubble) - Barney (RREX)

EYFS (Miss Cook) - Whole Bubble (MM)

EYFS (Mrs Farley Hewitt) - Whole Bubble (RREX)

HUB— Oliver (RREX)

Thank you so much for your £1 contributions to our Pinkie/Purple day in support of the Rotary Club and 'End Polio Now' many thanks as well to the parents who have dropped £1's in as you've walked past the school sites—£194.90 so far...

### Snow

On Page 2 just a few samples of some of the snow pictures we've received into school this week.

In addition, if you haven't had a chance yet to look on the school website: <https://st-johns-green.eschools.co.uk/website>, there are some pictures sent in from Lee Brooker from Happy Days Photography of both school sites and Colchester—in the snow—quite stunning.



### Joy of Moving

Attached to e-mail with the newsletter will be a 'Joy of Moving Winter Games Pack' from Colchester United—Football in the Community.

It's all about keeping moving and active during February and the pack is full of games and activities that you can do with your children over Half Term and beyond!

### Mrs Corani

We say goodbye to Mrs Corani who has been offered a new position as a Specialist Social, Emotional and Wellbeing Practitioner for the Sigma Trust.

Our loss is obviously their gain and we wish Katie all the very best in her new position.



Miss Stockwell along with some of the staff and children have put together a special goodbye video for Mrs Corani which is on the welcome page of the school website — you'll never make a cake the same way again.

### Distractions

I've probably got myself into enough trouble this week after my comments to the press, so I'm laying the blame for this article firmly at Mrs O'Shea's door, who posted this to the teacher's this morning!

Things that distract your child from home learning...

- Getting snacks, Sharpening pencils, Needing a drink, Finding a ruler, Their pet entering the room, Needing a wee (for the third time in an hour), A bird flying past the window, Their sibling breathing/looking at them.

Things that distract your child from the xbox/playstation/youtube

- Nothing!

And Finally,

According to the internet, 'Teacher's are the No 1 recipient of valentines, who will often receive a note from their children. Pets feature as No 6 on the list. And in total, 1 billion cards will be exchanged.

I threw the cats out last night due to a disagreement about the proper place to go to the toilet, so I doubt they'll be sending me a card and no cards have appeared on my desk this morning. However, there's a billion cards out there—so you never know—it's not Sunday yet!

Have a good Half Term Simon Billings



