



# St John's Green Primary School.

Learn to Live, Live to Learn

## Newsletter

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**Please remember that today is the last day of the Spring Term. We start school again on Monday 13th April.**

**Please also remember that there are NO clubs in the first week after the Easter break. All clubs will start again WB 20/4/15.**



### Splash

It's always a delight as Headteacher to bask in the successes our children have and this week is no exception as our Year 3/4 children



have been magnificent. Their performance of 'Splash' was absolutely brilliant. From the solo singing, to the choruses, the acting and the dancing.

The performances really do underpin our 'Core Values' with the children, clearly happy and enjoying themselves, persevering to make sure they gave such excellent performances, trying their best and most definitely being successful.

Really well done to everyone involved. My particular thanks for your support and to the staff, for the hard work that they put in. A final special mention to the children—amazing.

Both Nicola Roberts and Sophie Stubbings, two of our parent governors have written in this morning stating—'A superb school play.... Huge congratulations to Mr Bates and team and all the children!! They should be very proud of themselves! Well done indeed.'

In total £278.76 was raised from the collections and my thanks as always for your generosity.



### Job Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a school cleaner at our Abbey Field site. The position is for two hours daily, term time, 3.00p.m.—5.00p.m. and is payable at Band 1 pt 5, £7.00 an hour. Application forms are available from either site and the closing date for applications is Midday on Friday 24th April.

### Team Point Total

The points are counted and a non uniform day awaits in the Summer term for team Siege who with 4950 points were our victors this term.

1st—Siege—4950

2nd—Priory—4849

3rd—Colne—4822

4th—Abbey—4501

5th Temple—4328

Well done to all the children but a special well done to Team Siege.

### Diary Dates

**Monday 30th March–Friday 10th April—Easter Holiday.**

**Monday 13th April—1st day of the Summer Term**

**Thursday 16th April—Year 3/4/5/6—Garrison Track for Athletics**

### Am-egg-zing

I am very glad that I didn't have to judge the eggs this year as the children's cre-egg-tions were truly ter-egg-fic. From Egg-sheren to B-egg Pipe, Egg-mergencies to Desp-eeg-able me. Peppa P-egg, Rainbow Eggs, egg boxes, Myself and Mrs Bourne—the variety and creativity was fantastic. Thank you so much for your hard work and obvious enthusiasm. Sadly there can only ever be a few winners.

### Foundation

1st—Mia Wren, Runner up—Mae Grimwade

Year 1

1st Niamh Collopy, Runner up—Archie North

Year 2, 3, 4

1st Harry Duffet, Runner up—Sophie Ratcliffe

Year 5/6

1st Ella Horgan, Runner up—Damia Ambrose

Parents/Staff

1st Dean Chappell, Runner Up—Rachel Cottham

Please remember to collect all eggs at the end of the day as there is a small chocolate egg for all entrants.

Please see page 2 and the school website for a selection of pictures from some of the egg-tries.

### Curriculum Experiences

Our children learn best when they experience things first hand and in real life and this is something we try and build in and develop in our curriculum planning and delivery. Over the last few weeks your children have been immersed in different things 'real' experiences depending on their year group.

Year 6 have been writing persuasive letters, in response to letters from me about both playtimes and playground design.

Our Foundation children have been immersed in imaginative play as they use their new play sheds to maximise their learning.

And in Year 1 the children experienced how quickly the Great Fire of London must have spread.

If any parents do have areas of expertise that would benefit the children's learning, please do let your child's class teacher know. The more real relevant we make things the more our children learn.



### Reading and Attendance

Over the last few days we have been giving out both reading and attendance certificates and awards for those children who have read 5 x each week, every week and those children that have 100% attendance. As you can see from the photographs we gave out a huge amount of certificates, which is brilliant. Really well done to class Oysters that have the best reading percentage with 99% of the children reading 5 x a week at home. Really well done as well to class Snowdrops with 97.3% reading. Each child in these classes will be able to chose a free book as a well done.

Really well done as well to class Claudius who have the best attendance for this term with 97.5%. Class Claudius will be off to Go Bananas in the Summer Term as their reward.



### News Letter 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.



This weeks starter:  
'Andy silently walked through the jungle, suddenly from behind him....

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 chose a free book.

*And Finally ...*

Never let it be said that the Chair of Governors dedication and commitment to the school is anything less than outstanding. Talking to him on the phone yesterday morning about judging the egg competition and the timing of his visit into the school, he revealed to me that he had literally just stepped out of the shower and it was a good job I couldn't see him. I had to concur—sometimes a little less information is a good thing.

*Have a good Easter break*

*Simon Billings*



