



# St John's Green Primary School

Learn to Live, Live to Learn

## Newsletter

We ♥ Maths

We are all writers ...

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### Lest We Forget

On Wednesday, Years 1 to 6 walked to the High Street to join in the two minutes silence outside the Town Hall. The children were joined by parents and governors in the short act of remembrance as we took the time to think about those people who had given their lives for their country.

John Maxwell Evans wrote in 1916, 'When you go home, tell them of us and say, for your tomorrow we gave our today.'

The children, each and every one, made us proud on Wednesday as they stood in respectful silence for the two minutes. At the end of the act of remembrance some of the children were introduced to Colchester's Mayor, Theresa Higgins. A couple of our Year 5s were also interviewed for BBC Radio Essex.

Our Foundation children also held an act of remembrance at the school.

Every child in the school should have brought back this week a commemorative medal and bookmark from the school.



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

Jane D. Hull

### Informal Parents Evening

Please don't forget that next Wednesday, 18th November from 5.00p.m.—7.00p.m. is our informal parents evening at both sites. Please do come along to celebrate the successes and achievements your children have made in this first Assessment Period. You will receive your child's report on Tuesday.

### Diary Dates

Wednesday 18th November 5pm-7pm Informal Parents' Evening

Wednesday 18th November PTA AGM at 7.00p.m. Abbey Field Site

Thursday 19th November—Parents Coffee Morning at Town Site, 9.00a.m.—9.45 a.m.

Friday 20th November Non-Uniform Day for Christmas Fair (Please see page 2)

Friday 27th November Christmas Fair 5pm-7pm (Abbey Field)

Friday 11th December, Christmas Jumper Day, £1 donation, Save the Children

Friday 18th December—Last day of Autumn Term

### Maths Road Show

The NRICH Hands on Maths Road Show will join the school on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. Children and parents will be able to participate in a wide range of mathematical challenges and puzzles. On the reverse of the newsletter is a timetable which details when each class is experiencing the road show. If parents are able it would be fantastic if they could come along and support their children. **Please no pre-school children, sorry.** After school on Tuesday and Wednesday, there will also be an open road show session for all parents/children to explore together.

We have a few spaces left for the Year 1 Multi Sports club on a Tuesday. Sessions are £2. Please see the School Office if you're interested.

### Gruffalo Walk

Our Foundation Classes headed out to Abbey Field this week on a Gruffalo Walk. They searched high and low—but no Gruffalo!



### App Attack

Each week we will feature an App for tablet or phone devices that have been trialled by a member of staff. Multiplication Tables Personal Assistant: Math can be fun. Children can learn about telling the time and sequencing days and months of the year too.



Multiplication Tables Personal Assistant: Math can be fun! Get it! iOS App Helen's iPhone Write a Review | Report a Problem

£0.79

### Awards

Tigger Award (Trinovantes) - Kayla Simmonds  
Eeyore Award (Oysters) — Elena Brown  
Winnie the Pooh Award (Castle) - Stanley Hobbs  
Rory the Lion Award (Dutch) - Fern Flemming  
Pluto Award (Iceni) - Tristan Williams  
Sully Award (Mercury) - Leyla Corani  
Diddle Award (Claudius) - Lola Piper  
Scrappy Award (Eagles) - Isobel Cahill  
Bumble Award (Circus) - Dominik Novak  
Simba Award (Roses) - Nancy Hobbs  
Stitch Award (Chariot) - Donovan Doyle  
Hathi Award (Star) - George Henley  
Mickey Award (Jumbo) - Harry Ledgerton  
Heads' Award — Mercury & Claudius  
Attendance — Circus  
Spot— Jadya Turay

### Year 2 Visit to Hollytrees



Year 2 visited Hollytrees Museum this week. Whilst there, they explored toys and homes from the past and had some time to look around the house and sketch artefacts. The children dressed up in clothes from the 1800s and looked at the replica dolls house to find out about how the house was used when it was a home. The children will use their experience from the visit to help them with their theme work about heroes when learning about inventors and inventions from the past. We were complimented by the staff on the children's impeccable behaviour. Many thanks to Mr. Cahill and Mrs Burrell-Saward for joining us and helping out.



### Maths Challenge

This weeks challenge.

This square has eleven letters missing, which you have to replace:

B	R	A	V	E
	E	B	R	
		V		B
	B	R		
		E	B	

Every row, column AND the main diagonals contain all the letters in the word "BRAVE".

Answers on Mr Bates' door if you are at Town site and on Mr Green'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 to confess I've never been very good at remembering my children's birthdays or for that matter their ages. On speaking to some new parents on Wednesday afternoon, I asked Mrs Bullivant how old my daughter was. This led to a question as to whether or not Mrs Bullivant and I were married. For some strange reason Mrs Bullivant was not best pleased with this, apparently sharing an office with me is enough, marriage would be a step too far!

Enjoy the weekend

Simon Billings

We are growing our learning





# NON UNIFORM DAY

## FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2015

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November will be a non uniform day in aid of our Christmas Fair. The Christmas Fair is being held on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November from 5.00 – 7.00 p.m.

We are collecting donations for the fair on the non-uniform day on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November.

Instead of sending in money, could parents please send their children in to school with any of the following: items suitable for Lucky Dip/ anything chocolate (boxes or individual chocolate bars) for the chocolate tombola stall/ bottles or cans of soft drinks, biscuits etc. to sell on the refreshment stall. Could adults please hand any glass items directly to the School Office.

Urgently Needed: Donations for the Raffle  
(e.g. toiletries, bottles, gifts etc.)



### NRICH Maths Road Show

#### Town Site Tuesday

Castle 9:10 - 10:10 Year 4

Dutch 10:20 - 11:20 Year  
3

Iceni 11:30 - 12: 30 Year  
3

Lunch

Mercury 1:30 - 2:20 Year  
2

Claudius 2:30 - 3.20 Year  
2

Parents 3:30 - 4:30

#### Abbey Site Wednesday

Foundation Star 8:50 -  
9:20

Foundation Chariot 9:25 -  
9:55

Foundation Jumbo 10-  
10:30

Year 1 Eagles 10:40 -11:10

Year 1 Roses 11:15- 11:45

Year 1 Circus 11:50 -  
12:20

Lunch

Year 6 Trinovantes 1:15 -  
2.15

Year 5 Oysters 2:20- 3:15

Parents 3:20-4:20

