



St James and St John News

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Years 5 and 6 Winning Third Place in a Sports Competition

On the 17th of January, Years 5 and 6 attended an athletics competition which was at the Jubilee Sports Centre. In the morning, there were many small activities which, as groups, we participated in. These included: javelin throwing, long jumping and speedster. They were all challenging but the activities in the afternoon were much heated up in tension. In the afternoon, we did relay races and obstacle courses against some other schools. 'It was an amazing experience doing some sporting activities against other schools, when some were really challenging to beat', was a quote collected. Breaking the school's history, Years 5 and 6 achievements meant that the school's name was announced in third place, which is an outstanding achievement. Ryan Sabra.



Attendance

Nursery: 97.8%
Reception: 92.2%
Year 1: 94.2%
Year 2: 94.8%
Year 3: 94%
Year 4: 96%
Year 5: 98.7%
Year 6: 98.4%

Congratulations to Year 5 for having the best attendance! Keep it up! Kylie Pringle.

House Points

Seacole: 3740
Fleming: 4370
Brunel: 3740
Siddons: 3460

Congratulations to Fleming for collecting the most House Points!

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 24th January

Reception Class to Polka Theatre

Thursday 25th January

Piano performance for KS2 at St James's Church

Friday 26th January

School council visit to the LDBS schools' service at St Paul's Cathedral

Year 6 trip to the Natural History Museum

On Monday the 15th, Year 6 went to the Natural History Museum to learn about Charles Darwin and evolution. Whilst they were there, they had a look at different exhibitions with fossils and items to do with evolution and how the world has changed. In the afternoon, Year 6 started a workshop to do with evolution. To start with, they went to a room with a timeline to show the history of the world over millions of years. Afterwards, Year 6 went to sit down on some benches in the corridor. Their guide then gave them some fossil replicas and a mat with four sections which were: muddy forests, less muddy forests, harder ground with less forest and harder ground with not many plants. These four fossil copies went to each part of the mat. These turned out to be ancestors of the horse. They then played a game to find out how animals evolve. Six children were picked to participate in the game. Four of these children got wooden tongs and two got metal tongs. In front of them were a wooden bowl and a tub filled with wooden cubes. The children pretended to be birds and their favourite food had run out so they had to eat wooden cubes. These cubes were then emptied into the bowl and the tub was their stomach. Once they had finished, the three children with the most cubes in their stomach gave birth to two children whilst the other three sat down. The next six inherited their parent's beak. The same happened again and at the end, the last three surviving all had metal tongs. This introduced us to how natural selection takes place. George Gream.



Poetry Competition – Don't Miss Out

On the 5th of February, this school will be having their own poetry competition with a chance of winning a trophy. All the children have been asked to learn and practise a poem to perform in their class. Each class will have a mini-vote to decide which person from their own year group proceeds to the school finals. The school finals are going to be conducted on the 6th of February. It is essential that all of the children learn a poem as it will help in knowledge as well as provide entertainment. Ryan Sabra.



Year 6 Trip to Transport Museum

Last Monday, Year 6 went to the Transport Museum in Covent Garden to participate in a citizenship workshop. They went there to learn about personal, road and transport safety. There were bus, car, tube, fire, dog and Internet safety sections in the museum. The adults running the activities gave the groups points for how well they did. After every team had completed all the activities, there was a competition for which team earned the most points. Kylie Pringle.

Year 3 Trip to the Urban Studies Centre

On Friday the 12th of January, Year 3 went to the Urban Studies Centre. This quote was collected: 'I really enjoyed this fun experience and would like to go again.' Carlos (their instructor) talked about the rivers and what happened to them and how they became dirty. He talked about the tide coming high two times a day and showed them a picture of what the River Thames was like a century ago. Carlos took them to the River Thames and gave them a piece of paper to draw their surroundings. Ryan Sabra.



Yr 5 Trip to the Science Museum

On Monday 8th of January, Year 5 went to the science museum because of their new topic, space. They enjoyed it because they learnt more about space than they had before. There were museums and devices that showed many things. One machine showed if your eye sight was getting better or worse in outer space! The Year 5 students rate it 9/10! They would definitely like to go again. Kylie Pringle.



Finishing Of the Nativity Scene

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On Christmas day, Steven, a year 1 student, and his parents came to the school to put baby Jesus in the manger. The school is very grateful to Steven and his family for helping finish off the Nativity scene. By Ava Pontidas

