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St. James & St. John Maths Day

Celebrating our Work

Next Wednesday, the 17th of October, is our Maths Day and all children and members of our school community are encouraged to come dressed up in a mathematically-inspired costume. We also ask that a £1 contribution is made to this PFA Fundraising event.

Our new Literacy units are in full swing and there has been some outstanding production of work connected to them. Year 4 has written some brilliant diary entries, inspired by their investigation of The BFG, as can be read below:

Throughout the day, the children will have the opportunity to play maths games, take part in creative maths activities, compete in times-table slams and tackle some challenging maths problems.



See below for some costume inspirations:



Dear Diary,

One night I was in my bed asleep when I heard a loud thump across the village street. I woke up and realised it was the witching hour when everyone would normally be tucked in bed asleep. I got out of bed and walked across aphanage room trying to not wake up the children and especially not Mrs Clonkers. If I did she would lock me in the cellar for a day and a night with nothing to eat or drink. The last time I was there I heard the rats creeping out of their holes "It was horrid!" Anyway when I got to the window I saw someone or something sliding around the corner to the Gruchies. I was a giant, 25 feet atleast! Its ears were as big as an elephants tusks. I Sawned but nothing came out just a little peep. I said to myself that he would probably hear me with his gigantic ears.

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Suddenly the creature turned, I had never been so frightened in my life. I ran to my bed and locked myself in and never went out of bed again. I tried to fall asleep but I kept on thinking about the mysterious creature. As I looked up a huge hand lifted up my bed and this time I did actually scream and all the children woke up but by then I was already out of the window. The giant creature carried me across the street as if he were in a rush. When sunrise had begun we reached a Stone wall he lifted up an object and it owned like magic. When we walked through the passage way we had to walk down a steep hill we were both very silent and after a minute or so we both knew why. There were even bigger giants! I didn't want to wake them up so I just didn't look.

Year 3 continued its investigation of prehistoric life after reading about The First Drawing with the planning of cave pots, ready to get their hands muddy when they construct their designs later in the week.



Year 1 has been following Beegu and Sidney and Stella in their quests to find the moon and they produced some stellar facts about the differences between fictional and factual texts.

FICTION
(made up)

The moon has pencils on it.
The moon has a tale with spots.
The moon has a dog.
The farthest food is called
bananas. The moon

Correction – Year 6 Fundraiser

It is always great to learn from fantastic mistakes and so it is that we do by acknowledging that an error was made last week in identifying the amount raised by Year 6 during their Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser. The corrected amount is £599.84. Well done, Year 6! It truly is a remarkable effort.

Our value of Fellowship

As a part of our continued work on our new school values, Year 5 completed some work with Fr. Owen, looking at how Fellowship can be

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demonstrated and nurtured at our school. Linking the idea to the origin of the word Communion (Koinonia), Fr. Owen helped us identify how connected we all are at our school and how it is important to look after those connections.

Developing our Understanding of Using Mistakes

Next term, St. James & St. John begins to embark on our journey into the world of Mindset and how learning from mistakes rather than being embarrassed or afraid of them is how we will make real progress in our learning.

All students and staff will participate in a series of lessons and assemblies to develop the idea of learning from mistakes as well as identifying ways to challenge ideas we have about how we learn and what we are good at.

Keep an eye out for further information as the term progresses, with examples of our work being

regularly displayed around the school and in the newsletter.

School Term and Holiday Dates for the 2018/2019 Academic Year

AUTUMN TERM

Monday 3 September - Friday 19 October 2018

Wednesday 17th October

Whole School Maths Day

School holiday –Half Term

Monday 22 October - Friday 26 October 2018

Monday 29 October – Friday 21 December 2018

INSET DAY Monday 29th October

Thursday 1st November

Autumn Term parent & teacher meetings

Thursday 8th November

PFA pub evening at The Mitre

Monday 12th-Friday 16th November

Anti-bullying Week

Friday 7th December

PFA Christmas Market

Tuesday 18th December

Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 19th December

EYFS Christmas Show for Parents

Thursday 20th December

Year 1, 2 & 3 Christmas Show for parents 10am and 2pm

Friday 21st December

Whole School Nativity Service at St John's Hyde Park 10am