

SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION

Friday 21st September 2018

Thriving together in Love, Life and Learning

Perseverance – Reverence – Trust – Forgiveness – Fellowship – Joy



Recognising Our Values

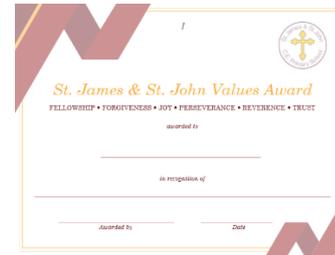
A big thank you to all those parents who came in to meet the teachers and staff this week. The classes are all buzzing with the excitement of the new year still fresh in the topics and work being introduced.

This year also sees a continued focus on the strengthening of the values of our community that we witness in and around our school. These are evident in both lessons and in the events staged throughout the year, such as the Early Years barbecue.

Thank you to the PFA and Mr Elie who helped to organise the afternoon in a true demonstration of Fellowship as we welcomed those members new to our school community in the Early Years. It was great to see so many happy and interested faces.

In recognition of our values, we have also made changes to the way our Celebration Collective Worship takes place. This morning saw the first presentation of the St. James & St.

John Values Awards, which have replaced school certificates.



Focusing on the six school values – Fellowship, Forgiveness, Joy, Perseverance, Reverence and Trust – students will be recognised by all members of staff for showing a true demonstration of these.

Congratulations to those who have been identified in the first group of recipients.

Celebration of Work

Some wonderful work has been completed in the past week across the school, with some really exciting art pieces being completed in Years 2 and 3.

Year 2 took inspiration from their investigation into different types of sporting balls to create a completed

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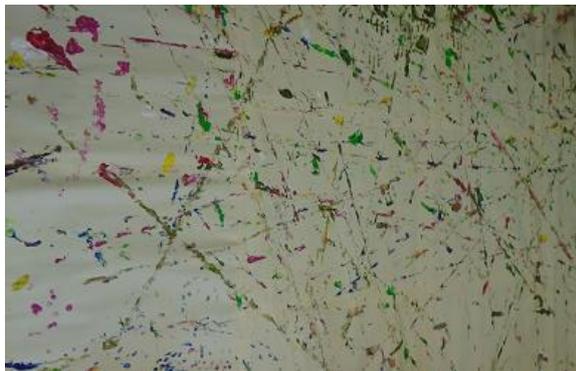
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canvas of which even Jackson Pollock would have been proud.



Year 3 continued investigating the world of the Stone Age by creating collages of cave people and pastel drawings of woolly mammoths.



There was also some fantastic work completed in Year 4 this week as the children took on the role of Moses and wrote a series of diary entries. Some budding authors amongst us, we do have, as you can see below.

Thursday

This day couldn't have been any better. At first, though, I was wandering around the desert looking for my sheep. I dreamt that I had spied a bush burning. It started calling my name.

It was like I was in my wondrous dream. It was so realistic. It called me once again. It announced that it was our Lord God. The Lord had spoken to me, then I realised it wasn't a dream. I kneeled down and prayed that I was safe.

God declared that I, Moses, was going to save God's people, the Israelites, and take them to Canaan, the promised land. I was shocked!

Why had God chosen me? I was not special, but I think God knew I had faith in him. I looked up into the sky and told myself, "I can do this."

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Notes for the 'To Do List'

As was discussed at the parent meetings this week, please ensure that your General Consent Forms are completed and returned to the office as soon as possible. These new forms are part of the new GDPR laws that were introduced in May to provide protection for data. A delay in being able to collate this information will prevent photography at school and school events.

Also, a quick reminder that Monday is Homework Day for all classes in Years 1-6. Please ensure that your child brings their homework books to school on Monday ready for correction in class and for the new Homework to be sent home.

Community Corner

Our next introduction of one of our new staff members is:



Miss Beckie Miles.

Hello! My name is Beckie Miles and I am

very excited to have joined St James and St John this September. I have always wanted to teach and so I am thrilled to be starting this new stage in my career.

I was born and raised in Ealing, North West London, and I lived in New York for a short while during my studies. I graduated from Regent's University in 2015 and since then I have been working with children, of all ages, in a variety of different roles.

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

AUTUMN TERM

Monday 3 September - Friday 19 October 2018

Thursday 27th September

Welcome Meetings for Parents

Yr 3 – 4:30pm

Wednesday 3rd October

Yrs 1-6 Harvest Service - St. John's Hyde Park – 2:00pm

School Information Evening & PFA Annual General Meeting – Lancaster Hall Hotel – 7:00pm

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