

Rights Respecting
Article for
w/c 9th December
Article 15

(Freedom of Association)
Every child has the right to meet with other children and young people and to join groups and organisations.

The British Value for the week is:
Mutual Respect



GOLDEN CUPS for Behaviour for the w/c 2nd December went to:

MAPLE AND HOLLY

Our Attendance Award for the w/c 25th November went to:

PLUM - 100%

Well done to **Plum Tree Class** for their high attendance.

December Dates:

Parent Consultations

Tuesday 10th December 2019



Christmas Jumper Day / Church Christmas Service (2:00 pm) / Christmas Bazaar (3:15 - 5:00 pm)

Friday 13th December 2019



Year 1, 2 & 3 Christmas Concert (2:15 pm) / Welcome Visit for New Parents

Monday 16th December 2019



EYFS Christmas Concert (9:15 am) / School Christmas Dinner

Tuesday 17th December 2019



Years 4, 5 & 6 Christmas Concert (2:15 pm)

Wednesday 18th December 2019



Last day of term (school finishes at 2:00 pm)

Thursday 19th December 2019

Spanish word of the week:



Cabello

Hair

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Friday 6th December 2019



Message from the Headteacher

Dear SJB Parents and Carers,

Walking through the school this past fortnight has been wonderful. I have been listening to the children practicing for their Christmas concerts. There is a lot of hard work and determination coming from the children and the staff, to ensure they give you an amazing performance. I hope you're all able to join us for the Christmas concerts (for dates and times, please check the back page). The Christmas spirit is everywhere at SJB!

On Wednesday we had 'Sacred Music for Schools' perform for years 4, 5 & 6. They are a classical choir group who sang Latin songs dating back to 400 years ago. Our children also sang to them one of their Christmas concert songs and altogether, we sang 'Hallelujah'. The entire performance was astounding and inspiring and we thoroughly enjoyed listening to the talented voices of the choir.



Along with the festivities, we had Work Week last week. Work Week is an important aspect of our curriculum as it gives the children the opportunity to explore work life. By learning about different careers, it gives them an insight in to all the options available to them after education and the different roles they can adopt - from jobs in the community to private services. Have a read inside the newsletter to find out more about what the children learnt last week and don't forget to ask your child what their favourite part of Work Week was.

Next week on Tuesday 10th December is Parent Consultations. Parents and carers can use these appointments to discuss with their child's teacher about the progress made so far and the targets for the upcoming year. Appointments are still available and can be made through the school office. We encourage the children to come along with their parents to the appointment as it will be beneficial for them as well.

Best wishes,
Toni Mason

St John the Baptist Belief of the Week for w/c 9th December 2019

Co-operation

Co-operate, help and listen to each other so we can learn from each other and settle disputes peacefully.

'How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity.'

Psalm 122:1

WORK WEEK

Our children participated in Work Week last week where they explored different careers. Each year group learnt about a different career path and what it is like to work in that job.

Nursery - Fig



Fig tree class were very busy during Work Week. We had a professional chef who came to our class and showed us all the lovely cakes that she makes. We had the chance to decorate

our own biscuits which were very yummy! We also had a visitor from Cats Protection who showed us how to look after cats and keep them safe. We took a trip to Hackney City Farm and watched how the animals are looked after in the farm.

Reception - Apple & Pear



Reception have been learning about 'People Who Help Us' in the community with a focus on 'Emergency Services'. They visited the fire station and had a blast firing the hose and trying on the firefighters

uniform. They were also visited by our local police officers who explained to them that they just don't catch 'the bad guys'!

Year 1 - Oak



Oak class went to the Strong & Bendy gym in Hackney Wick where we joined fitness instructors and conducted a workout session. We tried out some exercises using the gym equipment,

doing push ups, chin ups and practicing our dance moves in front of a huge mirror. It was incredibly fun! Aaron said: "This job is so fun! I want to make people strong!"

Year 1 - Palm



As part of Work Week, Palm Tree Class went to Waitrose to experience working in the supermarket. We had a great time – taste testing, finding different items in a supermarket hunt and meeting

different members of the team. To finish off a great trip, each child was given a copy of 'Excitable Edgar' to take home! "I liked it because we got to go shopping and I got a book as a present." - Lily Mae

Year 2 - Cherry & Holly



Year 2 focused on 'Jobs in the Community', looking at hairdressers, nursing, vets, librarians and opticians. They learnt through role play and enjoyed dressing up. They also visited the Postal Museum to learn about the Royal Mail

and the job of postal workers.

Year 3 - Rowan & Silver Birch



During work week, Year 3 learnt about managing money and how adults earn, save and spend money. Children were amazed to find out that adults have to save up

(sometimes for months) to buy the things they want! For our trip, we went to KidZania. Here, children could go to different companies with their Kidzo's (currency) and spend their money on activities. They were even able to buy an item from the KidZania shop! King-Khalifah said: "Work week was so much fun, we got to learn about money and budgets and at KidZania we got to earn fake money to buy real things."

Year 4 - Elm

Elm Tree Class spent a fantastic morning at the Mexican restaurant Wahaca where we saw first-hand the importance of numeracy and literacy in the workplace. We practised taking orders, adding up and dividing the bill and improved our customer service skills! In the bar, we mixed tasty mocktails, recognising the importance of measurements and conversions and finally, in the kitchen, we made delicious guacamole. Throughout, we saw how teamwork and communication made work so much easier. "Guacamole is one of the best things you could ever eat!" - Kayla



Year 4 - Maple



During work week, Maple class were considering maths and writing skills in the world of work. As part of the week, we visited OKN1, a restaurant in Hoxton. We measured ingredients and combined them to create pizzas and mocktails, which we can tell you, were all delicious!

Year 5 - Chestnut & Willow

Year 5 learnt about Ethical Fashion. We split into groups and formed our own fashion companies. Then, we visited the V&A Museum and investigated fashions of the past so that we could use this knowledge to help create our own ethical fashion. We used recycled materials to design and create an article of clothing that we modelled and presented in a fashion show to our guests. We created some amazing fashion items and were very professional when answering questions from our panel of fashion experts. Venus: "Work week was fun. I enjoyed making our own fashion items and seeing what it's like to work in the fashion industry."



Year 6 - Hazel & Plum



Year 6 looked at enterprise and starting a business based on a new invention. We wrote up business plans, did the finances, looking at start-up costs, renting factories and employing workers. We then presented our ideas to a panel of judges at Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson Law Firm in the city. We had an armour plated, solar-powered phone, which won the best investment and a pair of glasses with windscreen wipers and a tracking system whose team won best teamwork. Best presentation went to all-weather shirts that promoted 'Anti-Racism'.

A big thank you to the parents who accompanied a few of our classes on their trips. We can't wait for next year's Work Week!