

St. John's Newsletter

Primary Playground

K.S.1 students returned to school after the half term break to find that their playground had been updated with interactive stations for playing music and games. The students love the new equipment and are developing new skills as a result.



Jack Petchey Award

Congratulations to Sophia Henry and Nana-Yaw who won the JPA for this term, for their hard work and achievement.

Last year's winners, Liam, Lexi, Paul, Nathan P, Bethany and Matthew have been invited to attend the Awards Ceremony at the Town Hall, Ilford on 30th November.

Mrs Silver won the Leadership Award for her dedication and commitment to music and choir at the school.

Summer Fete 2017

We held our annual Summer Fete in July. Fortunately the rain kept away and it was a great occasion. We had our regular stalls and some new ones. Let us know if you have a great idea for a new stall. Goods made at school by the students were sold at the Enterprise Stall.

Lots of hard work goes into the event in advance. This year Michelle from Delicacy, a local café in Grange Hill provided just what we needed, some fresh ideas and expertise to help us to organize the event. She also worked tirelessly throughout the day and with her friendly team provided the catering for us. We didn't have to wash a single cup!

We would also like to mention Elliot Costa, from Taylor's Solicitors, who match funded money raised to the sum of £5,000, a huge thank you to him.

Next year we would love to see more of you enjoying the day with us. Mark 7th July in your diary for our Summer Fete, 2018!

Exam Results: Summer 2017

Each year a number of students complete externally set tests at the school.

Congratulations to last year's K.S.4 students: Lesley, Nana-Yaw, Shawn, Owen and Cameron who passed the AQA 'Step up to English' and Functional Skills in Mathematics.

Paul and Liam, who are now at College passed the Edexcel Functional Skills in English.

Well done and keep up the good work!

Sports News

So far the school has participated in two football tournaments which the players enjoyed and found beneficial. As a means of funding the tournament the players organized a Cake Sale in November. They would like to thank everybody involved, especially the parents who supported the event with their kind donations. They would also like to thank Mrs Edwards and her cookery classes who made the cakes.



MacMillan Coffee Morning

Staff and students worked together to make this annual event a great success. Not only did the cakes and cookies look irresistible they tasted just as good! Many thanks to the students, staff and parents who made this event a great success and raised £280.

Bingo

The Bingo Night in early November was another great success, raising £543 for school funds! Many thanks to Verenna and Elsie who organize the event and to all of you who came out to support it. There will be another Bingo Night in the Summer Term.

We will keep you posted.

Shakespeare Schools Festival

On the 31st October the BTEC Performing Arts group performed Macbeth at The Broadway Theatre in Barking. Students from St. Clare's Class played the drums and created a suitably eerie background sound to a very well-acted play. Congratulations to the students who performed so well in front of a large audience. We would like to express our appreciation to Mr Kava and Mrs Silver who worked so hard to bring this production to life and to enable our students to reach their full potential.



And finally ...

You will be glad to know that Mrs Silver has kindly offered a new home to Max the stray cat, who was found around the school grounds. Max has settled in well to his new home and enjoys the piano!