



Royal Wedding and Picnic



While none of us were invited to the Royal Wedding in Windsor we marked the occasion by having a picnic at school, on Thursday 17th May. It was a very happy occasion and the students enjoyed sandwiches and cake, beautifully prepared by Kim and her team of kitchen staff. Each class had made a card to congratulate the Happy Couple which have been sent to Buckingham Palace.

London Panathlon Plate Finals

The St John's Sticklebacks were back in action on the 10th May, competing in the finals of the Panathlon swimming competition. Our team of eight travelled to the Aquatics Centre in the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park to compete against eight other teams from the south of England.

First up for the Sticklebacks was Nathan P. in the 25 metre freestyle race. As the gun went off, Nathan was the first off the blocks, gliding through the water like a salmon and won by at least 2 metres. We were off to the best possible start. Alfie was next up and with a powerful stroke beat the swimmer from Orpington, by a fingertip. Team Captain, Kara was next to swim, in arguably the hardest race, the 25 metre back-stroke. The race was swum at lightning speed but Kara was beaten at the finish line by the swimmer from Parkwood, to gain a silver position. Bethany and Kara then swam a brave third followed by successive wins from Nathan R. and Harry, in the 12.5 metre freestyle events. At the half-way stage it was all to play for with little separating St John's and two other teams. The team events followed and the first was 'Slam dunk'. This was a four-person relay event, passing a ball between players with the final swimmer taking a shot at a hoop and the team swimming back in the fastest time. The Sticklebacks were beaten into second place. The next race was the Raft Race which consisted of another four-person team: Alfie, Kara, Bethany and Isabella all swimming a length with floats followed by a second length as a team, pushing a raft. The team blew the opposition out of the water, winning by half a length.

The last race of the competition was the Treasure Hunt and our team needed a good result to put us in the running for medals. The race was a two-minute scramble to retrieve as many objects from the pool as possible. At the final whistle it was impossible to tell who had won. The competition was over and we waited for the final results. Bronze positions were called and St John's were still in with a chance. We crossed our fingers as the speaker made his announcement: "The winner of the Plate Competition, 2018 is St John's!"

The Sticklebacks had only gone and won the Penatholon Swimming Championships!

Semi-Formal Curriculum

The students have learned about the seasons. They have learned about nature and have looked at the changes in the weather. They have learned about the life-cycle of the frog and they have enjoyed seeing the young tadpoles developing. Some of the tadpoles have their back legs already! We will keep you updated. The students have produced some lovely art work which has enhanced their learning and added to their learning environment.



May Procession



May is the month of special devotion to Mary, Our Lady. The annual May procession was held on Wednesday 23rd May. Students walked behind a statue of Our Lady, from the school to the Chapel where Father Bob conducted a very joyful Service. Accompanied by Mrs Silver on the keyboards, the students sang a variety of beautiful hymns and listened to Bible readings.



Dates for your calendar

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable half-term break! The school reopens on Thursday 7th June.

Friday 29th June - School Prom.

Saturday 7th July - School Fete and Sports Day

Tuesday 17th July - Leavers Mass

Friday 20th July at 12:30 - End of School Year



Congratulations to the following students who have won the Jack Petchey Award for the Summer Term: Lauryn Hart, Chidera Umeh and George Newbold.

The Staff Leader Award was won by Tracey Benstock. Well done all!