

John Scurr Newsletter

BE THE BEST THAT YOU CAN BE

Reading Pledge

1 The John Scurr Community

My Promise: 'I will read everyday at home and at school'

2 What does reading look like

Sharing your reading together, reading on your own, playing reading games, reading to an adult, having an adult read to you and talking about reading

3 How long should I read for at home

Children in Early Years & Yrs 1-2 should read for at least 10 minutes everyday. Children in Yrs 3-6 should be reading for at least 20 minutes everyday

What Will You Choose To Read Today?



Dear Parents,

We hope you enjoy the Spring Term edition of our school newsletter.

From the very chilly start in January to the (slightly) warmer days of late March your children have been focused and hard working, and receiving a really high quality offer with teachers and staff who care. I hope they talk about their learning at home with you.

I know that for many of you this is the holy month of Ramadan-thank you for ensuring that during this period of time you continue to prioritise your children's attendance, punctuality and learning. I really appreciate how difficult this is and if you require the services of our new **'Walking Bus'** to get your child here on time- please do speak with Rofina, Jermaine or Leona in the front office.

We are the only school in the area that offers such a service as we know how important punctuality is to ensuring great outcomes for your child.

It has been lovely to see you for assemblies, workshops, 1:1 meetings and in the playground every day. Being a Headteacher is hard work but the community of John Scurr makes each day a joy!

I look forward to seeing Year 6's for our Easter School in the holiday and also for sharing our Eid plans with you soon.

For those who celebrate, I wish you a peaceful Easter.

In partnership

Maria Lewington



School Dates for the Diary



School Term Dates 2022/2023

Autumn Term

		Pupil Days
Term 1	Thursday 1st September 2022 - Friday 21st October 2022	37
Half Term	Monday 24th October 2022 - Friday 28th October 2022	
Term 2	Monday 31st October 2022 - Friday 16th December 2022	35
Christmas Break	Monday 19th December 2022 - Tuesday 3rd January 2023	

Spring Term 2023

Term 3	Wednesday 4th January 2023 - Friday 10th February 2023	28
Half Term	Monday 13th February 2023 - Friday 17th February 2023	
Term 4	Monday 20th February 2023 - Friday 31st March 2023	30
Easter Break	Monday 3rd April 2023 - Friday 14th April 2023	

Summer Term 2023

Term 5	Monday 17th April 2023 - Friday 26th May 2023	30
Half Term	Monday 29th May 2023 - Friday 2nd June 2023	
Term 6	Monday 5th June 2023 - Friday 21st July 2023	35

195 days-

Does not include 2 desegregated days (for Possible Eid closure) and 3 INSET days (tbc) which will result in 190 days for pupils.

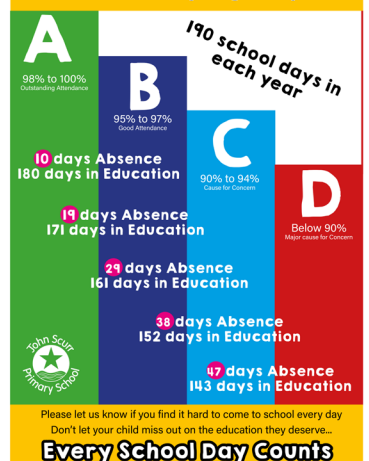
Fond Farewell



Robin Cowley - Attendance Officer

With thanks to Robin Cowley who is retiring- unwavering service to the school in ensuring all pupils attend school regularly. We wish him all the best with his retirement.

Great attendance means attending school every single day



School Attendance

Group	No. of Students	Maximum No. of possible attendances	Total Absences				Total Attendances		Total No. of Students who were absent on one or more session		% Unauth. Absentees
			Authorised		Unauthorised		No.	%			
			No.	%	No.	%			Auth.	Unauth.	
Year Group N1	20	294	34	11.56	72	24.49	188	63.95	11	10	50.00
Year Group N2	60	1026	95	9.26	93	9.06	838	81.68	33	19	31.67
Year Group Reception	49	1386	78	5.63	78	5.63	1230	88.74	20	6	12.24
Year Group 1	60	1680	71	4.23	20	1.19	1589	94.58	19	5	8.33
Year Group 2	57	1606	74	4.61	19	1.18	1513	94.21	17	7	12.28
Year Group 3	53	1488	49	3.29	10	0.67	1429	96.03	16	2	3.77
Year Group 4	52	1456	60	4.12	36	2.47	1360	93.41	15	5	9.62
Year Group 5	58	1628	31	1.90	6	0.37	1591	97.73	9	3	5.17
Year Group 6	60	1704	42	2.46	8	0.47	1654	97.07	9	2	3.33
Totals	469	12268	534	4.35	342	2.79	11392	92.86	149	59	12.58

For this half term you can see that our school attendance is 92.86% overall. We aim as a school for attendance to be 96% so there is room for some improvement.

Congratulations to Year 3, 5 and 6 whose attendance is all above our target. If your child is feeling a little unwell, please try to send them to school and we will call you if they need to go home later in the day. If your child is too unwell to attend school please remember to call the school absence line before 8.30am.

PSHE



We have just completed our PSHE topic. All the children from 2 year olds to Year 6 enjoyed finding new things that they could do and challenging themselves with goals they wanted to achieve. They completed activities that involved working as part of a team and helping each other to solve problems.

We were able to create a 'Garden of Dreams and Goals'. All the children in the school had something to do or make in their classes which then came together to be displayed in one of our rooms.

The children felt proud to look at their work in the large display but also looking at all the other amazing work that the children in the other year groups had produced. We are looking forward to our new topic called 'Healthy Me' where we are looking at the importance of exercise, relaxation, sleep and healthy eating.

Helen Davies - Assistant Head Teacher

Thunberg Class



Thunberg class have done an incredible amount of quality learning so far this year: from learning about how the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings fought for control of England in history, to finding out how our teeth and digestive system work in science, to learning how to sew buttons in DT.

The learning never stops in Thunberg class! Additionally, the children have worked very hard in maths and are continuing to practise their times table skills ready for the National Multiplication Check in June.

Lastly, we've been lucky to take part in a number of exciting learning opportunities outside of the school, the latest of which was a trip to Genesis Cinema to hear a talk by children's author, Serena Patel.

There's plenty more to learn before Year 5 though, so do try to help your child attend school every day. They really do miss out on a lot of key learning whenever they are off.

Tutoring at John Scurr Primary School



At John Scurr Primary School, we are invested in your child. Quality First Teaching is a style of teaching that emphasises high quality, inclusive teaching with high expectations for all. Teachers and teaching assistants are experienced in providing scaffolding support to enable all children achieve.

For some children, a little additional support is needed to close the gaps in a child's knowledge and understanding and to reduce the barriers to learning. At John Scurr Primary we are so proud of the offer we provide to make this happen:

- Readiness tuition and Booster lessons which are planned by teachers and led by a mixture of teachers and teaching assistants so that we can reach as many children as possible.
- Intervention groups for Colourful Semantics, designed by a Speech and Language Therapist, this intervention teaches children how to understand and build sentences.
- Toe by Toe, a highly structured phonics-based daily 1:1 session to support children who are finding it difficult to read.
- Lightening Squad, a blend of face to face tutoring and online learning that improves reading for pupils in year one to year four.
- Third Space Learning is a 1:1 maths tutoring provision for children in year four, five and six. The children work online with a personal tutor who is able to see exactly what the children are doing and can ask and answer questions via headsets.
- Some children in year six (and in year four last year) work in groups of two or three to receive tuition from an experienced year six teacher and maths lead each morning online.
- Phonic intervention is designed to close the gap for targeted individuals in year two and year three.
- Small groups of children are targeted for additional support in various year groups to help close the gaps – these interventions take place during the school day.
- A small number of children receive 1:1 reading intervention or handwriting intervention to remove the barriers to learning across the curriculum.
- In addition to this, John Scurr employs additional teachers to support the children in year one and year six.

As you can see, we really are invested in your child. We strive to provide the best quality teaching and learning and have been identified as a lead school for our reading, writing and foundation subjects, with visitors from other schools and Multi Academy Trusts travelling from across the country to learn from the way we teach at John Scurr.

You can support us in two ways. Firstly, ensure your child is in school every day so that they can take advantage of all the learning opportunities available to them. Secondly, by prioritising the homework set each day by the class teachers. Help set the routine and expectations for your child to complete their homework each day. Together we can achieve great things.

Keeley Alborough - Deputy Head Teacher



THIRD SPACE



Rashford Class



Rashford class have done an incredible amount of quality learning so far this year: from learning about how the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings fought for control of England in history, to finding out how our teeth and digestive system work in science, to learning how to sew buttons in DT.

The learning never stops in Rashford class! Additionally, the children have work very hard in maths and are continuing to practise their times table skills ready for the National Multiplication Check in June.

Lastly, we've been lucky to take part in a number of exciting learning opportunities outside of the school, the latest of which was a trip to Genesis Cinema to hear a talk by children's author, Serena Patel. There's plenty more to learn before Year 5 though, so do try to help your child attend school every day. They really do miss out on a lot of key learning whenever they are off.

Tom Cottom - Class Teacher

Hussain Class

We have learned so much in Hussain Class this year! In maths we have really enjoyed using a variety of concrete resources to help us add and subtract numbers to 20.

We have also been working hard in English. We have learned how to write a recount all about our past experiences. We wrote about the Chinese New Year dance workshop we attended in school. Everyone had so much fun learning a new dance and getting to pretend to be a dragon!

We have also been learning about making healthy choices – we know that we need 11 hours of sleep a night, lots of water, healthy food and at least 1 hour of outdoor exercise a day to keep us fit and healthy.

In History we have been exploring the lives of significant people from the past. We know so much about Mary Anning and David Attenborough now!

Our class Champions this term are Ayat for producing outstanding homework, and Raakin for being the most improved in phonics! Well done to our Champions.



Sports News

With great happiness I would like us to congratulate the John Scurr girls Y5/6 Football team for doing a tremendous job of reaching the finals of the Tower Hamlet Primary School Football Cup, where the girls were just beaten at the last minute (it could have gone either way) it was a very tight game to claim the Silver Medal. We are so proud of them all, the quality of football they showed really impressed the other school coaches with their passing, shooting, determination to win, their fitness and they showed all areas of our school values (5R's) Readiness, Resourcefulness, RESILIENCE, Respect, reflection.



Year 6 News

It has been a continued pleasure teaching our wonderful Year 6 children this term. Since September there have been so many achievements in and out of the classroom and we are so proud of them. Children have been working hard on their learning as they approach SATs. Thank you to parents who have supported their children by bringing them early or collecting them at 4pm so that they can do extra learning. This has had a huge impact on their progress.

As authors, children have written two different stories and are currently studying Shakespeare's Sonnet 18. As Scientists children have been doing impressive work learning about the properties of light in computing they have been learning different systems for coding.

We are proud to let you know that the chess team (including Afif, Ishaq, Sadia, Iqrah, Swayam, Fahad, Rumaisa, Anifa) are currently top of their inter-schools league, with several children winning individual medals for their success. Meanwhile, Y6 girls have been blazing a trail in football, coming second overall in their recent inter-schools tournament.

We are delighted that so many children from Year 6 are part of the Debating Team which is also enjoying great success in competitions with other schools. We can certainly see the impact of this in their speaking and listening in class.

We have a number of Millionaire Readers in Year 6: Sadia, Razin, Umayyah, Zara, Swayam, Zahra, Anisa, Milo and Sara. Meanwhile Isha has read more than 2 million words this year!

We are looking forward to welcoming all of Year 6 for Easter School this year, which will give them an opportunity to build further on their SATs preparations. More details to follow on this.



Joe, Vicky & Joanne - Class Teachers



Learning Lodge

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to share, our schools learning lodge is a superb place for learning.

Currently we have two ESOL classes running at the learning lodge and all of our parents and adults including the tutors are very happy with the facility.

If you have missed the assessment days here at John school for ESOL classes, you can apply for 19+ Adult ESOL class online www.nclondon.ac.uk wait for a call from New city college who will contact you for an assessment. You can also access ESOL classes by going onto www.ideastore.co.uk and learn at the library. Remember it's never too late to learn!

Ramadan Kareem, wish you all a healthy peaceful Ramadan

Warmest regards

Rofina

Family Support/School liaison

John Scurr - Year 6 Chess Team



The year 6 chess team have produced some amazing chess players over the years. This years cohort are proving to be the most difficult to beat in the borough. Every month 6 children from the chess team get the chance to compete in a monthly chess tournament against 5 other schools. We have just completed month 2 and in both months we have gained the highest points, leading the board nearly 15 points clear of any other school.

The atmosphere is very intense and the concentration and focus is a sight to be seen. Our children play each game calmly and with a manner that shows real skill and strategy. We are hoping by month 5 that we will be unstoppable.

Well done to all the year 6 chess players who play together as a fantastic team.

Satnam Sokhal - Achievement Advocate

Dads Football is back !!

Come and join this fine bunch of athletes on a Tuesday from 1.30- 2.30. Dads football is all about getting to know each other, building our community together and getting fit.

As dads we can inspire our young children to enjoy sport just as much as we do. This will lead to a healthy lifestyle and a positive approach to keeping fit. So what are you waiting for? see you all on Tuesdays



Satnam Sokhal - Achievement Advocate

Packham Class

This term, we have been extremely proud of Packham's adaptability to change and self-regulation skills. A big thank you to the families for supporting and welcoming change in the classroom. We have taken part in learning about our dreams and goals, using our own experiences to support our writing, and organising our day through visual schedules.

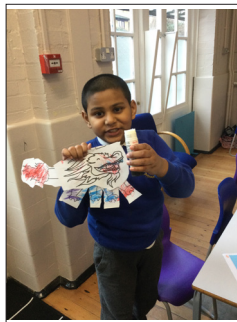
During learning through play, we have been exploring many sensory materials; using tools to improve our fine motor skills and recognising what different emotions feel like in our bodies.

Zaynab has been sharing the Zones of Regulation with the class; naming, modelling and sorting emotions into the four zones. Our next steps are to build our own regulation toolbox to support our learning.

Saira and Umair have been fantastic storytellers; sharing joint attention and using props to retell main events in our story of the week. Sulayman has been using his creative side to build models with different materials and share them with the class.



Zoe Harris - Class Teacher



Goldsmith Music Project



This spring term, Packham class have been given a fantastic opportunity to explore our thoughts and feelings through music.

Jo and students from Goldsmith university have provided us with experiences using a variety of instruments, including a synthesiser, harp and bass guitar as well as developing our call and response skills.

Yasser and Abdur Rahman have been beatboxing and Eviana has been serenading us with her singing of 'the feelings song'. Yamin has shown particular interest in learning rhythms on the drums and Saim has been learning scales on the keyboard; even practising them outside of our sessions during learning through play.

Packham class have been inspired to create their own orchestra by active listening and improvising their own collaborative piece of music.

Zoe Harris - Class Teacher

Year One - Guided Reading

The year one team are working hard alongside the early reading lead, Lily, to deliver an outstanding reading offer. This includes a daily dedicated 30 minute reading session for all pupils. Pupils read in small groups of 6 with a trained adult every morning from 8:45am to 9:15. Every group has individualised support to promote fluency and comprehension. From this term we have seen an improvement in pupils' confidence, enthusiasm and readiness!

The books provided are part of an industry leading phonics scheme and work to support pupils learning across all areas of literacy. Our reading offer also includes reading for pleasure, where pupils can exercise their readers choice and select any book from our year one library. They can change this book daily to promote a love for reading. It has been wonderful to see them getting excited about reading.

This is why it is so important that your child arrives at school at 8:45 to get the most out of our reading offer.

Thank you for getting them in on time!

Breakfast Club & Teatime Club

Breakfast Club

- **Monday to Friday**
- **8.00am to 8.45am**
- **FREE**
- Reception to Year 6
- **Club is run by Afia Khatun**
- To join contact the office and speak to Tania Bashir
- **Healthy breakfast provided; cereals, toast, fruit and juices.**
- Games and activities; puzzles, lego, arts & crafts, board games and more.
- **Socialise with friends**



Tea Time Club

- **Monday to Friday**
- **3.00pm to 4.00pm**
- **£1 per session**
- **Reception to Year 6**
- Club is run by Afia Khatun
- **To join contact the office and speak to Tania Bashir**
- Healthy snacks provided; toast, fruit and milk.
- **Indoor and outdoor activities; puzzles, lego, arts & crafts, kingball and more.**
- **Socialise with friends**



We always have spaces, so speak with the office if you'd like your child to join.

Afia Khatun - Breakfast & Teatime Club leader

John Scurr Pupils at the Lord Mayor's Show

In November, four Year 6 pupils joined The Worshipful Company of Bakers as part of the Lord Mayor's Show. The annual parade is staged by the Lord Mayor of London and many City Guilds, including the Company of Bakers. We are really grateful to Cassie, from Grow Your Own Playground, who invited our brilliant John Scurr pupils to take part. They walked from Mansion House to the Royal Courts of Justice to help celebrate bread and the work that bakers do. It was fantastic to see the children representing our school so confidently!



Julia Scurr Garden

Children across the school have enjoyed curriculum-linked sessions with Alice and Isobel this term. For example Year 5 pupils discovered how to turn flax into fabric and eventually make bandages, just like the Ancient Egyptians. And Reception children have been learning about British birds and making apple bird feeders to support the wildlife around us. How lucky we are to have such a beautiful garden to learn in and enjoy!

Meanwhile, some lucky Year 5 Children have been attending a weekly Gardening Club where they help to keep our garden healthy and organised. For example, they have put up twines to support our climbing plants. What's more, the children are enjoying the fruits of their labour – literally. Each week they have been taking home produce from the Julia Scurr Garden which they are cooking and eating with their families. Delicious!

World Book Day 2023

This year our theme for World Book Day was See Yourself In A Book. Every class enjoyed reading "The Proudest Blue: A Story of Hijab and Family."

The book is based on the true story of the author, Ibtihaj Muhammad, who is the first American fencer to wear the hijab while participating in the Olympics.

The children impressed us with their flashes of blue clothing and some of them came as characters from their favourite books.

They also enjoyed writing about the inspirational people in their own lives. And finally, we also had a lot of fun sharing books with children from other classes.

As a school we are looking forward to spending the money raised on some exciting new reads for our class book corners.



Joanne Power - Assistant Head



Red Nose Day - Comic Relief 2023



For this year's Red Nose Day children across the school have been joining in the fun by wearing amazing red outfits.

They have also brought in £1 each to contribute towards the brilliant causes supported by Comic Relief. We know that our small individual donations will add up to a big impact!

Children have also harnessed their creativity in order to complete The Lego Challenge. This is a challenge in which you have to invent something with Lego that can increase happiness for others. We're looking forward to finding out how much we have raised as a school!

Jack Fernie/Joanne Power

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Nursery News

Nursery have had an excited few months reading a selection of beautiful stories to inspire their learning. This term we have read, The Three Billy Goats Fluff, The Wizard of Oz, Peter Pan and Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

These books have brought the children's imagination and confidence out through role play, costume making and singing. The children have become mermaids, pirates, wizards, fairies, flying children, trolls, lions and many more characters!



Our News in Year 2



This year has been jam packed with learning and exciting activities in Year 2. We have had parent workshops, Red Nose Day, and World Book Day over the past few weeks. For World Book Day we saw lots of fun and creative costumes, hijabs, hair, and hats.

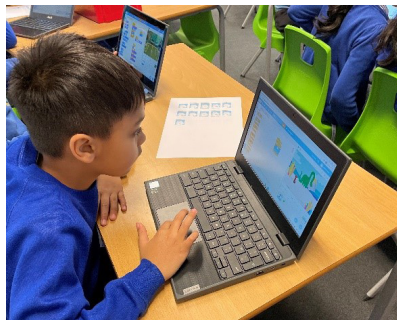
We spent the day immersed in reading, and even got to join with the Year 4 classes for some activities. In Design and Technology we spent the first Spring half term learning all about healthy food and nutrition. We got to follow 3 different recipes to create delicious dishes. Kanneh-Mason's attendance for this half term is 95.25% and Attenborough's attendance is 93.4%. We are just short of our expected attendance of 96%. We really want to win the next hot chocolate attendance award so make sure we are coming to school every day! We have lots of class champions who have reached 50 class dojo points and will be receiving their gold certificates to their homes. We have a few students nearing 100 points! Well done to Isra, Jumaymah, and Noel in Kanneh-Mason and Shuba and Sameha in Attenborough.

News from Simmonds Class

Simmonds Class have had a very successful spring term. We have enjoyed taking part in Gardening workshops with Cassie and have created our own barometers. In Science we have been learning about forces including magnetism.

We were so pleased to see so many parents join us to carry out an experiment to test which materials were magnetic.

We have also continued to use the theme of magnetism in our weekly Dance sessions, exploring the ideas of 'repel' and 'attract'. In addition, the children in Simmonds class are learning coding skills using the Scratch program. Simmonds are also proud to have won the hot chocolate attendance challenge this term. However, our termly attendance was 93.94% this term and we will try to improve our attendance next term.



News from Raducanu Class

Raducanu Class have had a wonderful time so far in Year 5. All pupils have worked extremely hard and made a lot of progress, both in terms of their learning and their personal development.

Our favourite memories from the year so far are our trips to the British Museum and the Science Museum. They really helped the children to deepen their science and history knowledge, and they especially loved going on the new Elizabeth Line! The children made us really proud, as they always do, by being extremely polite and respectful to all members of the public at all times.

We have also loved rehearsing for and performing our songs for The Big Sing. It has been wonderful to join up with other local schools and to learn some beautiful songs, and we performed them so confidently and proudly. We hope that the parents who attended enjoyed the show.

Our attendance has also really improved this term, and it is now at 97.58%. There is still room for improvement, but we are definitely becoming more resilient and making sure that we are in school, being the best that we can be, as often as we can. Thank you to our parents for your support in this.



Sophie Lewis - Class Teacher

News from Adepitan Class

In Adepitan Class, the children have been working really hard. They are learning throughout every day. Whether this is remembering to roll their sleeves up to play with water or saying the number bonds to 5.

So far this year we have been to the Moon, Tesco and Bethnal Green Gardens. The children have learnt up to Unit 9 (Sounds Write) in phonics and are becoming more fluent readers. The progress the children have made has been unbelievable and reading at home every day makes this progress even more amazing.

We have enjoyed welcoming parents into class every Friday to see and support the children's learning. It has been lovely to see the ideas and artistic abilities! As a class we are working hard to improve our attendance as this is a crucial time in the children's education. Every day really does matter – on days where we have 100% attendance, we pass round the 100% dinosaur!



Lily Pettitt - Class Teacher

Rosen Class - Successes

Rosen class have shown resilience and determination in their learning. They never give up and always ask the adults for help when needed. Rosen class enjoyed their trip to Bethnal Green Gardens where the children further developed their knowledge and understanding of the season Autumn.

During the trip, Rosen class explored and collected different kinds of leaves, exploring the different shapes and colours. Rosen class enjoyed their weekly trip to Tesco, where they chose a healthy option for the snack table. Rosen class have grown to be more responsible with their classroom and taking care of all the learning resources.

Rosen class are caring and are kind to their peers, whether it is comforting or helping a friend with their writing. Rosen class looks forward to Stay and Play every Friday where they get to do a fun and engaging activity with their grown ups. This is a great opportunity for each child to show off their learning. Rosen class' attendance is 90.80%, we are working really hard to improve our attendance as everyday of school is important for our children's learning and development.



Lotus Suffell - Reception Class Teacher

Early Reading

In September we began using Sounds Write as our new phonics scheme. Our teachers and support staff have had intensive training and deliver high quality phonics sessions. Children in Reception are learning the Initial Code and regularly take home their phonics book to read every day at home.

This is both to improve progress and confidence. Children in Year 1 are learning the Extended Code and read with an adult every day. This supports them with their code knowledge, their comprehension, their fluency and their expression. Children in Year 2 are learning the Extended Code with 'more spellings'.

This supports them in their reading and also gives them the knowledge to spell a wider range of words. Children at John Scurr love reading. They recommend books to their friends, talk about their favourite books and ensure they treat books with care.

Children in our 2 year olds and Nursery enjoy reading books and start their reading journey by exploring a wide range of high quality books.

Lily Pettitt - Class Teacher

The Big Sing

Year 5 have been part of the Big Sing with Spitafields Music Specialists. This has involved working with lots of other local schools to learn and perform 4 songs.

Matilda Medley	Musical
Wau Bulan	Malaysian folk song
Brave	Sara Bareilles
Movement	Singing in rounds with different parts.

We have had workshops and rehearsals at our school and with other schools. Finally, Y5 gave a fantastic final performance and the Bishopsgate Institute.



Science Workshop

We had over 120 parents join us for science workshops this term. You came and found out about our science learning and some of you took home some seeds to grow cress. How are they getting on?



Para-Athlete Comes to Visit John Scurr

On Thursday 23rd March we welcomed Eden Rainbow Cooper who helped us celebrate our GOLD Healthy School Award. Eden raced us and answered questions about being a Para- athlete who competes in marathons.

Our Pupil Voice Committee asked her questions in an assembly and we found out that she has so many medals and that she trains really hard.

We wish Eden all the very best in this years marathon and we will cheer her on!



Dear Maria Lewington, and everyone at John Scurr Primary School.

I am writing to express my appreciation for the admirable work that you and your staff have accomplished in supporting The Daily Mile in Tower Hamlets.

It was lovely to learn that the Borough's Healthy Lives team have awarded your school Gold Healthy Schools Status, in part because of your positive delivery of The Daily Mile across multiple year groups and commitment to ensuring children grow up with healthy habits that last a lifetime.

As an ex-Head Teacher, I know how challenging it can be to balance multiple competing priorities across any given school day, so it is so inspiring to see schools like yours continually prioritising the health and wellbeing of children and staff.

We also hear that, as part of the celebrations, Para Athlete Eden Rainbow-Cooper visited John Scurr to showcase the widespread benefits of physical activity and inclusivity of The Daily Mile. No doubt the children loved this and will remember the experience for many years. What a great role model.

Many thanks again and please do keep up the great work alongside the Healthy Lives Team and London Marathon Events.

Best Wishes

Elaine Wylie

Elaine Wylie MBE
Founder of The Daily Mile

Our Term in Wiltshire Class

What a term we have had in Wiltshire class! Tracy and I are so proud of the progress the children are making! So what have we been up too?

As part of our English and Art learning the children visited the Rich Mix cinema in Bethnal Green to watch a film called "Songs of the Sea". A story that follows the journey of a 10-year-old Irish boy named Ben (David Rawle) who discovers that his mute sister Saoirse can turn into a seal.

In geography we have been learning about county's and capital cities. The children have continued to develop their map reading skills and understand where we are in the world. In English we have been learning about how to write a letter of complaint, restaurants in the local area best beware!

In science we have been learning about magnets and force's. They have then continued to explore this learning in their Dance class embodying forces such as pull, push and repel.

Our attendance has continued to improve and we are now at 94%.



Charlotte Summer- Class Teacher

News Malala Class

This Spring term Malala class has read 4 more wonderful books about whales, wolves and our world in space! We had so much fun on World Book Day dressing up as our favourite characters or wearing a hat, hijab or fun hair!

We are also enjoying our guided reading sessions every morning with ALL groups moving up units getting ready for their phonics assessment. Keep up the fantastic reading at home Malala class! Thank you for reading with your child every day for 10 minutes! We've taken on exciting topics in Art and Design and Technology this term.

We have learnt about overprinting and what different colours and shapes can create on the page! We are loving building stable tall structures using building materials and cardboard! Thank you for sending all your cardboard in!

I am delighted to share with you that this term we have seen much improved attendance for Malala class with many days having 100%. Great work!



Rebecca O'Brien - Class Teacher

Our News from Zephaniah Class

Zephaniah Class have had a wonderful term! We have been learning all about Space in Science and all about Ancient Maya in History. We have been reading *The Boy in the Tower* by Polly Ho-Yen.

Our celebrations:

Raisa, Uthman, Sadhia, Loveyah, Nazih, Farhana, Manha, Karima and Sara were all millionaire readers who went on a special trip with Maria to the book shop.

Frazer has also been a fantastic reader and he has nearly read 100 books!

We have also started using Freckle for our Maths homework.

Our class has been working hard to become even better with our math facts! We have answered 3048 Fact Practice questions so far this year, with 864 questions answered this past week—great job! On Freckle the students furthest ahead in different areas are...

Addition: Ahmed and Yasir

Subtraction: Ahmed and Izazul

Multiplication and Division: Manha and Ilyas

Keep up the hard work Zephaniah Class, we are proud of you!

Fabienne King- Class Teacher

Celebrate EID with a school lunch with your Child/ren

Nourish
contract catering

Eid Mubarak

1.
Lamb Kabsa or
Chicken Jerk with Jollof Rice 1

OR

2.
Vegetable Kabsa with Roasted Vegetables
Served with Vegetable Samosa 1,3,4,5,12
Curried Cauliflower & Raita 7

DESSERT
Spiced Carrot Cake 1,9
or Vanilla Ice Cream with
Mango Puree & Toasted Coconut 7

Allergen code: (1) Wheat Gluten (2) Crustaceans (3) Soybean (4) Mustard (5) Sesame (6) Sulphites/Sulphur Dioxide (7) Milk (8) Fish (9) Egg (10) Peanuts (11) Molluscs (12) Celeriac/Celery (13) Nuts (14) Lupins (15) Oat Gluten (16) Barley Gluten.

We are inviting in parents to have lunch with your child/ren on **Monday 24th April 2023**.

If your child is eligible for Free School Meals, you will be entitled to have a free lunch; (This is for one parent per family). Please book by Monday 17th April 2023- 12pm. This is bookings only, DO NOT walk in on the day. If you would like attend, please email admin@johnscurr.towerhamlets.sch.uk with your full name and your children's full name and class.

You can pay the meal price of £3.30 at the office or online with SchoolPing. Payments will need to be made by Tuesday 18th April 2023.

We will inform you of the time you have been allocated to come in for the meal.

Class Photo - 18th April

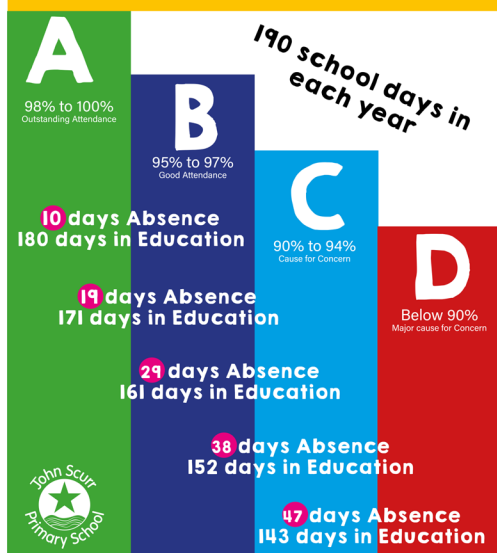
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School Attendance this Term - How Can We Improve ?



Class	Total Attendance %
Packham	89.37%
Yellow	62.29%
Thompson (FT)	79.00%
Adeptian	87.32%
Rosen	90.49%
Malala	96.04%
Hussain	93.05%
Kenneh-Mason	94.96%
Attenborough	93.81%
Simmonds	96.35%
Wiltshire	95.40%
Rashford	94.23%
Thunberg	95.00%
Raducanu	96.74%
Zephaniah	97.83%
Holmes	97.49%
Khan	97.99%
School Total	92.66%

Great attendance means attending school every single day



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Every School Day Counts

How We Celebrate Attendance



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Join us this Easter!



Keep children active this Easter holiday at one of our fun-filled tennis camps. Our experienced coaches are ready to go with individual challenges, mini matches, team games and more.

Spaces are limited so book now!

Bethnal Green Gardens

Monday 3rd April- Thursday 6th April
Tuesday 11th- Friday 14th April

Victoria Park

Monday 3rd April- Thursday 6th April
Tuesday 11th- Friday 15th April

John Scurr Primary

We are delighted you are
considering a place at
our fabulous school



We now have very limited spaces in some year groups and a waiting list in others. Please see our [admissions for Tower Hamlets](#). To book a tour with the Headteacher via the school office see our contact below