

St John's Upper Holloway CE Primary School Newsletter

February 2016

A very warm welcome to our February newsletter.

New fencing!

You can't have helped but notice the new fencing that is being put up around the school. Not only does it look much better, but also provides additional security. The gates are automatically locked between 9:30 and 3:00. Can we ask parents not to use the bolt to prop the doors open during this time as we need all people accessing school to be let in from the school office. Thanks!

Mad hair day—Friday 12th February

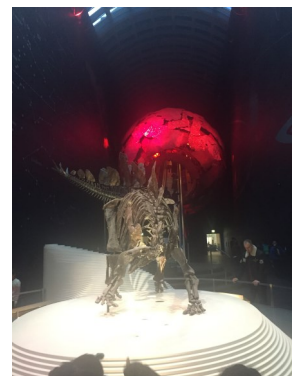
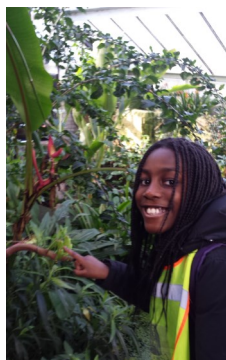
Not only did we have great fun showing off our crazy hair styles, we also raised over £135 for Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital. A huge thank you to all the parents and children who took so much time to make it such a successful day.

Goodbye and a huge thank you to Sue

It is with great sadness that we are saying goodbye to Sue in the school office. She has been a friendly welcome to our school for almost eight years but will be leaving at the end of this term to take some time out from work. It will be very hard to find someone to replace her but we have recently advertised and will be welcoming our new school admin officer after the Easter holidays. We know you will join us in wishing her all the best in the future.

Recent events and trips

As always it has been a busy term so far for trips and events. Here is a little selection including Year 2's trip to the Museum of London, Year 6 enjoying themselves at the Horniman Museum, Year 5's pizza making exploits, Year 4 exploring Kew Gardens, Bird watching with Years 1 to 3, Year 5's Natural History Museum trip, Year 6's delicious visit to Wagamamas, an art workshop for Year 2 at the Islington Museum of Art and a trip to Hampstead Heath for an eco-art workshop!!



Upcoming dates and events...

- Monday 22nd Feb- Year 2 will be visiting St Paul's to find out more about the Fire of London.
- Thursday 25th Feb- football tournament for Year 6
- Monday 29th Feb- chicks arrive!!
- Friday 4th March- year 4 visiting the Brazilian Embassy for a rainforest art workshop
- Tuesday 8th March- Year 4 visiting London zoo
- Friday 11th March- MUFTI day for the Easter disco**
- Friday 18th March—Year 1 visiting the museum of childhood
- Friday 18th March—Easter disco 6:30pm**

Attendance and punctuality

Our attendance has slipped slightly this term with only 2 classes achieving our target of 96%. A big well done to years 4 and 6- hopefully other classes can catch up by the end of this term. This week we will be presenting certificates to those pupils who achieved 100% attendance last half term. We will also be celebrating children with 100% punctuality at the end of the term.

	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance	94.4%	95.1%	95.3%	94.5%	97.4%	95.1%	96.1%
Lates	63	77	83	176	90	34	51

E-safety week



We celebrated e-safety week just before half term with all classes undertaking a range of activities to help them understand how they can keep themselves safe when online. We also had a parent workshop that Lucy Braithwaite, our Year 6 teacher led.



PE kits

Quite a lot of children are forgetting to bring in their PE kits each week and are therefore having to use spare clothes. Can we ask that you ensure your child brings in their kit on the correct day or, if it's easier, bring it in each Monday and collect it at the end of each week. Thanks.

Please don't hesitate to speak with myself or any member of staff if you have something you would like to discuss.

Best wishes

Mr Welsh