

# St John's Upper Holloway

## April & May Newsletter 2022

Welcome to the latest newsletter. As we make our way through the start of Summer term, there is a lot to celebrate and much to look forward to.

### Science Ambassadors and Worship Leaders

At St John's, we are always very proud of how responsible our children are. Our school councilors do lots of work to ensure that our school is as good as it can be. Recently, we have established two other pupil groups. Our science ambassadors were recently selected by Miss Donovan and their teachers to help raise the profile of science in school. They will be busy helping Miss Donovan with the upcoming Science Week as well as leading on environmental issues such as recycling and energy conservation. Worship leaders have also been appointed by Miss Giles and their class teachers to support with our acts of worship, provide feedback on some of our themes and even lead on some assemblies.



Our brainy science ambassadors



Our Worship Committee

### Pride wall

It can be very easy to take all the excellent behaviour and attitudes for granted and so we have recently set up 'Pride Walls' in each class. When a teacher or child notices that a child has done something thoughtful, kind or supportive in class or in the playground, they can make a note of it and stick it on the Pride Wall in their class. By the end of the week each class can celebrate all the little acts of kindness that can so easily go un-noticed but make our school such a lovely place to be.

### Spring disco and our wonderful Parent Friends group

It was a real treat to have our first Parent Friends event since Covid struck just over two years ago. Our small group of parent volunteers did an amazing job to set up the disco as well as all the other stalls, making for a fantastic evening for our children and families. These events take a huge amount of hard work, planning and commitment and I am sure you would all like to join me in thanking those parents who organised the whole thing. As well as being great fun, the event also helped raise over £700 for school and this will be used to subsidise trips and purchase resources for our classes.



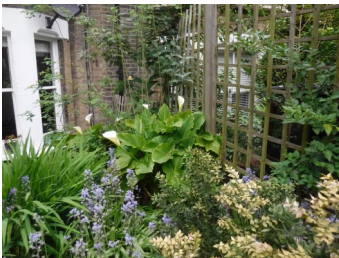
## Attendance and punctuality

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance %	89.4	91.6	91.5	94.2	94.2	93.7	93.5	91.5
Lates (%)	1.5	1.5	3.1	1.5	1.9	0.7	1.3	2.4

Attendance in most of our classes is creeping back up towards our target of 96% although covid and other illness means that it remains much lower than normal. Well done to Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 who have all exceeded 93%. An extra well done to Year 4 for almost no lateness throughout the year.

## Trips and events

Many of our classes have made the most of the opportunity to return to a number of museums and galleries. Years 1, 2 and 5 have all visited the Science Museum recently and Reception and Year 1 went for a joint walk around the locality looking at plants and gardens.





## Latest news from each class

We are planning on including much more news from the classes and pupils in future newsletters to help you as parents get a sense of the learning that is taking place. This can include articles and pieces of work from the children themselves.

## School house update

Those of you who use the side entrance to the school may have noticed the work being carried out on the school house over the last few months. We hope it will be finished in the coming weeks and will provide a wonderful new space for cooking, interventions and groups, meeting rooms and SEN support. Miss Barbara is also planning to start 'Stay and Play' sessions for parents and toddlers so watch this space for updates.

## Dates for the diary

Wednesday 4th May—group of Y3 & 4 children at a golf tournament

Thursday 5th May —**school closed** for local elections

Friday 6th May—KS1 road safety visitors

Monday 9th May—Y5 library visit

Monday 9th to Thursday 12th May – Year 6 SATs

Friday 13th May—Reduce, re-use, recycle workshop for Early Years and KS1

Monday 16th May—Y2 library visit

**Monday 23rd – Friday 27th May—whole school science week with parent event on Thursday and lots of trips – watch this space!**

Friday 27th May—Year 5 class assembly

## Safeguarding

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the children here at St John's: if you have any concerns about safeguarding or the welfare of pupils please see Mr Turpin or Mr Welsh.