



# St Paul's Newsletter

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023

## *An update from Mr. Rubin...*

It has been a few weeks since the last newsletter due to the half term falling in between. This is a long half term and school will be open all the way up until the 22<sup>nd</sup> December so very close to Christmas. There will be a lot to do and I know that our children will be incredibly busy from now until then.

We have recently received last year's ratified test results and I am delighted to report that we have done very well compared to National and Local average scores. In Key Stage 2, children who attained the higher maths score known as 'Greater Depth' were in the top 3% in the country! Credit to all of our team who work so hard with our children from Nursery to Year Six and of course, well done to our incredible pupils!

Speaking of congratulations, I am delighted that we have our new Head Girl and Head Boy alongside two fantastic Deputies. I am looking forward to working with them!

Have a lovely weekend and be kind to one another.



## **Elections for Head Girl and Head Boy Update**

Election fever hit St. Paul's as our school hall was transformed into a hustings for children interested in becoming Head Girl and Head Boy.

It was not an easy process as children had to not only prepare and practice a speech but then deliver their manifesto to a packed hall of adults and children.

After that, the audience all had one vote.

It was a very close outcome and all of the children that took part did so well. Congratulations to our New Head Girl and Head Boy – Skylaar and Sulaiman who will be ably assisted by our Deputy Head Girl and Head Boy, Lacey Mae and Melino.

A big thank you to Ms Foster for organising the event.



## **St Paul's Results Amongst the Top Schools in the Country**

I am delighted to report that once again, St Paul's students have produced some very favourable outcomes in the recent examinations compared to National and Local Tower Hamlets scores. Our Maths and Reading Greater Depth scores at Key Stage 2 are amongst the highest in the country:

- In the Early Years, children who have achieved a Good Level of Development at St Paul's is above Local and National averages,
- Children who passed their phonics tests at St Paul's is in line with Local and National average scores
- In Key Stage 1, children at St Paul's achieving the expected standard for Reading, Writing and Mathematics once again beat National and Tower Hamlets averages,
- At Key Stage 2, Reading Writing, Grammar and Mathematics are higher than our counterparts Nationally and Locally
- Our children achieving Greater Depth at Key Stage 2 in Reading is in the highest 7% in the country
- Similarly, children achieving Greater Depth at Key Stage 2 in maths is in the highest 3% in the country
- Our combined scores for children achieving Expected Standard in Reading Writing and Maths was higher than National and Local Tower Hamlets scores.



### **Value of the Term – Compassion**

Every Thursday our whole school community joins together in the hall for Celebration Assembly.

We find out which class has had the best attendance of the week, those children who have earned their merit badges or won a Certificate of Significant Achievement, students who have used great oracy skills during their lessons and assemblies. We also reward pupils who have been spotted walking around the school beautifully.

One of the most important awards is our Kindness Cup sponsored by Place2Be. The picture on the left you can see our Kindness Cup Winner from Year one, awarding the cup to the Reception Class winner.

### **Music Update – Mr. Will Bruce**



A warm St. Paul's welcome to Mr. Bruce who will be leading our singing lessons following on from Mr. Daggett. Mr Bruce is an experience music teacher his lessons are great fun!

Mr Bruce will also be supporting our Choir Church which plays such a valuable role in our school. All pupils from Y2 to Y6 welcome to come along to Choir Church Club every Wednesday





### **Butterfly Class Update – Ms Robinson**

The Butterflies class went in search of Autumn leaves in our Early Years garden. They are learning about the changes in the seasons and then used the leaves to create little people pictures. It linked in very well with their topic 'ourselves'. Great work everyone!



### **School Council Update – Ms Blake**

Our new school council met for our second weekly meeting. We have some great ideas on how to spend our fund raising money and are very excited about our first trip to St John's to interview Rowena, one of our school governors. Thank you to Ms Blake for organising this and running and minuting the meetings – not an easy task!







## **Caterpillar Class Update**

Thank you to all of our parents and carers that were able to come in to meet the teaching staff and see what their children are learning. It was a very good turn out and we will soon be holding our Parent/Carer meetings so you can find out about your child's progress.



## **Family Style Service**

We are reverting back to how we used to serve lunches before Covid by reintroducing our family style service which was very popular with the children.

We encourage our older children to support our whole school community by assisting with the service of the food.

Children will get the opportunity to try a range of foods on offer with our team supervising. I am keen to get parents and carers in for lunchtime soon so you can sample the delicious food.







## **Happy Birthday Miss Brenda!**

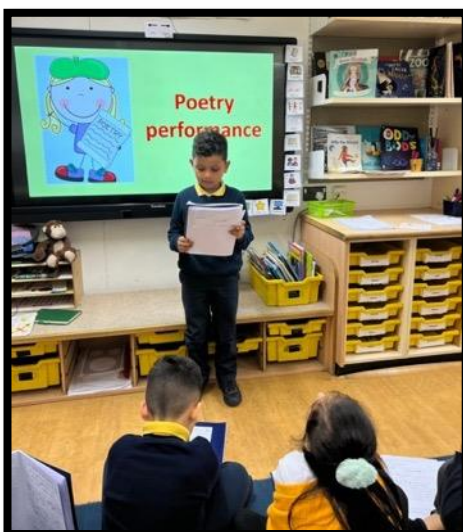
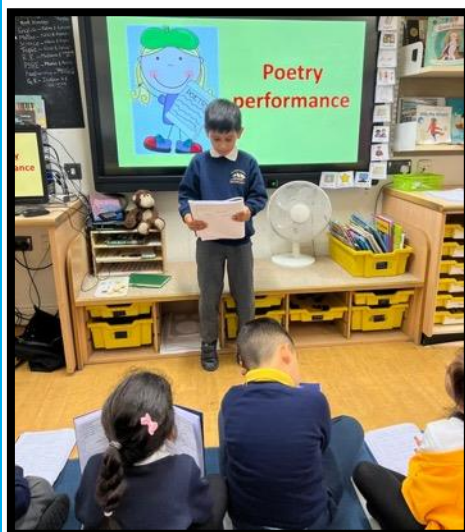
We had a very special birthday for a very special member of staff this week. The inspirational Miss Brenda celebrated her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday!

I do not know how many schools will have a 'Brenda' in their staff team but she comes into work every day with a big smile on her face and the children love her.

Brenda started working at St Paul's a long time ago and has been a committed member of our staff team ever since. She cares very much about all of the children and we are lucky to have her.

## **Poetry Performance – Year 2**

Children in Year 2 were delighted to hear their peers not only reading the poetry they had written but performing it. This is such an important skill. Classmates listened so beautifully.



## **Parent Governor Email Information**

If you would like to contact Mahmud or Shamaila we have set up an email address for any queries which our office team can pass on to them. The email address is :

[parent\\_governor@st-pauls.towerhamlets.sch.uk](mailto:parent_governor@st-pauls.towerhamlets.sch.uk)

## **Follow Us on Twitter**

The very best way to keep up to date with what is happening in our school is to follow us on Twitter on the handle <https://twitter.com/StPaulsCESchool>. We have 767 followers and the more followers we have, the more people will see what a fantastic school this is!







### **Financial Literacy: Class Five - Mr. Boutflour**

Class Five were delighted to welcome volunteers from The Switch who were teaching our children all about financial literacy. The work this week focused particularly on the importance of budgeting and identifying between things you need and things you want. There are more sessions to come over the year so watch this space. A special thank you to Mark Campbell who put us in touch with this organisation.



### **Class Three Trip**

Class 3 went to the Natural History Museum and learnt so much about volcanoes and earthquakes.

They loved the dinosaurs section too!





## **Are you concerned about a child or a family?**

Make a factual record of your concern.

(Include day, date, time, other witnesses, concern and your signature)

You must share your concerns without delay.

### **The Designated Members of Staff Responsible for Safeguarding and Child Protection at St Paul's are:**



**Darren Rubin**  
**Executive Headteacher**



**Kathy Blake**  
**Deputy Headteacher**



**John Boutflour**  
**Assistant Headteacher**

## St John's & St Paul's Whitechapel CE Primary Schools

### Term Dates and Holidays - 2023/ 2024

#### Autumn Term 2023 (75 days)

Staff Training	Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> & Tue 5 <sup>th</sup> September
First Day of Term	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September
Half Term	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October
Second half of term	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October
Last Day of Term	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December

*Christmas Day Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December*

*Boxing Day Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> December*

#### Spring Term 2024 (54 days)

*New Year's Day Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January*

Staff Training	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January
First Day of Term	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January
Half Term	Mon. 12 <sup>th</sup> to Fri. 16 <sup>th</sup> February
Second half of term	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February
Last Day of Term	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March

*Good Friday Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March*

*Easter Monday Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April*

#### Summer Term 2024 (66 days)

Staff Training	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April
First Day of Term	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May
Staff Training	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May
Half Term	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May
Second half of term	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June
Last Day of Term	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July

*Ramadan begins Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024\**

*Eid Al-Fitr Tuesday/ Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>/ 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024\**

*Eid Al-Adha Sunday/ Monday 16<sup>th</sup>/ 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024\**

195 days including 5 staff training days

\* to be confirmed