



# St Paul's Newsletter

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024

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

St Paul's was awash with literary characters for World Book Day on Thursday. Thank you for your efforts with the preparation – the children looked great! Thank you also to families who were able to attend our 'Open Mornings' which focused on the importance of reading both at home and at school.

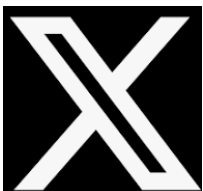
Colleagues from Bluegate Fields Juniors and Seven Mills Primary school came to visit us as part of our Peer Review programme to look at how we teach writing. They were very impressed with what they saw. We also have schools visiting us to look at our lunch time experience to get some tips.

We have been working on a new Instagram account which I will be sharing with you. We also have moved forward with plans for our after school 'stay and play'. More details on that are on page 8. There is lots to enjoy in the newsletter so happy reading!

Have a lovely weekend and be kind to one another.

## Poetry Slam Update – Mr Boutflour

Year 5 participated in the Tower Hamlets Poetry Slam on Wednesday 28th February at the Rich Mix Cultural Centre in Bethnal Green. We were visited by the inspirational poet Steve Tasane who ran two workshops with the class before the event. The class wrote poems about a fictional happy street where they were visiting. Steve then chose pupils to either perform an individual poem or a group poem. The chosen pupils did a wonderful job and the class supported them so well at the event. St Paul's received the 'attitude' award which was given because of the truly positive and supportive way that we approached the event. To next year....



You can keep up to date with what is happening in our school by following us on X @StPaulsCESchool .We have 787 followers and the more followers we have, the more people will see what a fantastic school this is!

## Year Six Bake Sale

Class six are certainly an enterprising group. They have thought about how they could raise some money to put towards the cost of their leavers hoodies and came up with the idea of a bake sale. Last week saw them pitch up after school to sell their goods. They raised a fantastic amount of money. Thank you to Ms Foster and Ms Georgina for inspiring the children and making this plan happen. Thank you to all the families that contributed too!



## Read with your Child Open Mornings

We have now had most of our 'read with your child' parent open mornings. Thank you for coming along and we hope that it helped you learn more about how much we value reading at St Paul's and how important it is for children to read at home.



## Value of the Term: Forgiveness

Forgiveness is our Value of the Term. Reflecting on why forgiveness is important in Christianity can help us understand how we might have hurt others and can encourage us to apologise. During Ramadan, Muslims focus on prayer, charity and good deeds. This can lead to recognizing one's own mistakes and seeking forgiveness from God. Last week we learnt about Nelson Mandela who, despite years of incarceration, chose to forgive his captors instead of being angry. We learnt how he used this value as a tool to bring about change towards a fairer society.



### **Class assembly update!**

Class Four led a great assembly last week which showcased their history topic. They looked at three very different explorers and explained the values needed to embark on such a journey. There was even a beautiful song! Thank you to the children and staff for their hard work with this. You have been working so diligently and we could see the passion you have for your learning.



### **Cooking and Nutrition**

At St Paul's we continue with our weekly cooking lessons beginning with Nursery - all the way up to Year 6. The children always amaze us with their cooking ability and we know that this skill is something they can use throughout their lives. We are also thankful to Janice for the parent cooking workshops taking place.



### **Debating**

Thank you so much to Mr. Ian Graham for giving up his time to coach our children on how to debate. Children had to prepare arguments for and against the merits of a three day weekend.

Debating is a rather complicated skill to master. Not only do you have to prepare your arguments, you have to listen carefully to what the opposition side is saying so you can think of intelligent rebuttals.



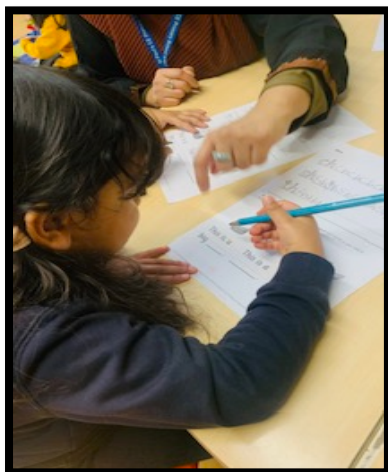
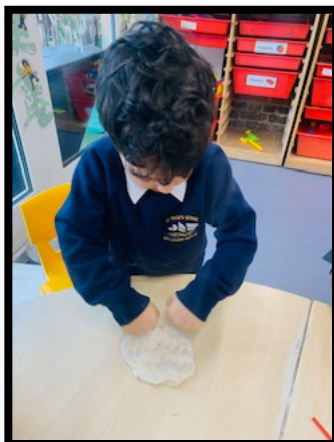


## Early Years Update – Ms Blake

There is always so much learning going on in the Early Years. This term the topic is 'Traditional Tales' and the children have been listening to familiar stories, such as 'The Three Little Pigs', 'Jack and the Beanstalk', 'Little Red Riding Hood' and 'The Gingerbread Man.'

The children are talking about the stories, retelling them and creating work that links with this, such as making gingerbread men or meeting the big bad wolf! As well as this, the children take part in weekly PE lessons, number and mark making work, celebrate a range of different cultures and cook delicious recipes in our kitchen pod.

The children always have so much fun which is the best way to learn!







World Book Day!  
St Paul's  
Whitechapel  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March  
2024





## Collective Worship Update

Our collective worship has been focusing on the season of Lent in the Christian calendar. The Clergy have talked to the children about Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday and the story of Jesus spending 'Forty Nights and Forty Days in the desert.

We know that soon it will be Ramadan - a time of fasting which is similar to Lent.



## Football Success

There have been more sporting achievements to report on. Both our boys and girls team were recently in action and did very well in a recent tournament.

We are working hard to raise the profile of competitive sports in the school. We are always very impressed with their teamwork and commitment and naturally are very proud of the players. For some of the team, it was their first try at a knockout tournament – quite different to the playground!

Thank you to Coach Idris and Mr Hussain for taking them along. We couldn't take part in these competitions without them.



### Aziza Mustafa Zadeh

Aziza Mustafa Zadeh (born December 19, 1969) is an Azerbaijani singer, pianist, and composer who plays a fusion of jazz and mugham (a traditional improvisational style of Azerbaijan) with classical and modern influences.

Aziza was born to musical parents, who first noticed her connection with music when she was only eight months old: her father was at the piano playing in the mugham style, which evokes very sad emotions, and she was moved to tears.

As Aziza grew older, her interest in music grew. She began studying classical piano at an early age and released her debut album in 1991. Aziza has since released several more albums and performed in many countries with various jazz artists. Aziza's music is very varied and evokes many emotions. See if you can work out who in our lovely school comes from Azerbaijan over the fortnight.

Genre: Jazz & Jazz Fusion



## Composer of the Fortnight

Having enjoyed the music of Luis Enrique over the last fortnight, we move on to Aziza Mustafa Zadeh, a singer, pianist and musician from Azerbaijan.

Thank you to Mrs Bahi at St. John's for always selecting such a vibrant mix of musicians for us to enjoy.



### **Family Style Dining Update – Wellington Primary School Visit**

We had a visit recently from staff from Wellington Primary school who wanted to see how our 'family-style dining' lunchtimes work. They were extremely impressed with what they saw and are keen to set up the same system at their school.

What stood out for them was how our children are always so polite and sensible and the older children from Y5 and Y6 do a grand job of serving the food, supporting everyone on their table and helping to keep the lunch hall so tidy.

After the Easter break, colleagues from Harry Gosling school will be visiting. We should all be very proud that we have created such a positive lunchtime experience and we are pleased to be helping other schools.



### **Parents Cookery Class Update – Miss Janice**

Parents have been experimenting with a varied menu of dishes, Vegan Shepherd's Pie, Vegetable Manchurian and Vegetable Thai curry - looking at how satisfying and nutritious vegetable dishes can be. We have used lentils, cauliflower and mushrooms in place of meat - and made some fantastic dishes. St Paul's mums have shown what versatile and adaptive chefs they are!

This group will run until the end of term, as we have limited spaces this time the sessions are full. However, if you are interested in taking part next time let Janice or the Ms Taybah in the school office know. We will get back to you after the Easter holidays.







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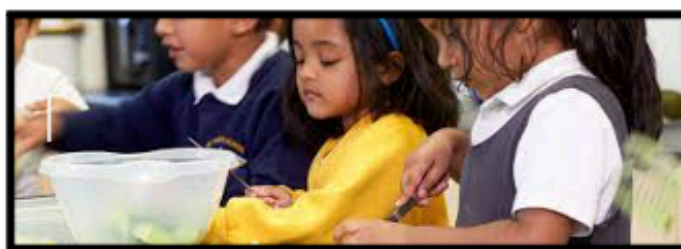


## **AFTER SCHOOL STAY AND PLAY** **@ St Paul's Whitechapel**

**Monday to Friday 3:30pm – 5:30pm**  
**£8.00 per session**



- Snacks and Refreshments Provided
- Range of indoor and outdoor activities
- Opportunity to get homework completed via use of laptops



For an expression of interest,  
please email [parents@st-pauls.towerhamlets.sch.uk](mailto:parents@st-pauls.towerhamlets.sch.uk)  
stating approximately how many days a week you may  
like to use this service.



# **Tower Hamlets & City SENDIASS**

## **(Special Educational Needs Information, Advice and Support Service)**

The SENDIASS Team provides free and impartial expert advice to parents of children with SEND and to children and young people themselves who are residents within Tower Hamlets or City of London. Some of the ways we can support you are:

- **Attending meetings with schools/professionals**
- **Applying for an Education Health and Care Plan**
- **Mediation with the Local Authority**
- **Preparing and attending SEND Tribunals**
- **Providing information about other support services and departments**

Our team also runs workshops for parents around the EHCP process, Annual Reviews, and Secondary School Transitions.

If your query can not be resolved during the telephone consultation, we will take a referral and you will be allocated a caseworker who will contact you within 10 working days.

We have a dedicated telephone line, **020 7364 6489**, that you can call to speak to an advisor Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m-17:00 p.m.

You can also email us at:  
**[towerhamlets&city.sendiass@towerhamlets.gov.uk](mailto:towerhamlets&city.sendiass@towerhamlets.gov.uk)**

You can visit our website at:  
**<https://www.towerhamletsandcitysendiass.com/>**





## ALL WELCOME



- Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January (Candlemas) St Paul's school hall
- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February (Lent) St Paul's school hall
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March (Holy Week) St Paul's school hall
- Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March (Easter Sunday) St George in the East TBC\*
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May (Easter) St Paul's school hall
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June (Pentecost) St Paul's school hall
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July (Leavers) St Paul's school hall
- Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July (Dedication Festival) St George in the East TBC\*

**Refreshments from 3.40pm service 4-4.30pm.**



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## **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