

# Autumn Newsletter

## St Paul's' young authors win TH writing competition

We are delighted to announce that St Paul's School pupils featured heavily as winners in the Tower Hamlets writing competition held earlier this year.

The competition is run by Tower Hamlets School Library Service. This year the challenge was to write about the 'Hidden Island'.

*"There is an island waiting to be found. If it does not exist, then it is up to you to shape it. Give it form, bring it into the world."*

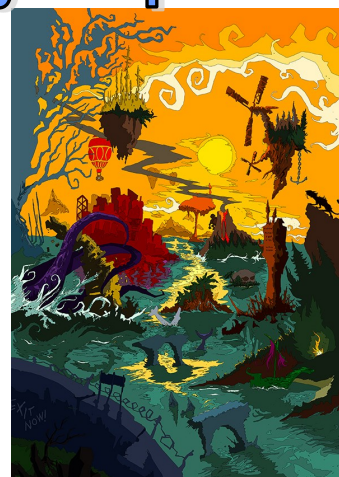
Ibrahim Sadeek came **First** in the Year 1 and 2 Poetry Competition.

Ali Ahmad came **First** in the Year 1 & 2 Short Story Competition.

Melino Momin was **Commended** in the Year 1 & 2 Short Story Competition.

Ali's story can be seen on page 2.

Well done to all those who entered the competition and 'Thank you' to Mr Thompson for organising our school's entries.



## Keeping in touch

### Parents' evenings

This year, because we are unable to meet face-to-face, we will be holding our parents' evening conversations by telephone. We will let you know how your child is getting on in school and you can share any information you may have with us. Look out for further details.

### Class Introduction videos

Have you seen the introduction video for your child's class? They can be found here:

Y6 link <https://youtu.be/BIPxu54kOqM>

Y5 link <https://youtu.be/UNTujzX9X54>

Y4 link <https://youtu.be/uyI0Fv2nQNg>

Y3 link <https://youtu.be/WP3CQvYv1rM>

Y2 link <https://youtu.be/Ue7qxiRRqR4>

Y1 link <https://youtu.be/-qbiseDnSTk>

Reception link <https://youtu.be/Zp6P9JLthaA>

Nursery link [https://youtu.be/O\\_QyyID86Zg](https://youtu.be/O_QyyID86Zg)

### Parents' email

Don't forget that you can address any questions on these, or any other, issues to our parents' email address: [parents@st-pauls.towerhamlets.sch.uk](mailto:parents@st-pauls.towerhamlets.sch.uk)

## School uniform, shoes & PE kits



Well done to these Year 5 pupils modeling the correct school uniform (left) and Year 6 children in their PE Kit (right).

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**Please note:** The school will be closed for half term from 26th to 30th October and for staff training on Monday 2nd November.

We will reopen on **Tuesday 3rd November**.



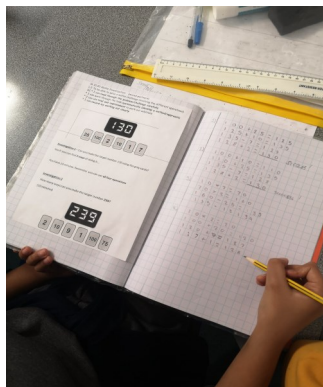
Here is Ali's story which won first prize in the Year 1 & 2 Story Competition (see page 1).

by Ali Ahmad  
St Paul's Whitechapel CE Primary School

"My Dad always tells me that I go to school to learn and educate, so at school is where I heard about it."

"ALL, ALL, it's time for school." It was Mum. Was this a dream? What really happened?

**@StPaulsCESchool**



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$1 + 9 = 10$	$8 + 2 = 10$
$2 + 8 = 10$	$9 + 1 = 10$
$3 + 7 = 10$	$10 + 0 = 10$
$4 + 6 = 10$	
$5 + 5 = 10$	
$6 + 4 = 10$	
$7 + 3 = 10$	

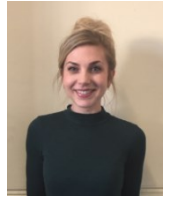
Working systematically is a tricky skill but it can really help us problem solve in Year 2. They also created their own baked beans on toast recipes full of tasty vegetables like carrots and cherry toms.







## Place2Be News



**A Place4Par-**

Hello! My name is Christina Kelekun and I am the Place2Be Parent Counsellor at your school.

I can offer you a free, non-judgemental and confidential space to explore any worries or concerns you have about any issues in your life.

Please speak to your School Project Manager for a referral to parent/carers counselling.

You can also ring or text me on 07976 – 281126 (Wednesday – Friday)

## Place2Be Kindness Cup



This is a reminder about our Kindness Cup which is presented each week to a child who has followed the Golden Rules consistently. This half term's winners are:

Week 4: Year 3

**Maryam B**

Week 5: Year 2

**Amirah**

Week 6: Year 1

**Who will it be?**

The Federation of St John's  
& St Paul's Whitechapel CE  
Primary Schools

### Golden Rules

Be gentle  
Be kind and helpful  
Work hard  
Look after property  
Listen to people  
Be honest

## Early Years

Butterfly class are focusing on healthy eating. They talked about the healthy foods they like and created some beautiful art work using fruit. They also focused on washing their hands with soap and water.

Caterpillar class learnt about the features of their face—their eyes, nose, mouth, hair and teeth!! They are also exploring the changes of the seasons and discovering mini beasts using the magnifying glasses. They ask lots of interesting questions!





Marcus Rashford has launched a [Parliamentary Petition](#) calling on the public to support his campaign to #ENDCHILDFOODPOVERTY. The petition calls for Government to back three recommendations in England's National Food Strategy to support vulnerable children:

1. Expand access to Free School Meals
2. Provide meals and activities during holidays to stop holiday hunger
3. Increase the value of and expand the Healthy Start scheme

We need as many signatures as possible to show the level of public support behind this campaign to help stop children going hungry. Please sign the petition [here](#) to show your support and share with colleagues, friends and families. Share on twitter using the #ENDCHILDFOODPOVERTY hashtag.

Thank you!

For more information see: <https://www.schoolfoodmatters.org/>

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Dear environmentally progressive children and adults!

I hope this finds you well and looking forward to the half-term break. As promised, here are my top tips for engaging virtual environmental education.

#### Primary schools

**Eat like a champ:** Inspire pupils to eat healthily AND sustainably with the new and improved [Eat Like a Champ](#). This free and easy-to-download resource is aimed to help pupils (and adults) eat well for their own health and the health of the planet. It's a Hubbub collaboration with Danone, the BNF and BDA, so obviously I'm biased....but please check it out and let me know your thoughts!

#### Primary and Secondary

**Youth Climate Summit (9-13 November):** Register your school for this fantastic week of [online teacher curated events](#) on climate action that schools can dip in and out of during the week. With virtual workshops and seminars hosted by experts, NGOs ([including Hubbub](#)) and youth organisations the week will culminate in specific calls to action which will be shared with the [COP26 team](#).

**Earthshot Prize:** Inspire your pupils with this [ambitious and prestigious new award](#) designed to incentivise change and help to repair our planet over the next ten years.

#### Eco-education Adults

**Proposing policy change for environmental education:** This [important report](#) from the [Aldersgate Group](#) (that represents some of the largest employers in the UK) clearly calls for environmental education to be firmly embedded into the national curriculum to ensure the UK is able to nurture the green workforce of the future.

**Let's Go Zero:** Get the Senior Leadership Team to lead by example in tackling climate change by being one of the first schools to sign up to this fantastic [new campaign](#) to unite schools in safeguarding the future of their pupils.

Best wishes.

NATALIE BAYLISS  
CREATIVE PARTNER







## Message from Denise & Rashina

East End  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Dear all,

We have been invited to apply for a grant to buy uniform and winter jackets for families. If you fall into one of the categories below and would like us to apply, on your behalf, please let us know via [parents@st-pauls.towerhamlets.sch.uk](mailto:parents@st-pauls.towerhamlets.sch.uk)

### Family circumstances:

Income related benefits      Working parent/s—low income      Pupil premium      Single parent  
Refugee or asylum seeker      Temporary accommodation/ homeless      No recourse to public funds  
Recently unemployed

## Local Offer

There are lots of events going on in the borough over the half term. Please see the Local Offer page for details: <https://www.localoffertowerhamlets.co.uk/events>



## Money Matters

Are you struggling financially? The links below provides information on where to get help.

- [Tower Hamlets Local Food Digest](#) has produced lots of useful information including Foodbanks, Grants, Community Services and lots more.
- The Government has announced [£37 million to support Children with Complex Needs. The Family Fund](#) provides grants to low-income families raising disabled or seriously ill children and young people, and aims to improve their quality of life by paying for a wide range of items that can ease the daily pressure.
- [Tower Hamlets Council Residents Support Scheme](#) can help with short term support for food/utility bills/white goods and other urgent needs. If applying, please give full details of your family's circumstances and some schools still have parent support workers that can support applications.
- [Tower Hamlets Test and Trace Support Payment](#)- From Monday 28 September 2020 it is a legal requirement to self-isolate if you or someone you have been in close contact with tests positive for Covid-19. The government have now announced [a new financial package to support and enforce self-isolation](#). In some circumstances, if you are required by law to self-isolate from 28 September you may be supported by a payment of £500. This payment will be made to eligible Tower Hamlets residents by the council.
- [Made of Money](#) - 020 8983 5043 or [madeofmoney@qsa.org.uk](mailto:madeofmoney@qsa.org.uk)
- Welfare/Benefits/Council Tax - For information about local organisations offering advice on Universal Credit and other welfare issues, visit [Tower Hamlets Community Advice Network](#) or for support with your Council Tax call 020 7364 5002.
- [Latest Advice, news and information on schools in the borough](#), including back to school, free school's meals and resources for parents.
- The [DfE Guidance](#) for FREE School Meals states that if schools are unable to provide meals or food parcels, they can provide families of pupils eligible for benefits related for free school meals with supermarket vouchers. If you have any difficulty accessing food through your child's school please complete the [COVID-19 self-isolation support request form](#).



## The Royal London Hospital's Family Contact Centre



If you are patient's named contact person, you can get daily updates on their care and put specific questions to their Clinical Team by using our Family Contact Centre.



To use the Family Contact Centre, email [bartshealth.familycontact@nhs.net](mailto:bartshealth.familycontact@nhs.net) and tell us:

- The patient's name
- The patient's date of birth
- The patient's hospital number (if you have it)
- Your contact number
- Anything else you would like us to know



## Food Bank

Ensign Youth Club, Wellclose Square (off the Highway), London, E1 8HY.

Collection Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10am - 1pm.

For residents of St Katherine's area.

Please contact Shafee on 07949 573 730 or 020 7702 3340

## Secondary school admissions deadline

### Starting Secondary school in September 2021

If you live in Tower Hamlets and your child is in Year 6 (born between 1 September 2009 and 31 August 2010) you will need to make an online application via [eadmissions portal](#) for them to transfer to secondary school in September 2021.

**Closing date for making applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020. For more information please contact:**

**Mohammed Malik:** 020 7364 4307

**Kelly Mack:** 020 7364 5860

## RSE Curriculum

In line with government guidance, the school will be teaching its Summer 2020 RSE curriculum in the second half of the autumn term. You will have received an email about this.

Later in the year we will be consulting parents/ carers on the new RSE curriculum which is due to be taught in Summer 2021..



# St John's & Paul's Whitechapel CE Primary Schools Term Dates and Holidays - 2020/ 2021

## Autumn Term 2020 (73 days)

Half Term Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October

Staff Training Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Second half of term Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Last Day of Term Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Day Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December

Boxing Day Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> December

## Spring Term 2021 (59 days)

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

Staff Training Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January

First Day of Term Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January

Half Term Mon. 15<sup>th</sup> to Fri. 19<sup>th</sup> February

Second half of term Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

Last Day of Term Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March

Good Friday Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Easter Monday Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April

## Summer Term 2021 (58 days)

First Day of Term Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April

Staff Training Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April

May Day Bank Holiday Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

Half Term Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June

Second half of term Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June

Last Day of Term Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

Ramadan begins Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021\*

Eid Al-Fitr Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021\*

Eid Al-Adha Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021\*

190 School Days,

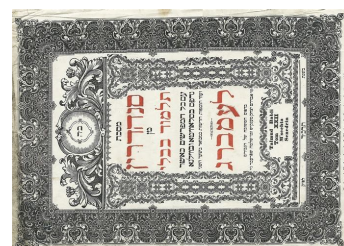
5 Staff Training Days (1 to be arranged)

\* to be confirmed

Final Thought

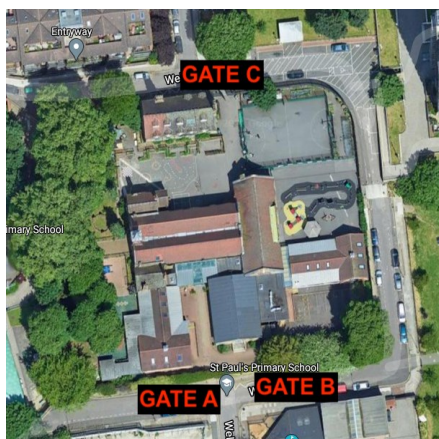
"The slanderous tongue kills three; the slandered, the slanderer, and the person listening to the slander."

The Talmud



## End of Day Collection Times

3:10	Year 1	Gate C
	Year 2	Gate C
3:15	Siblings	Gate A
3:20	Year 3	Gate C
	Year 5	Gate C
3:30	Early Years	Gate A
	Year 4	Gate B
	Year 6	Gate C



To help the school's social distancing measures:  
Please don't arrive early or late for collection.

**Reynolds**  
more than just a greengrocer

We continue to be very grateful to Reynolds, the greengrocers, who generously provide fruit and vegetables for our Cooking & Nutrition programme.

We are also grateful to Cyrus and Pervin Todiwala (of Café Spice Namaste) who have been huge supporters of St Paul's School and who put us in touch with Reynolds.

