



St Paul's Newsletter

Friday 13th October 2023

An update from Mr. Rubin...

Our third newsletter of the academic year and there is so much to share with you!

We have had nearly all of our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions – just the Caterpillar (Nursery) class to go which is scheduled for Thursday 19th October at 2.30pm. Thank you to everyone that was able to come along. We also had a great turnout for our SEND coffee morning where many of you had the opportunity to meet Ms Pontin, our SENDCo. Many thanks to Ms Pontin for organising that.

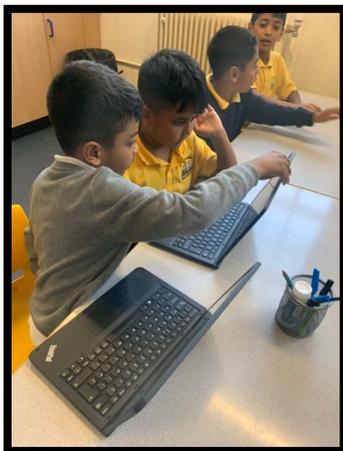
One of the most important things we teach here at St Paul's is the value of community and that was on full display at our Harvest Service at St George's in the East on Friday 6th October. Our whole community came together to help support those less fortunate. Families were so kind to contribute tinned goods, dried goods and even freshly baked samosas! Elizabeth led a beautiful service which everyone really enjoyed. A big thank you to her team.

There is a lot to celebrate and reflect on from the last couple of weeks, I hope you enjoy this edition.

Have a lovely weekend and be kind to one another.

Teaching and Learning

We are always so impressed with the teaching and learning taking place every day. Our lessons are planned to be interactive and engaging and the learning walks we carry out show that children are settled, happy and working hard. We particularly notice how confident children are to share their learning and knowledge during Collective Worship and lunchtimes.



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!



Cooking and Nutrition (CaN)

We have been teaching Cooking and Nutrition for several years now and our children are getting rather good at it. The aim of this subject is to help our children be more informed about making healthier choices, trying new things and teaching them the skills which can help them to cook healthy nutritious meals. I am delighted to say that Ms Abrahams is now leading this subject.

Thank you as always to Reynolds Grocers for their generous weekly donations of fruit and vegetables that are always so delicious!



SEND Coffee Morning

We had a fantastic turn out for our SEND parent coffee morning.

It was a great opportunity for Ms Pontin our SENDCo to meet our parents and to introduce Josh, our Phoenix Outreach lead. Thank you for coming along and thank you to Ms Pontin for all of her hard work in the role so far!



Parasports

Six of our Year 4 and Year 5 pupils took part in a New Age Kurling and Archery session at Marion Richardson.

The children were very good at listening, trying new skills and enjoyed being part of a competition.

Thank you to Mrs Grundy and Coach Idris for taking them along!

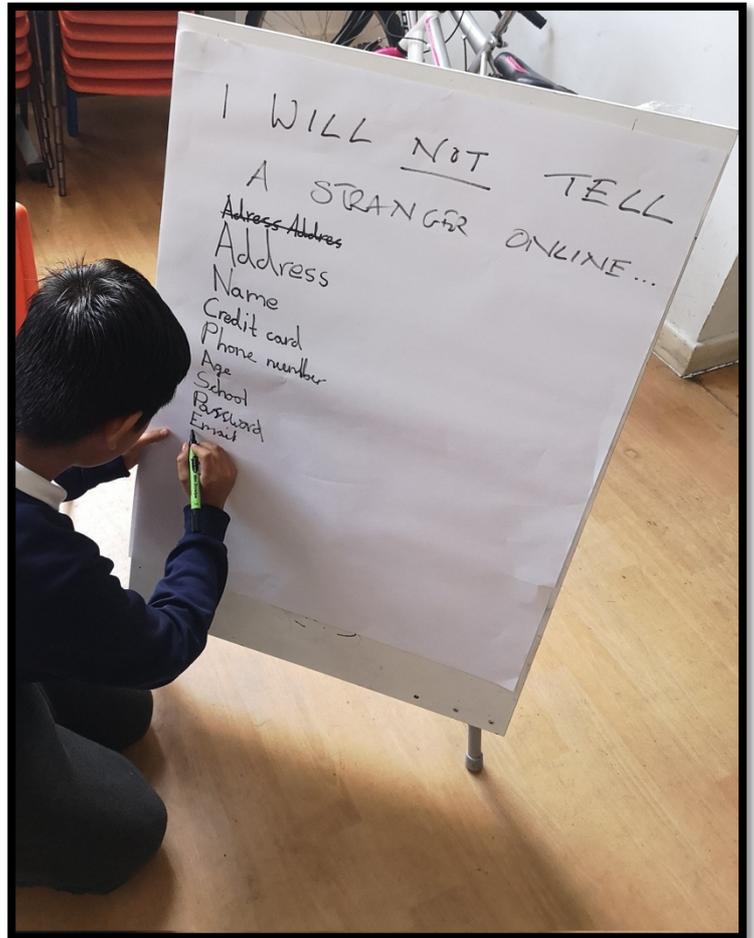


Internet Safety Workshops

The internet and the opportunities and experiences that it can bring to our children can be amazing but also overwhelming.

Thank you to Ms Blake who organised some very informative online safety workshops run by Andrew from Konflux Theatre Group.

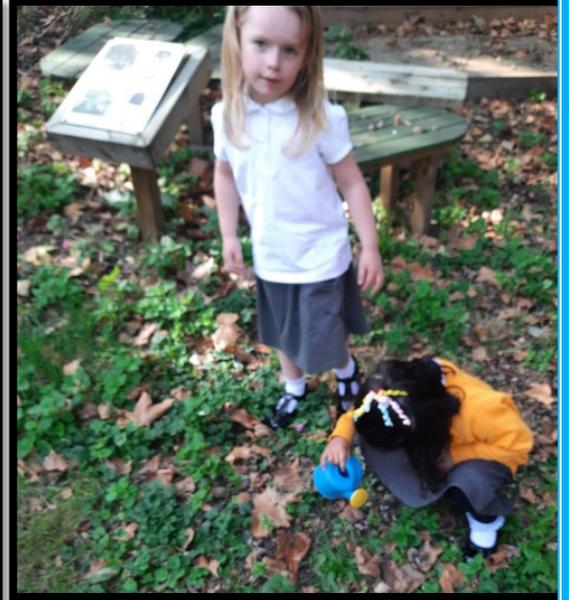
The children were very engaged and were able to answer questions afterwards about how to keep themselves safe online.



Reception 'Meet the Teacher'

The session was a great success – we had a lot of visitors and parents/carers were really involved with the learning activities set out. We love having guests visit the Early Years unit and look forward our Nursery 'Meet the Teacher' session next week.





Butterfly (Reception) Class Update

We are fortunate to have so much green space in our school, certainly more than the average primary school in inner city London. I noted in a previous edition how employees of Federated Hermes worked with Mr Andy over the summer to make the garden area beautiful again. Here you can see members of our butterfly class engaged in gardening and doing a very good job too!

We do have some volunteer gardeners come into school and there are some impressive butternut squashes growing. If you would like a patch of land, contact the school via the parents email address and we will get in touch with you.



Food Bank Update

Every week we receive donations from the Felix Project and from Tower Hamlets Council consisting of food to redistribute to our community.

We never know what we are going to receive and it is a lot of work to make sure that it is stored and packed correctly and that families are notified to collect goods.

Recently we had a food hygiene inspection where we scored the maximum rating of 5 points.

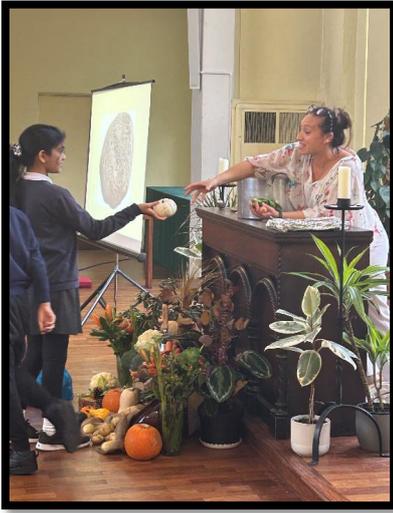
I wanted to thank Ms Sharena, Ms Taybah, Ms Leigh, Mr Andy and Ms Janice (and our children) who do all the behind the scenes work to make this possible.



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





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

Christmas Day Monday 25th December

Boxing Day Tuesday 26th December

Spring Term 2024 (54 days)

New Year's Day Monday 1st January

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

Good Friday Friday 29th March

Easter Monday Monday 1st April

Summer Term 2024 (66 days)

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

*Ramadan begins Sunday 10th March 2024**

*Eid Al-Fitr Tuesday/ Wednesday 9th/ 10th April 2024**

*Eid Al-Adha Sunday/ Monday 16th/ 17th June 2024**

195 days including 5 staff training days

* to be confirmed