



St Paul's Newsletter

Friday 26th April 2024

An update from Mr. Rubin...

I hope that you had a wonderful Easter break and, for families that celebrated Eid, that you had a wonderful day. Our 'Value of the Term' is Endurance which is an appropriate one as we transition into exam season for our children.

I am always conscious that tests can be nerve-wracking. The key message that we give to our pupils is that they have worked hard and are ready. One set of tests do not define a child and, as a school, we are more concerned about our children being happy, feeling secure and them being in a good place to learn. I have said on many occasions that happy children learn and I believe that when you come in to see the children they are happy, working hard and achieving. We make sure that children hear the message that it is important to keep working hard and trying their best but to have fun as well. Our results are amongst some of the best in the country and we are always proud of our children.

It has been an extremely busy first couple of weeks back. I hope you enjoy reading this edition.

Have a great weekend and be kind to one another.



Kindness Cup Update

Kindness and Compassion are important values and every week we celebrate by awarding our Place2Be Kindness Cup to very worthy winners in each Year group. This is what Miss Ali said about this pupil:

'When this person comes into the class in the mornings, she lights up the room with her smile. She is always positive and ready to learn. But more than anything, it is her kindness that stands out. She is incredibly helpful and thoughtful towards children and adults alike. She is patient and kind to everyone. Well done!'

Follow Us on X and Instagram

One of the very best ways to keep up to date with what is happening in our school is to follow us on social media. We are on X

<https://twitter.com/StPaulsCESchool> and

<https://www.instagram.com/stpaulswhitechapel/?hl=en>

Follow us – there are some fantastic photos and clips of your children.



Early Years Children Visit our Library

We are fortunate to have such a beautiful library which is stocked full of books which are suitable for our whole school community.

In the picture on the right, you can see our children from Nursery class visiting. There was a great deal of discussion around which would be the best books to choose which is the sign of a great library.

Laura (our librarian) does an amazing job in making our library such a beautiful space.



Playground Development Update – Ms Blake

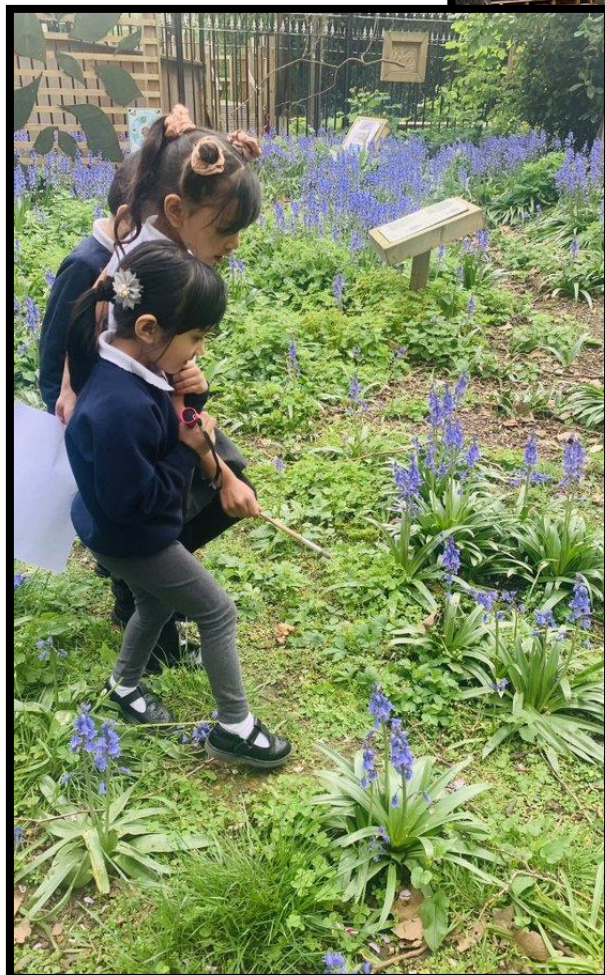
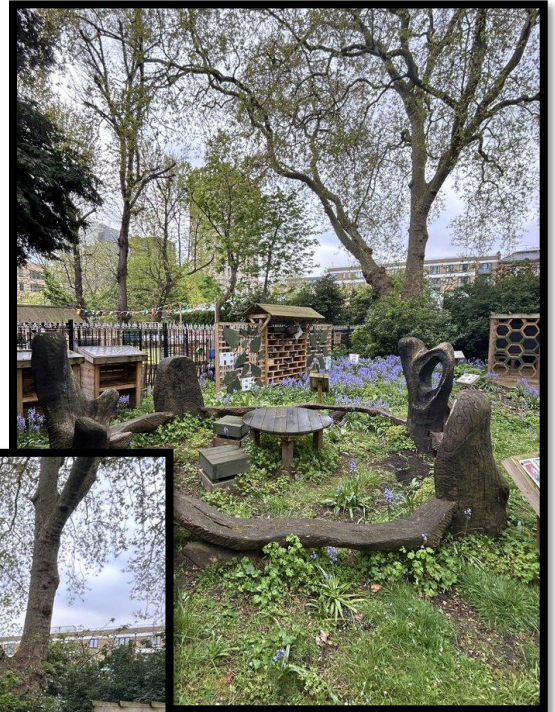
Similarly to our Early Years playground project back in 2019, Splash Projects are back helping us to recreate and improve our KS2 playground. On May 21st and 22nd, Splash Projects, alongside lots of volunteers from Deloitte UK, will be coming into school to transform the outdoor space in the Key Stage 2 playground.

Sadly, the plant beds are very old and they need to be removed. The computer images above shows the new design and we are very excited for this amazing transformation that is much needed for this tired looking part of the playground. We are very grateful to all of the efforts made by Splash Projects and a special thank you to Colin Robertson, the Project Director.



Beautiful Outdoor Space

Our grounds are looking so beautiful as we move towards Summertime. In the pictures below, you can see all the bluebells in full bloom in our nature area - which children from Year 1 took full advantage of as they explored habitats.



Food Bank Update – Mr Rubin

The Easter break saw our busiest foodbank yet. The school receives donations from The Felix Project, Reynolds Greengrocers, Tower Hamlets Council and assistance from The Cooks Livery and Hygiene Bank. Families that visited our foodbank received a selection of goodies and hygiene products. A big thank you to Mr Andy for picking the goods up in his car.

This foodbank would be impossible to set up without the assistance of our staff and their families who come into the school in their holidays to set everything up. It is a lot of lifting and carrying and I am immensely grateful to all of our staff that have been able to support this project.

If you need assistance, we do receive regularly donations of food. Please email us on parents@st-johns.towerhamlets.sch.uk for more information.

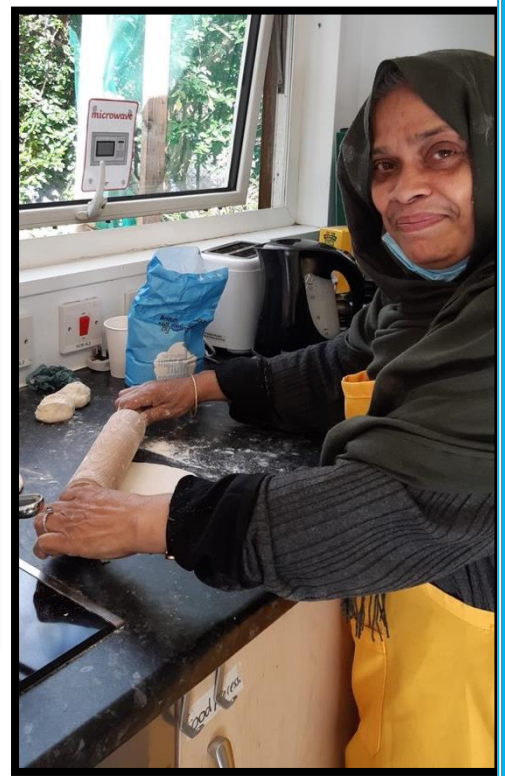


Year 5 Update

Climate change is a very important topic and children in Year 5 are taking part in some climate education workshops with ClimateEdUK.

You will not be surprised to hear that the children were engaged and asked great questions.





Parent Cookery Club

Our parents are doing a great job with their cookery classes. A big thank you to Ms Janice for organising and to Ms Taybah and Ms Blake for organising the ingredients along with our generous friends at Reynolds.

Sports Person of the Week Award – Coach Idris

Our pupils are incredibly passionate about sport and Coach Idris has now created a weekly award that is given to children for outstanding team work, following the rules and working hard. These are our award winners so far:



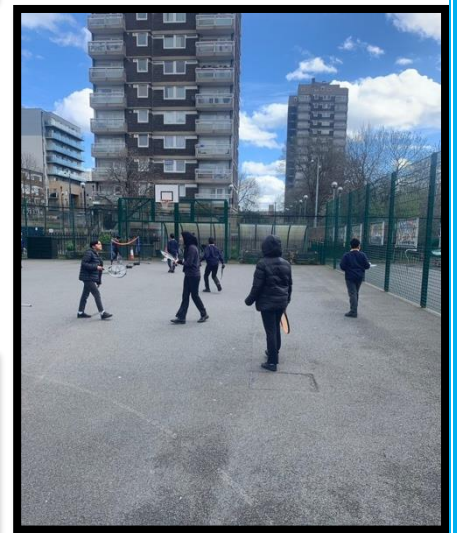


PE Update – Ms Blake

Coach Idris, our sports mentor follows the PE Hub curriculum when teaching PE.

The children experience a range of sports that encourage team skills, coordination and increased fitness.

Our children also get the opportunity to hone their judo skills.



Cultures Day Thursday 18th April 2024

What a wonderful day had by all of our pupils and staff! We wanted to recognise all the cultural celebrations that had taken place in our Spring break and to encourage children to wear clothes that represented their own particular culture.

Thank you to all the parents and staff who brought in delicious food to share!



SPRING TERM

Children and Families

April - June



SUN

TERM TIME
ONLY

Discover Football

St Paul's School, Wellclose Sq, E1 8HY

18 months - 3 years: 9 - 9.30am

3 - 5 years: 9.45 to 10.15am

EXTRA TIME: 9.30-10am for
parents/carers to enjoy some warm
refreshments before/after the session

For more info about booking, contact
children@stgeorgeintheeast.org

SUN

10.30AM

APR - 21, 28

MAY - 5, 12, 19

JUNE - 16

Children's Groups

During the services for all ages up to
school year 8.

Imagine: Pre school to school year 4
Search: School year 5 to 8

WED

TERM TIME
ONLY

Choir Church Club

St Paul's School, Wellclose Sq, E1 8HY

3.30 - 4.30pm

If you are are pupil at St Paul's Primary
School, you can attend the weekly Choir
Church, with singing, arts and crafts, and
games in the hall.

WED

4.45 -
5.45PM

Discover Football

St Paul's School, Wellclose Sq, E1 8HY

Term time only

For children who are 5-7 years old.

For more info about booking, contact
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EVENTS

WED

Choir Church Eucharists

MAY - 1

St Paul's School, Wellclose Sq, E1 8HY

JUNE - 26

Refreshments from 3.30pm
Service: 3.40 - 4.25pm

**FRI
MAY
10TH**

Free Family Movie

Prompt 4pm start - St George in the East
BYO Cushions and Snacks

Parent/carers will be responsible for their
own children. Suitable for School Year 1+.

**SUN
19TH
MAY**

Pentecost

Youth service 10.30am - St George's
Mass will be led by our young people.

St George in the East

Contact Elizabeth on
elizabeth@stgeorgeintheeast.org to find
out how to take part.

**TUES
10 -
11.30
AM**

St George's Cafe Events

St George in the East

All age themed activities and crafts for
our special events:

23rd April - St George's Day
June 18th - Summer Tea Party



CONTACT:

Children and Families



For further information and to sign up to any of the events, please contact Elizabeth, our Children and Families Pastor.

children@stgeorgeintheeast.org
07562 779310

Scan the QR code above to be added to the Children's Ministries Whatsapp Group

14 Cannon Street Road, E1 0BH

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

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





ALL WELCOME



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

Refreshments from 3.40pm service 4-4.30pm.

DISCOVER
FOOTBALL
JUST PLAY

FOOTBALL *Training*

£6.00

PER SESSION

YOUTH AGE

5-7

WEDNESDAY

TERM TIME ONLY

4:45-5:45 PM

**ST PAULS WHITECHAPE PRIMARY SCHOOL
E1 8GN**

PLEASE USE BACK GATE

BOOK VIA HAPPITY

FOOTBALL@STGEORGEINTHEEAST.ORG

St
George
—in-the—
east





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

Staff Training	Mon 4 th & Tue 5 th 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 8 th 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 15 th April
First Day of Term	Tuesday 16 th April
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 6 th May
Staff Training	Friday 24 th 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