



# Spring Newsletter

## St Paul's' pupils meet the Mayor over affordable housing

A lot has happened at St Paul's School since the last newsletter.

There is some exciting news about the campaign for affordable housing. We have been working alongside St George's in the East Church on this and recently had an opportunity to lobby John Biggs, the Mayor of Tower Hamlets.

I am delighted to share the good news that a parcel of former DLR land on Cable Street has been designated to be used for affordable housing exclusively for the local community.

There is a real theme of collaboration in the newsletter this half term. I am proud of how our children, parents, staff, governors and friends work hard to make wonderful things happen.

Mr. Rubin.

*Right: James, Mohamed Faragoni, Kirsty & Jannah with Mayor Biggs.  
Below: Members of St Paul's School and St George-in-the-East church next to the land in Cable Street.*



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See Page 3 for details of  
Book Week and World Book  
Day at St Paul's School.



## Aqeel wins top prize!

This stunning photograph, taken by Aqeel in Year 5, won top prize in a photography competition organised by the Shard.

The competition asked for iconic photographs of the Shard festive lights display. Aqeel won top prize in the Under 11 category. His prize was £500 of photography kit, including a camera and accessories. Well done Aqeel!

See the original in our full-colour Newsletter on the school website: <http://www.st-pauls.towerhamlets.sch.uk/>

If your child has achieved something special, please let us know and we'll add it to the next Newsletter.

# Golden bus trip to Wizard of Oz pwc



In January we had our Golden Bus trip to the Peacock Theatre to see the pantomime—The Wizard of Oz. This pantomime was organized by PwC whose staff wrote, produced, and starred in the production. They even provided the orchestra, the school party guides and arranged for coaches to take the children to and from the theatre.

Every week children are nominated for a Golden Ticket if they have been following our Golden Rules consistently. At the end of each term, tickets are pulled out of a hat and the lucky winners are rewarded with a special trip.

## Year 5: Ship Sculpture

You may have noticed the new sculpture installation in our reception area. Year 5 took part in a collaborative project with St. John's School organized by Open-City which helped the children learn more about architecture.

Year 5 worked with Reza Gajra, an artist, and Suzie Zuber, an architect, to design, build and exhibit their model. It went on display at the Broadgate Centre, by Liverpool Street, before being brought back to school. It is certainly very impressive. Can you guess why they chose this design?



## Year 4: Film making



Year 4 worked with filmmaker Ruth Gardiner from Chocolate Films. They created a stop motion animation around the theme 'My Tower Hamlets'. All materials used in their film had to be cut out from paper and moved very slowly while the children took a lot of pictures, making their pieces look alive. Their film will be shown in Rich Mix cinema next month as part of a festival celebrating by Tower Hamlets.

## Year 3: Science at St John's

Mr. Jacob took his class to St. John's School before half term to visit their peers in Year 3. Mr. Jacob ran a joint science experiment, with both classes collaborating on an investigation into the properties of light.

This activity was part of the Federation's development of the science curriculum, including more experimentation, which is overseen by Mr. Jacob, the Federation Science Coordinator.





# Book Week Events at St Paul's

Monday 26th Feb. to Friday 2nd March

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Dear Parent/ Carer,

Here is some information about the exciting events which will take place during our Book Week, including World Book Day on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March. Our St Paul's Book Week starts on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018**.

All children in the school will receive a **£1 book token** that can be redeemed at most book shops.

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February : Design a new front cover of your favourite book:**

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February: Author Event**

We are thrilled to have the author and illustrator Sian Pattenden in St Paul's for a whole day. She will lead a whole school assembly (Years 1-6), followed by workshops for all children from Years 1-6 with a sharing assembly at the end of the day. Sian will be selling and signing her books after school on this day. Please come along and meet her!



**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February: My favourite book!**

Teachers in the school will be invited to visit a different class and share a favourite story or an extract from a cherished book with the children.

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March: Dress Up as your Favourite Book Character**

As with St Paul's tradition, children are invited to dress up as one of their favourite literary characters. Winners will be selected from each class and prizes awarded!

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March: Writing a book review**

Children will be asked to write a creative review of a book of their choice. The most impressive entries will be shared in Friday's assembly!

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March: Year 5 author visit @ Mile End Genesis**

The lucky year five class will join a World Book Day event with the famous author Chris Riddell on Thursday afternoon

**Friday 2nd March: Sharing time!**

Children will share their 'Book Week' activities with each other at morning assembly. Prizes will be awarded for the best new front covers from each class.

Here's to a wonderful and brilliant Book Week 2018!

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Term Dates and Holidays - 2017/ 2018

**Spring Term 2018** (55 days)  
Last Day of Term Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March

*Good Friday* Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March  
*Easter Monday* Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

**Summer Term 2018** (65 days)  
*Staff Training* Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April  
First Day of Term Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April  
*Staff Training* Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May  
May Day Bank Holiday Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May  
Half Term Mon. 28<sup>th</sup> May to Fri. 1<sup>st</sup> June  
Last Day of Term Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July

*Ramadan begins* 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018\*  
*Eid Al-Fitr* 15<sup>th</sup> June 2018\*  
*Eid Al-Adha* 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2018

190 School Days, 5 Staff Training Days

\* to be confirmed

### Final Thought

*"Nothing taken for granted; everything received with gratitude; everything passed on with grace."*

*G. K. Chesterton*



## Islamaphobia Workshop

Recently we have been taking part in a workshop based on Islamaphobia and anti-bullying. We wanted to raise awareness in the school by doing some assemblies and making a display. Three Year 5 children are making a film and three from Year 6 are our Ambassadors for Change. If you have any ideas please contact: Umyma, Zumarah or Ibrahim.

Umyma, Year 6



## Breakfast in Year 2

Parents and carers were invited into school for breakfast in the Year 2 classroom before the half term holiday. There was an excellent turn out and our guests enjoyed a healthy meal of home-made baked beans on toast. They also had a chance to spend the first lesson of the day with their child. Thank you to all who were able to come along and to the Year 2 team for organising this.

## PARENTS/ CARERS Cooking at the Good

### Shepherd Mission

Thank you to our parents who gave up their time to cook food for the homeless in our community.

The food was prepared in our school kitchen and taken to the monthly 'Night Shelter' at the Good Shepherd Mission in Bethnal Green.

It is always very well received and another example of how St. Paul's school works within the local community. Thanks, also, to Mr. Jacob who coordinates this project and to Mr. Thompson who helped to deliver the food.

## Looking for Volunteers

Do you have any spare time? Are you interested in hearing children read or helping out in our school garden? Perhaps you have a particular skill you can offer to the school?

If the answer is yes, we would love to hear from you.

Please see Feruja or Mr. Rubin.

## Women in Prison



Recently St Paul's' staff have been donating items, from bed sheets and books to glasses and gloves, for the Women In Prison charity. This supports women in avoiding, and exiting, the criminal justice system with support groups and community activities.

Women in Prison also campaign for the radical changes needed to deliver support services and justice for women. All donations are greatly appreciated.