

St James the Great Catholic School Newsletter

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Our School Councillors old and new.

Election result revealed

This week, all the classes from year 1 onwards chose their school councillors to represent them for the year ahead. Today at our Achievement Assembly we said a very big 'thank you' to our outgoing council and welcomed the new councillors to their special role.

We wish them well, as we do everyone who is chosen to represent us, and hope they do a responsible job. We're sure they will.

Financial Education

We live in a world where money matters and learning about it is an important skill. In school we are looking to develop our curriculum over the coming months to build more meaningful learning for the children and to identify ways to make this very real too. For example we are aiming to set up a School Saving Club for the children later this year and more

immediately we will be sharing information about 'Southwark Smart Savers' to our Year 6 with this newsletter.

Swimming & Brass instrument tuition

Both these rewarding activities will begin again today following the start of the new year. Children in Years 4 & 5 will begin their swimming lessons at Peckham Pulse and the children in Years 5 & 6 will begin their weekly brass ensembles.

Year 4 visit the Horniman Museum

As part of their work in Science, to with animals and habitats, the children visited this excellent local museum.

Favour commented that he 'had seen a Barn Owl, lizards and a Walrus'; that he 'asked questions and felt the animals' skin'. What a fine learning experience!

Year 4 Parents - School Journey meeting

Please note that there will be a meeting immediately after Monday morning's information meeting for Year 4 parents. Further information will be also be sent home regarding this.

Summer Reading Challenge

Don't forget....the final day to register the books that you have read over the summer is tomorrow, the 23rd September.

Response to parents' questionnaire

The children in Years 3- 6 will be receiving some new homework material starting next week. There will be information meetings on Monday and Tuesday morning at 9:00am for Y3&4 and Y5 &6 respectively, please look out for the letters sent home.

School Places

Application is on line via Southwark Council. Also if applying for a place at a Catholic School a Supplementary Application Form will also be required to be filled in. Deadlines for places for September 2017 are:

Secondary School: 31st October

Reception Class: 15th January

Pupils of Achievement

The Achievement theme this week is for great work in relation to 'Reading' and the Behaviour focus is for 'Teamwork'.

For Reading : Year 6 Daniel & Rosemary; Year 5 Jessica & Jason; Year 4, Benedictta & Arnold; Year 3, Giovanni & Matteo; Year 2, Jayden & Leona; and Year 1 Oyen & Ngozi.

And for 'Teamwork': Alicia, Elijah, Favour, Ayomide, Rosilia, Sebastian.

Well Done Everyone!