

St James the Great Catholic School Newsletter

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Year 5 at the Victoria & Albert Museum getting inspiration for their writing.

Great News to share! We are in the top 3% of school's in the country!

This week the school received a letter from Mr Nick Gibb Secretary of State for Education. Please take a few minutes to read it, it is copied on to the back of this newsletter. This reflects the progress that last years pupils had made which was exceptional. The school consistently achieves, year on year, higher than the National Average in terms of outcomes for Reading, Writing and Maths. We would like to acknowledge the commitment and hard work of all staff and parents because without this hard work and

support from home it would not be achievable.

Even more success to report

We would like to also let you know that two members of our teaching staff have been successful in achieving the NPQSL award (National Professional Qualification for Senior Leaders). Well done to Miss Senensieb and Mr Phillips.

Internet safety – social media

Please make sure that you are aware of what your child is doing when they are on the internet. Social network sites are for older young people and adults. Please do not allow your primary aged children unmonitored access to these sites. It can be dangerous for them and open the door to unpleasant and unwanted exchanges between children. Remember -'do not do anything on line that you would not do in the real world'.

Peckham High St changes – Have your say

TfL are planning to make changes to improve the road infrastructure. Please look at these worthwhile plans and respond to them via the link below. <https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/roads/peckham-town-centre/?cid=peckham-town-centre>

Rich learning this week

On Wednesday: Year 1 visited Lucas Gardens to observe seasonal change in our local park. Year 5 visited the Victoria and Albert Museum. There they looked at portraits and artefacts as a stimulus for writing as well as Islamic art as part of their study of pattern and culture. On Thursday the Fire Brigade visited to give safety talks to children in Years 2 and 5.

Pupils of Achievement

The Academic Theme this week is Art and Mandarin.

The children were as follows:

Y1 Josue & Jayden: Y2 Jordan & Evie: Y3 Gift & Sophia: Y4 Rosie & Ini: Y5 Brittany, Joel & Daniella G: Y6 Chinaza & Angeline.

The Personal Attribute this week is 'Creation' and this relates to the Gospel value of Thanksgiving' and the British Value of Mutual Respect and Tolerance: Levi, Aaron, Janet, Oyin, Angel & Favour.

Publisher of the Week Award went to: Joe.

Next Friday is our Gold Star Award
Well Done Everyone

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Dear Mrs Babb,

I would like to congratulate you, your staff and your pupils on the very high level of progress that pupils in your school demonstrated in the reading, writing and mathematics Key Stage 2 assessments last year.

Your school's results, as published on 13 December, show progress scores of 4.2, 4.8 and 4.9 in reading, writing and mathematics respectively. This means that in terms of the progress your pupils make between Key Stage 1 and the end of Key Stage 2, your school is amongst the top 3 per cent of primary schools in the country.

The Government wants to ensure that every child has the fluency in reading, writing and mathematics necessary to prepare them for a successful secondary education and beyond, which is why I was delighted to see your results.

Thank you for your work in continuing the drive towards higher academic standards, and congratulations again to you and your staff for your commitment and success.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP
Minister of State for School Standards