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## Message from Executive Principal



May always goes by so fast. The children are enjoying having access to the school field again during their lunch times and they are working really hard during lessons. I've been really pleased with some of the work the children have brought me recently and I know their teachers are proud of the effort that they are putting in.

We have had SATs tests this month and have the Y4 Multiplication Tables Check, Y1 Phonics Check and Y2 Phonics Recheck (for any that haven't passed yet) coming up in June. It's a busy time in school. You can support your children by reading with them every day and practising their times tables. Even if they do not have a test this year, it will still benefit them.

It was good to welcome our CEO to St John's earlier in the week. Mrs Cockshott is the former headteacher of St John's so it's always a pleasure to have her back and I know the children enjoy seeing her. She was really pleased with what we are doing as a school.

Finally, I'd like to say a huge well done to our Year 6 children. They completed their end of key stage SATs tests this month. These tests bring together all the learning they have done through primary school. The children really applied themselves and we are proud of them.

Have a great half-term and thank you for your ongoing support and feedback this half-term. I greatly appreciate the positive comments and equally value the suggestions about how we can be even better.

Mr Seex

## SATs



Well done to our Year 6 children at St John's Academy for completing their SATS.

Congratulations on completing your SATs! You've worked hard and shown great determination throughout this challenging time. Your effort and dedication have truly paid off, and you should be incredibly proud of yourself. Remember, this is just the beginning of many more exciting achievements to come. Keep believing in yourself and striving for excellence. Well done! After a lead up of over 6 years, the children in Year 6 have finally taken and completed their SATS last week. The team at St John's Primary are so proud of the children in Year 6. They have worked extremely hard with countless hours and days of learning, after school booster sessions and plenty of homework!

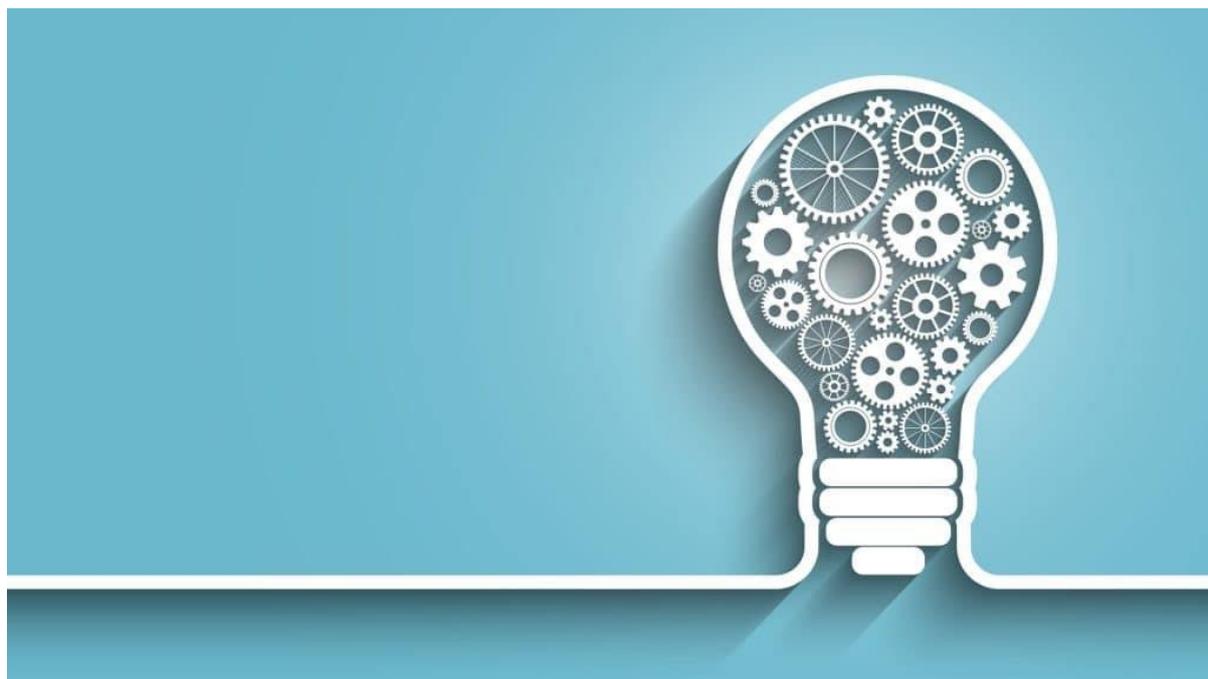
From,

Mr Bassi





## What we're working on



We are continuing to develop our curriculum to ensure that it is engaging, interesting and inspiring. This month, we have been creating policies to help with consistency of delivery and to ensure that we effectively deliver the most important skills within that subject, for example source work in history, scientific enquiry in science, mapwork in geography, etc.

To supplement these policies (essentially 'how to guides', which will support any new or supply teachers as well as existing ones), we have thought hard and designed documents that set out how to scaffold (support) children and stretch (extend) children in each specific subject. This could be from moving on to more challenging reasoning and problem solving at an earlier stage in maths, providing an additional source to compare in history or providing explanations to given diagrams around earthquakes rather than just annotations in geography.

As well as the curriculum work, we are also developing our website. I'm excited to share this with you and hope to launch it before the end of the academic year. The hope is that it will be more functional, easier to use and support you in finding all the key information that you need, including on our curriculum. Watch this space!

## GETFAB Values

Our Christian values are an important part of what we do here at St John's. In our monthly newsletter, we'll share more information about our Christian values. We use GETFAB to help us remember them.

Every week, one child from each class will receive a certificate based around one or more of these values. We also link our rules and expectations to these values. Furthermore, whenever we speak to children about behaviour, conduct or choices, we link it back to our values. Finally, our Christian teachings and worship are based around these Christian values, so they are taught through stories as well. Our GETFAB values help make St John's such a family-oriented place to learn.

**G - generosity** - to be generous in both spirit, time and acts

**E - endurance** - to persevere and never give up, even in the face of challenge

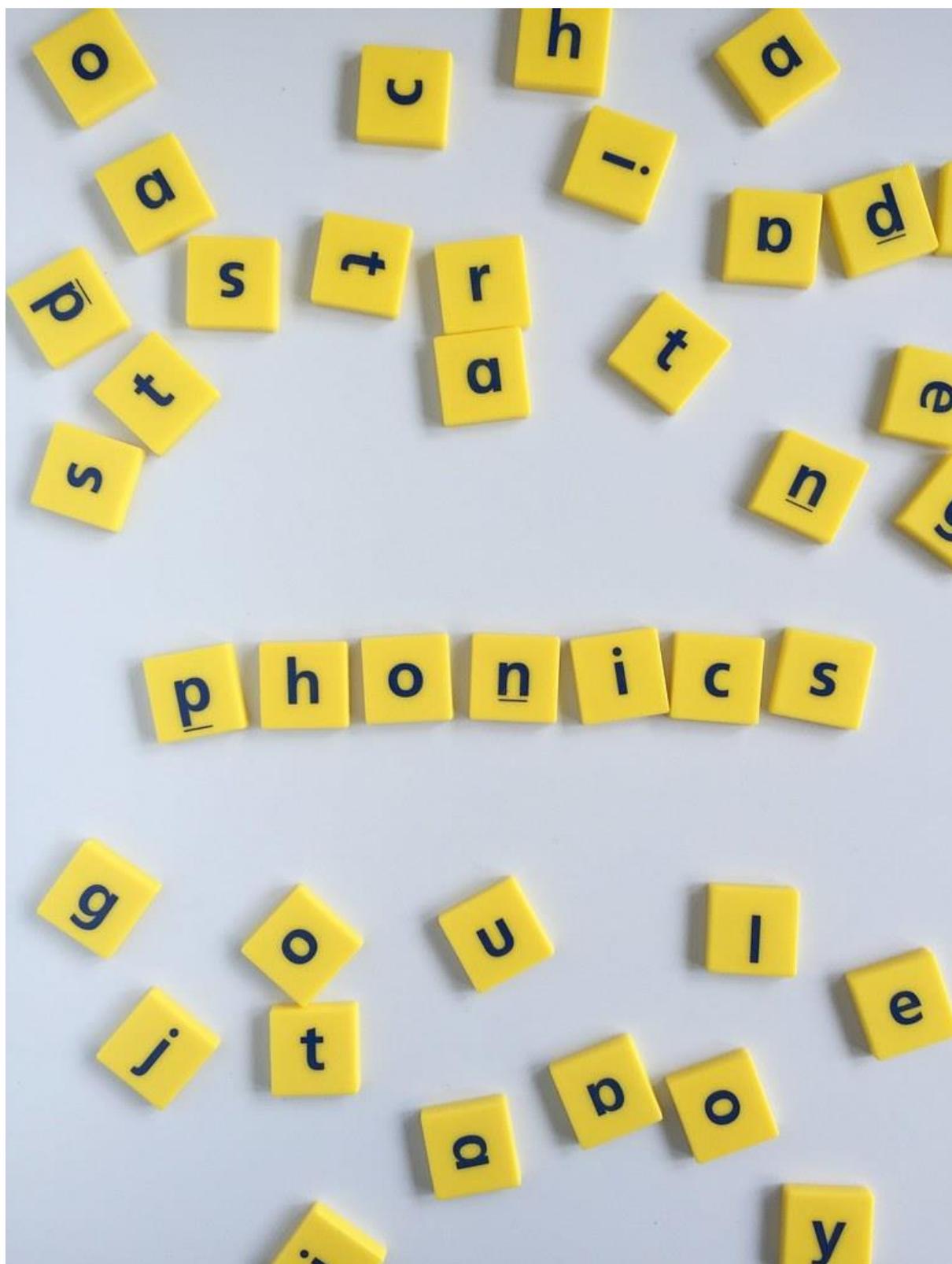
**T - tolerance** - to celebrate differences and uniqueness

**F - forgiveness** - to forgive and give all another chance

**A - ambition** - to set ambitious goals for ourselves to help us succeed

**B - belief** - belief in our faith and ourselves

## Phonics drop-in session



Our year 1 phonics workshop was really well attended. It was a great opportunity for everyone to meet Mrs Ahmed and Mr Mills, and see the delivery of a full phonics session. Parents enjoyed the session and went away with useful information to help with reading at home. Thank you to everyone able to join us.

Phonics is the essential foundation to reading. It is the most important thing we teach in primary schools, so it is important that all children are practising at home and reading their books to help them access their lessons as they get older.

## Celebration



Star of the week 24/05 25/04 Rec: Zara Pavika Year 1: Tereska, Lucas Year 2: Shivanya Bethany Year 3: Florence Layla Year 4: Demi-Leigh Yunus Year 5: George Brittany Year 6: Mahad Erika 11/04 02/05 Shivanya Umaayah Areyah Sehajpreet Niyati Tiana Jasmine Siyanah Jack Brayden 18/04 Heymanpreet Freya Fateh Christopher 09/05 Isabella Agam Farhanah Kevin Tina Luke Ayana Aabigail Samuel Omarion Arlo 16/05 Heather Hafsa Kyen Zeon Rayyan Yousef

## School Council



The school council meets once a week to discuss ways to improve the school environment and experience for pupils and their families. Currently, we are planning a fundraising day to raise money to rejuvenate the prayer area so that the whole school can use it. We are also discussing ways to promote recycling in our school environment. We are working on installing in-class recycle bins and improving the ways we deal with rubbish within the school environment.

## Baby news



We want to let you know that Mrs Bright had a healthy baby boy called Leo. Mom and baby are both doing amazing and even popped in to meet the St John's family.

## Parent Action Plan



As part of our ongoing partnership with parents, we have developed an action plan using responses from the parent survey and discussions in parent forum. This is RAG rated (red, amber, green) regularly. We are making good progress on the plan and more items are becoming 'green' each half-term. The plan can be found on the link below:

[SJ Parent Forum Action Plan.docx](#)

The remaining Parent Forums for this year are:

- Mon 17th June, 4.30pm

Thank you for your support regarding this. All feedback is valued and taken on board.

## Events in the community



### **Family Hub Project: Healthy Pregnancy Pathway**

As part of the Family Hub Project, Sandwell are proud to launch the Healthy Pregnancy Journey – an easy-to-read guide for all expectant parents helping them to navigate their pregnancy journey and signposting them to the FREE support and services offered across Sandwell.

For printed posters and leaflets please contact [Nikki Quaife@sandwell.gov.uk](mailto:Nikki.Quaife@sandwell.gov.uk)

## FREE Baby Massage course

A WELCOMING SPACE TO MEET NEW PARENTS AND CARERS.

### Did you know that baby massage has many benefits for you and your baby?

- Baby massage gives you the opportunity to:
- Use positive touch with your baby.
- Give hugs and holds and spend special time together.
- Use nursery rhymes and music.
- Bond and interact with baby.
- Encourage your baby to relax and sleep.



To request a place, you will need to Scan the QR code or click the link and answer a few questions  
Once completed, a member of the team will contact you to confirm your place. [Baby Massage - Booking form \(office.com\)](#)



This 5 week course aimed at babies between the age of 6-8 weeks up to 6 months (crawling) is running at venues across Sandwell



## Dates For Your Diary



### May

- Inset Day – Fri 24/05/2024 (school closed to pupils)

### June

- Frank Chapman Y4/5/6 – Mon 03/06/2024
- Children back in – Mon 03/06/2024
- Y4 MTC begins – Mon 03/06/2023
- Y1 Phonics Screen begin – Mon 10/06/2024
- Father's Day Event – Mon 17/06/2024
- Parents' forum - Mon 17/06/2024, 4.30pm
- Sports Day 1 (part of National Sports Week) – Thur 20/06/2024
- Sports Day 2 (part of National Sports Week) – Fri 21/06/2024

### July

- Reports Out – Fri 05/07/2024
- Transition @ St. John's – Mon 08/07/2024

- Open Session after reports – Tues 09/07/2024
- Summer Fayre – Tues 16/07/2024
- Y6 Leaver Production – Thur 18/07/2024
- Church Service – Fri 19/07/2024
- Children Break up – Fri 19/07/2024
- Inset Day – Mon 22/07/2024 (school closed to pupils)

### Polite Reminder: Smoking Outside School



Polite reminder: we ask that you avoid smoking directly outside of the school site as this can affect everyone. Thank you for your support with this.

### Polite Reminder: Language on school premises

It has come to our attention that a small minority of parents/carers are using bad language on the school site. Please remember that children may hear this and using bad language on school premises is inappropriate. Therefore, we ask that no bad language is used on the school site. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

If you have any concerns about things that have happened in school, please speak to a member of school staff and we will be happy to help. This avoids unnecessary confrontations, which can make people feel intimidated.

## Lunchtime



Thank you for ensuring your child's meals are booked.

We have seen an increase in booked meals.

We have lots of events and themes with upcoming meals. Please keep an eye out for these events

## Parking



Please park considerately and safely. As a polite reminder, **cars should not park on the zig-zag yellow lines** as this space should be kept clear so that children and parents/carers can walk safely to school.

It is important that everyone puts the safety of the children first. We have asked for PCSOs to be present outside to support with this.

Please also take note of surrounding houses and ensure drives are not blocked

## Contact Us



**If we can help, please get in touch on the details below:**

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