

The final SJA Newsletter

Wednesday 17th July 2019

Dear Parents.

The time of year you have all been looking forward to has finally arrived...the summer holidays! The children (and admittedly the staff) are looking forward to spending some time relaxing and taking things easy.

We have had a wonderful year which, quite fittingly, has ended with a number of exciting pieces of news to communicate:

1. Summer Fete

Another wonderful event organised meticulously by The Parents' Association and supported by the whole school community. Thanks are extended to everyone who made this day happen: behind the scenes organisers, stall-holders, parents, and friends and families who came to sample the ambiance. This event raised over £5,720 - a staggering amount!

The fund will go a long way in helping us in achieving our three fundraising goals for the year:

- Purchase of new i-pads
- Supporting school trips
- Fund the new canopy outside the reception classes.

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to all of our parents and children who supported the Book Fair at this year's fete. From the money that you spent, the school received a whopping £535.24 worth of books for the school. Your generosity is truly appreciated.

2. Sporting news

Many of our children have been proudly representing the school across a range of sporting competitions. Below is a summary of the most recent events:

Year 2 Mini-Olympics

On Thursday 10th June, 10 lucky Year 2 pupils competed in a 'Mini Olympics' event, held at Market Road Pitches. The children took part in a number of track and field events. They competed against 15 Islington schools. The children performed brilliantly against the other Year 2 pupils and they managed to come in 4th position! Well done to: Joshua, Florence, Anseleme, Amelia, Jayden, Niamh, Otilie, Oscar, Emily M and Max. The children showed great sportsmanship and representing our school so well. Thank you to Ms Thomas for training the children.

Basketball News

Back in the Spring term, the basketball team competed with other Islington schools to represent the borough in the London youth games; they were successful and on Thursday 4th July they went to Crystal Palace to compete. The team were extremely committed to their training and developed some new amazing skills! On the day, they competed with three other schools and unfortunately didn't make it through to the finals. Congratulations to the children who participated- Cecilia, Grace-Ann, Shevin, Ronan, Matteo and Charlie. Thank you for your fantastic sportsmanship and excellent attitude!

Quadkids Athletics

Earlier this term, children trialled to be part of the year 3 & 4 and 5 & 6 Quadkids athletics teams. The best overall athletes (Year 5 & 6 - Martha, Meghan, Rosalind, Cecilia, Kiara, Leon, Xavier, Jake, Kenzie, Edward, Flora, Grace Ann, Ephraim and Year 3 & 4 - Jeremy, Kayden, Ophelia, Leila, Daphne, Sam, Arthur, Rebecca, Nylah and James) competed in the Islington Championships. They completed four events: standing long jump, 400m (600m for year 5/6), howler throw, 50m sprint (75m sprint for year 5/6). Both teams did fantastically well and won both competitions! A special congratulations goes to our individual medal winners from year 4: Jeremy 1st place boy, Kayden 3rd place boy, Ophelia 3rd place girl and from year 5 & 6: Xavier 1st place boy, Edward 2nd place boy and Martha 2nd place girl.



Year 5 and 6 Rounders

Two Mondays ago the Year 5/6 Rounders A and B teams competed at the Islington Championships. The A team (Marco - captain, Meghan, Cecilia, Leon, Edward, Jake, Grace Ann, Eva and Sonny) topped their pool unbeaten and made it through to knock outs as the top seed. The B team (John, Tarrell, Rosalind, Grace, Alex M, Charlie, Adrian, Scarlet and Luffie) performed fantastically in the pool games and went through to knock outs as best runners up. This meant our A team would play our B team in the semi-finals! Our A team came out on top and faced Canonbury in the finals, where we won 5-2. Well done to both teams for bringing home gold and bronze medals – they were amazing!



New sports captains help run Football World Cup house tournament

Last week the year 5s delivered sports captain speeches. Many children applied and our year 6 sports captains (Meghan, Martha, Leon and Ephraim) had one last job to help decide who would become their predecessor.

Congratulations to our new sports captains: Abigail – Benedict, Shevin – Dom Remy, Kiara – Fleur de Lys and Tarrell – Rouen.

Their first job was to manage their house teams for our football tournament to celebrate the Women's World Cup. It was lovely that almost all of Phase 2 and 3 took part. On Thursday, year 2/3 played their tournament. Well done to Fleur de Lys who won! On Friday, year 4/5/6 played. The final between Dom Remy and Benedict was a 1-1 draw. The teams had a penalty shoot out to decide the winner and Dom Remy finished as champions!

Thank you to Mr Gorge for refereeing.

Year 5 and 6 Athletics

On Thursday 4th July, the Islington Champion Quadkids team represented Islington at the Youth Games Finals against all other London boroughs. The standard of competition is always exceptional at LYG and the children had aimed to match or better last year's team placing of 12th (out of hundreds of schools). Congratulations to our super star athletes (Martha, Meghan, Kiara, Flora, Rosalind, Ephraim, Kenzie, Xavier, Leon, Edward and Jake), who surpassed our expectations and finished 4th. The children were disappointed to finish just out of the medal positions but should be extremely proud of themselves as because this is the highest place that Islington has ever finished in an athletics competition!

The final competition of the highly successful 2018-2019 season was Track and Field athletics. The team (Xavier, Tuvia, Leon, Kenzie, Ephraim, Edward, Jake, Meghan, Martha, Cecilia, Flora, Kiara, Grace Ann and Rosalind) had trained really hard in preparation for the event and this showed through their huge medal haul! Unfortunately, we were narrowly beaten by Canonbury and weren't able to win back our title. Congratulations to the whole athletics team for finishing 2nd overall and on your incredible individual performances.

Boy medal winners: Xavier (2nd place in 75m, 2nd place in 300m, 1st in triple jump and 2nd in quiet throw), Leon (2nd place in triple jump, 2nd place in 70m hurdles and 3rd place in 600m), Jake (joint 2nd place shot put), Tuvia (joint 2nd place in the shot put, Kenzie (1st place in the long jump) Edward (1st place in the howler and 600m) and boys' relay team (1st place in 4 x 100m).

Girl medal winners: Martha (1st place in 300m, 1st place in long jump, 3rd place in 75m sprint and 2nd place in triple jump), Rosalind (3rd place in 300m) Kiara (2nd place in 600m), Meghan (3rd place in 600m and 3rd place in howler) and girls' relay team (1st place in 4 x 100m).



Islington Sports Awards

Each year Islington recognise and celebrate exceptional sporting performers across the borough. This year we were lucky enough to win two of these awards and have 3 runners up in the individual categories.

Well done to Meghan and Martha who were both recognised as runners up in the Sportswomen of the Year category and Xavier who was a runner up in the Sportsman of the Year category.

A massive congratulations to both Leon who is this year's Islington Sportsman of the Year and our Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Team who were awarded Sports Team of the Year.



Sports Records

Our athletics team has been so successful this year winning two out of the possible three athletics titles (sportshall and quadkids) and coming 2nd place in the track and field competition. Many have set new school records in their discipline, which goes to show what a special cohort the year 6s are. The new record holders received trophies for their achievements at the leaver's assembly and their names will be displayed in our entrance hall.



Special congratulations go to the following athletes:

There were 16 existing school records broken:

75m Girls: Martha (2019) 10.77

300m Girls: Martha (2019) 43.11 s

300m Boys: Xavier (2019) 41.73 s
600m Girls: Megha (2019) 1.55 s
600m Boys: Leon (2019) 1.51 m
Howler Throw Boys: Edward (2019) 42.15m
Long Jump Girls: Martha (2019) 4.50m
Long Jump Boys: Kenzie (2019) 4.80m
70m hurdles Boys: Leon (2019) 10.58 s
Shot Putt Boys: Tuvia/Jake (2019) 15.40m
Shot Putt Girls: Cecilia (2019) 12.60m
Quoit Throw Girls: Meghan (2019) 19.80m
Triple Jump Boys: Xavier (2018) 9.15m
Triple Jump Girls: Martha (2019) 8.46m
4 x 100m Relay Boys: Ephraim, Kenzie, Xavier, Leon (2019) 59.30 s
4 x 100m Relay Girls: Meghan, Cecilia, Flora, Martha (2019) 01:00.58

Most notably, there were also eight Islington records broken:

300m Girls: Martha (2019) 43.11 s
600m Girls: Meghan (2019) 1.55 s
Howler Throw Boys: Edward (2019) 42.15m
Long Jump Girls: Martha (2019) 4.50m
Long Jump Boys: Kenzie (2019) 4.80m
Triple Jump Boys: Xavier (2018) 9.15m
4 x 100m Relay Boys: Ephraim, Kenzie, Xavier, Leon 59.30 s
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SJA now have 8 of 20 Islington records! The children should all be very proud of their achievements and we hope they will continue to shine in sport during their secondary careers!

It goes without saying that behind every successful team is a manager who knows how to get the best out of their players. A large proportion of staff have given up their time to coach and prepare the children for these competitions for which they need to be thanked.

I am sure that they will not mind me picking out one teacher, Ms Newman, who has been instrumental in spearheading most of these teams to their various triumphs. This is no easy task when you also have a class to teach as well as a professional rugby team to play for outside of work. St Joan of Arc has been Islington's most successful school this year and this is down to her drive, ambition and passion for children having opportunities to experience and participate in sport during their primary years. I am now really hoping that Ms Newman has planned a long relaxing holiday for herself.

3. **100% attendance for the Year**

132 children achieved 100% attendance for this term and they will be awarded their certificates in assembly on Thursday. The number of children achieving this has improved each term which is wonderful news!

We have had 35 children who have managed to be at school every day this year (from 04.09.18 to 15.07.19), which is a huge achievement. The following children will be awarded a special Gold Headteacher Certificate in assembly on Thursday:

David	RA	Aurin	3H
Eryk	RA	Domixia	3H
Oliver	RA	Tom	4I
Scarlett	RA	Ben	4I
Sahota	RA	Arthur	4I
Pablo	RB	Mina	4J
Myles	1C	Jeremy	4J
Ava	1C	Tuvia	5K
Nissi	1D	Shiloh	5K
Cecilia	1D	Sofia	5K
Joseph	1D	Mariam	5K
Mihret	2F	Selihom	5L
James	2F	Fabio	5L
Edward	2F	Edward	5L
Arthur	2F	Chinyelu	6M
Messie	3G	Cecilia	6M
Liam	3H	Amaechi	6N
		Sham	6N

4. **Summer Holiday Reading Challenge**

During the school holidays all children are strongly encouraged to keep up with their daily reading routine. Last Monday, a member of staff from Islington libraries came in and spoke to the children about this year's reading challenge- the children have been given the task of helping the Rockets family- a super cool family that lives on a satellite station in space. Join in with the Rockets and complete the 2019 Summer Reading Challenge. Read 6 books to win one of the many exclusive mini prizes available and have the opportunity to win other top prizes. The Summer Reading Challenge is all about keeping up the reading habit over the long summer break and above all, about keeping reading fun!

The Summer Reading challenge is taking place in all libraries across London and we hope as many children as possible will participate this summer. More information can be found on the Summer Reading Challenge website: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

The website also includes a book sorter to use if you are not sure what to read next. Good luck!

5. **Goodbyes and thank you**

Unfortunately, this time of year also brings about goodbyes. The parents of the Year 6 pupils have organised the leavers' disco which will take place on Thursday evening for the Class of 2019. They will be having their leavers' Mass on Friday at 9.15am, which will be an opportunity for school families to come together and say goodbye. Seats will be reserved for parents from Year 6 at the front of the church.

As a year group, they have been very positive role models for the rest of the school community. It has been a real privilege to teach and nurture them in preparation for the next stage in their education. We wish them all the best and thank them for working so hard and always trying their best.

Not only are we saying goodbye to the pupils in this year group, but there are also a number of parents who have supported the school over the years. Without their generosity, time and talents, we would not have the successful school and Parents' Association we have today. We have really appreciated all of your support; you shall be missed!

If you have helped the school in any capacity this year (on a school outing, helping in class, organising and running PA activities, standing on the Governing Body to name but a few ways), we have really appreciated your support. The school would definitely not be as successful as it is without your willingness to help us above and beyond what is expected.

6. Teaching Arrangements for 2019-20

Today the children met their new teachers and teaching assistants. I have listed below the class structure for the next academic year for your information:

CLASS	TEACHER	TEACHING ASSISTANT(S)
Nursery	Ms O'Brien	Ms Desci /Ms Long
RA	Ms Kelly	Ms Francis / Mrs Lowther
RB	Ms Nicou	Ms Aristodemou / Mrs Lowther
1C	Ms Tibbs	Ms O'Neale
1D	Ms Thomas	Ms Gibbs
2E	Ms O'Connor	Ms Squire / Ms Carty
2F	Ms Ward	Ms Squire / Ms Carty
3G	Ms Vassallo	Ms Cumpstey
3H	Mr Gordge	Ms Convey
4I	Ms Farrell	Ms Mullen
4J	Ms Newson	Ms Mullen
5K	Ms Williams	Ms Burns
5L	Ms Newman	Ms Burns
6M	Mr McCormick	Ms Laszciw
6N	Mr Shreeves	Ms Bowden
Other roles	Ms Connolly - additional teaching support for Year 6 Mr Vallejo – Inclusion Manager Mr Fuiava – Assistant Headteacher in charge of Assessment, RE & additional teaching support for junior classes Mr Heneghan –Deputy Head in charge of Teaching, Learning & Curriculum Mrs Ryan – EHCP Support Mrs Doogan - Pastoral Care/School Health Ms Gyles – Teacher (maternity leave)	

7. School Uniform

In preparation for the children's return to school in September, it is essential that **everyone** follows the school uniform guidelines, which are attached for your information. A reminder to ensure that all uniform is labelled to reduce the valuable time lost in reuniting children and items of uniform!

Please read the guidance on footwear and hair styles which is also part of our uniform policy.

The website address required for ordering uniform is: www.YourSchoolUniform.com

We are very fortunate to have an excellent used uniform service which will be available on the playground in September. I have been asked by a number of parents about children returning to school in September in summer uniform. In a climate where we are being rightly so asked to maximise clothing use, this makes perfect sense and is of course permitted.

8. Breakfast Club/French Lessons

Florence Guérin, director and founder of Coucou Loulou, will continue to offer French classes at St Joan of Arc in September. The lessons are geared towards absolute beginners or children with very basic notions of French and will take place one morning per week, from 8.00 am to 8.45 am.

Florence is a French native speaker and qualified Modern Languages teacher who has taught in Outstanding London schools for the past 11 years. She launched her own language school, Coucou Loulou, in September 2017; her vision is to enthuse everyone about foreign languages and she teaches through play, puppetry, crafts and songs.

If you would like your child to join these extremely popular classes, please click on the link below:

<https://forms.gle/dqx4hKtADqDL9rEx8>

If you book your child into French club you will also need to book them into the school's breakfast club, forms are available from the school office or from the school website, the cost is £4 per day.

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to all of the pupils, parents, staff and governors for supporting me this year. I wish you all a very happy, relaxing and safe holiday; we look forward to seeing everyone back at school on **TUESDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER at 8.50am.**

School Mass will take place on **FRIDAY 6th SEPTEMBER** at St Joan of Arc Church - 9.15am. The Mass will be led by Year 6N.

THE SCHOOL CLOSSES ON FRIDAY 19th JULY AT 2PM.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Clare Campbell". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Clare Campbell
Headteacher