

# The final SJA Newsletter

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018

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: from behind the scenes organisation, stall-holders, to parents, friends and families who came to sample the ambiance. This event raised over £8,000 - a staggering amount!

The money raised has gone towards contributions to class outings and the final payment for the covered shelter area on the playground.

## 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 £730 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 Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July, 10 lucky Year 2 pupils competed in a 'Mini Olympics' event, held at Market Road Pitches. The children took part in a number of events and competed against 12 other schools. They performed brilliantly against the other Year 2 pupils. They didn't manage to achieve a medal position but they showed excellent sportsmanship and they represented the school well by behaving so beautifully. Well done to: Linus, Chiara, Rohan, Amaia, Messie, Anderson, Joel, Shalom, Nylah-Louise and Leonardo. Thank you to Miss Thomas for organising the children's participation.

### 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 (Meghan, Olivia-Rae, Ify, Skye, Alex Anthony, Christian, Leo, Elias and Marco) drew their pool but unfortunately didn't make it through to knock outs on runs scored. However, the B team (Eva, Grace, Beatrice, Luffie, Sorcha, Sonny, Tomas, Kai, Theo and Alex M) had better luck and performed fantastically in the pool games to top their table. They then won their semi-final convincingly and went on to draw the final with Canonbury 3-3! Well done to all of the children involved – they were amazing!

### Year 5 and 6 Athletics

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> (out of 32 schools). Congratulations to our super star athletes (Skye, Martha, Meghan, Ify, Amelia, Alex, Christian, Xavier, Leon and Jake), who surpassed our expectations and finished 12<sup>th</sup>!

The final competition of the 2017-2018 season was Track and Field athletics. The team (Xavier, Christian, Leon, Alex A, Finian, Edward, Charlie, Jake, Meghan, Martha, Skye, Chinyelu, Amelia and Olivia-Rae) had trained really hard in preparation for the event and this showed through their huge medal haul! Unfortunately, we were narrowly beaten by eight points (930-922) points by Canonbury and weren't able to retain our title for a 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. Congratulations to the whole athletics team for finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> overall and on your incredible individual performances.

Boy medal winners: Christian (3<sup>rd</sup> place in 75m), Alex (joint 1<sup>st</sup> place in triple jump, 3<sup>rd</sup> place in long jump and 1<sup>st</sup> in 70m hurdles), Jake (2<sup>nd</sup> place in 70m hurdles), Xavier (joint 1<sup>st</sup> place in triple jump and 1<sup>st</sup> place in quoit throw), Leon (2<sup>nd</sup> place in 600m), Finian (2<sup>nd</sup> place in quoit throw and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in howler throw) and boys' relay team (1<sup>st</sup> place in 4 x 100m).

Girl medal winners: Olivia-Rae (1<sup>st</sup> place in 300m), Martha (2<sup>nd</sup> place in 300m and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in triple jump), Amelia (1<sup>st</sup> place in both triple and long jump, Skye (2<sup>nd</sup> place in 600m and 1<sup>st</sup> place in howler) and girls' relay team (1<sup>st</sup> place in 4 x 100m).

A huge thank you goes to Miss Newman for preparing the athletics and rounders teams for the above competitions. Her boundless energy, enthusiasm and organisational skills are greatly appreciated.

### Sports Records

Our athletics team has been so successful year winning two out of the possible three athletics titles (sportshall and quadkids) and coming 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the track and field competition. Several have set new school records in their discipline. The new record holders will receive trophies for their achievements tomorrow and their names will be displayed in our entrance hall.

SJA's athletes have had a highly successful year winning two out of the possible three athletics titles (sportshall and quadkids) and coming 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the track and field competition. Special congratulations go to children who have set records in their events.

There were four new events this year with brand new school record holders:

**70m hurdles Boys:** Alexander (6M) (2018) 12.81 s

**70m hurdles Girls:** Skye (6M) (2018) 13.29 s

**Shot Putt Boys:** Christian (6M) (2018) 12.45m

**Shot Putt Girls:** Skye (6M) (2018) 11.67m

**Quoit Throw Boys:** Xavier (5L) (2018) 24.6m

**Quoit Throw Girls:** Meghan (5L) (2018) 16.50m

**Triple Jump Boys:** Alexander (6M) (2018)/Xavier (5L) (2018) 8.30m

**Triple Jump Girls:** Amelia (6M) (2018) 7.60m

There were five existing school records broken:

**300m Girls:** Olivia-Rae (6N) (2018) 50.26 s

**600m Girls:** Amelia (6M) (2018) 1.59 m

**Howler Throw Boys:** Christian (6M) (2018) 34.0m

**Howler Throw Girls:** Skye (6M) (2018) 33.0m

**Long Jump Girls:** Amelia (6M) (2018) 3.63m

Most notably, there were also two Islington records broken:

**300m Girls:** Olivia-Rae (6N) (2018) 50.26 s

**Howler Throw Girls:** Skye (6M) (2018) 33.0m

They should all be very proud of their achievements and we hope they will continue to shine in sport during their secondary careers!

## **Sports Captains**

From September we will be introducing a new role- SPORTS CAPTAINS! The children selected will be prime examples of sportsmanship, determination, being a good team player and of having an overall excellent attitude in PE and competitions. The sports captains will be responsible for presenting sporting assemblies, helping to pick competition teams, being in charge of PE equipment and organising sports day to name just a few of their duties. This past half term we have had honorary captains that have taken on all these roles and helped to choose their successors; thank you to Skye (6M), Alexander (6M), Harcharan (6N) and Ifechukwu (6N) for your help and commitment.

We would also like to extend our congratulations to our new sports captains from September- Meghan (5L), Ephraim (5K), Martha (5K), and Leon (5L). We wish you well in your new role.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to all the teachers who have taken sports teams to competitions this year and the teaching assistants who have accompanied them at competitions.

### **3. Quiz Ed Inter-house Competitions**

Teams across KS2 have been competing this term in our annual 'battle of the brains'. Using a new format, the children have been tested on their general knowledge, lateral thinking, times tables knowledge and their ability to solve visual puzzles. All of the competing children represented their school houses and each of the matches was fiercely contested! Congratulations to our house champions and their teams:

Y3 – Domremy (Sam, Nina, Ben and Daphne)

Y4 – Rouen (Charlotte, Zoe, Molly and Yalenna)

Y5 – Domremy (Cecilia, Martha, Phoebe and Sham)

Y6 – Rouen (Cicco, Rionach, Christian, Ellie and Skye)

The overall winning house was Rouen who amassed 203 points across all four years.

A huge thank you to Mr Fuiava for organising the teams and the competition.

### **4. Healthy Schools Accreditation**

Following a thorough external review of the school's every day practice, I am very pleased to report that the school has recently retained its Healthy Schools status for the next two years. Included within the review is an assessment of how the school provides healthy living education and physical education as well as exploring how the school delivers PSHE (personal, social and health education). A big thank you to Miss Kelly for her hard work in helping the school retain this prestigious status.

### **5. 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 36 children who have managed to be at school every day this year (from 05.09.17 to 13.07.18), which is a huge achievement. The following children will be awarded a special Gold Headteacher Certificate in Assembly on Thursday:

Maddox	RA	Erin	4I
Thomas	RA	Ailbe	4I
Deshay	1C	Sophia	4I
Edward	1C	Marley	4I
Mihret	1D	Alexander	4I
Lylah	1D	Julian	4I
Joel	2E	Tarrell	4J
Elliot	2E	Samuel	4J
Fayi	2F	Mario	4J
Aurin	2F	Shevin	4J
Samuel	2F	Aleazer	5K
Ruairi	2F	Chinyelu	5K
Filippo	3G	Beatrice	5K
Jeremy	3G	Rosalind	5L

Zoe	3G	Edward	5L
Arthur	3H	Leo	6M
Lucy	3H	Andres	6M
Adrian	4I	Noad	6N

## 6. **Summer Holiday Reading Challenge**

During the school holidays all children are strongly encouraged to keep up with their daily reading routine. Join in with the Mischief Makers and complete the 2018 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!

## 7. **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 2018. 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 educational careers. 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 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.

## 8. **Teaching Arrangements for 2018-19**

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 RESPONSIBILITIES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2017 - 2018**

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>TEACHER</b>	<b>TEACHING ASSISTANT(S)</b>
Nursery	Ms O'Brien	Ms Francis/Ms Long
RA	Ms Kelly	Ms Gibbs/Ms Carty/ Mrs Lowther
RB	Ms Nicou	Ms Aristodemou
1C	Ms Tibbs	Ms O'Neale
1D	Ms Dwyer	Ms Squire
2E	Ms Thomas	Ms Ryan / Ms Cumpstey
2F	Ms Ward	Ms Ryan / Ms Cumpstey
3G	Ms Newman	Ms Burns
3H	Mr Gordge	Ms Burns
4I	Ms Vassallo	Ms Convey
4J	Ms Pryce	Ms Convey
5K	Ms Williams	Ms Mullen /Ms Laszczziw
5L	Ms Connolly	Ms Mullen / Ms Laszczziw
6M	Ms Gyles (Mr Fuiava- Fridays)	Ms Bowden
6N	Mr Shreeves	Ms Bowden

Other roles	Mr Heneghan –Deputy Head in charge of Teaching & Learning, Curriculum & additional teaching support for Year 5 Mr Fuiava – Assistant Headteacher in charge of Assessment, RE & additional teaching support for Year 6 Mr Vallejo – Inclusion Manager Mrs Ryan – Speech & Language Support Mrs Doogan - Pastoral Care/School Health Ms O' Connor – Teacher (maternity leave)
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#### 9. **Ofsted Inspection**

Thank you for your invaluable support through our recent inspection. I was very humbled by the sheer volume of parents who took the time to complete the questionnaire on Parent View. The inspector regularly checked the status of this during the day so rest assured your views were taken into account.

Ofsted are aiming to get the report to us by the end of this term so if this is the case you will receive a copy before we close on Friday.

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 4<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER at 8.50am.**

School Mass will take place on **FRIDAY 7<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER** at St Joan of Arc Church - 9.15am. The mass will be led by Year 6N

**THE SCHOOL CLOSSES ON FRIDAY 20th JULY AT 2PM.**

Yours sincerely



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