



THE HAPPY NEWS!

Celebrating SJA's best news and making happy memories together as one.

Stars of the week...

Well done to every single one of you for a wonderful half term! You've worked so hard and it's been so lovely seeing all of the amazing learning happening- both in school and at home. Here's a special shout out to the stand-out stars of this week..

In Class A, **Joseph** has been researching lots of facts about birds and presenting them really well. **Harvey** has made an amazing bird life cycle handicraft. In Class B, **Matheus** has been working hard to complete his home learning and form his letters correctly using the school script. Both **Matias** and **Augustin** have been working really hard to look after their plants which are growing taller and taller! Amazing work Reception!

In Class C, **Cecilia** made the most beautiful artwork using lentils, seeds and grains! **Cruz** was a sentence superstar and shared an amazing extended sentence with the class! In Class D, **Haniel** has been working extra hard at home, and also shared a beautiful prayer on our Google meet! **Oliver** has the most fantastic attitude and shares his work with a big smile! Go Year 1!!

In Class E, **Betty** has been trying really hard with her home learning, and particularly her writing - well done! **Joseph Hollis** has been making a super effort with handwriting and has produced some very imaginative and witty work! In Class F, **Mathias** has been thinking of descriptive sentences for his 'Magic Box' English task. **Mary** has been contributing to class conversations and working diligently. Great work Year 2!

In Class H, **Hazvinei** has shown resilience in her maths learning this half term! Also, **Carlos** used fantastic descriptive sentences in his Lighthouse writing. In Class G, **Abigail** has been working brilliantly online and in school. She always tries her best, listens respectfully and helps out her classmates. **Lois** has worked really hard this week, especially her excellent use of speech in her newspaper plan. We are really proud of all the effort from every pupil in year 3. You are all superstars!

In Class I, **Bella** has produced incredible, engaging writing using a range of imaginative techniques for her spy novel - gripping and tense! Also, **Ottilie's** engagement with her fractions topic, contributing through her GC meets, her knowledge of simplifying and finding fractions in their lowest form has provided guidance for everyone - top maths. In Class J, **Nicolette** has been pushing herself in all areas of her learning and been a ray of sunshine as she posts positive comments for her classmates. **Salihom** has been contributing thoughtfully to our Safer Internet week discussions and demonstrates excellent knowledge about what to trust or check. Great work Year 4!

In Class K, the children explored Earth and Space. **Samwari** was quite impressive when he took on the challenge and showed off his excellent DT skills, creating a fantastic model of the Solar System including all the planets and finishing it off with fairy lights stars. **Alexandra**, on the other hand, reached for the stars, earning a total of 810 points this half term. Her determination motivated her to produce high quality work that reaches beyond Earth and Space.

In Class L, **Andrea** is one of the stars to watch! He has been putting in super star effort with all elements of home learning, especially with beautiful handwriting, and earned a whopping 340 house points. **Mateo** has also been impressing his teachers with excellent effort at home and fantastic fractions work. Amazing, Year 5!

In Year 6, **Alastair** impressed for his excellent Science videos which have very clearly explained how different Science experiments work. His teacher particularly enjoyed the marshmallow one! **Ava** has written a fantastic poem for Children's Mental Health Week. Her poem, "If You Feel Down" helped to provide us with lots of ways we can feel more positive. Well done, Ava - this poem will help lots of children when they are feeling down!

In 6N, **Nathan S.** has been putting forth a tremendous effort to ensure his work is completed to the best of his ability and, as a result, he is showing great understanding of challenging concepts. **Kiera** has been pushing herself in English, showing great consideration for the protagonist by responding the story using textual evidence. Great work year 6!

Congratulations superstars! We are so proud of you all! You really deserve this half term- read on for some easy ideas to have fun at home...



The **HAPPY** Half-Term Hitlist!

Step away from the screen and have some fun! Pick a challenge at random...How many can you do?!

<p>How many different words can you make from the letters in the sentence below?</p> <p><i>"It's the holidays...let's have some fun!"</i></p>	<p>Thank a community Hero.</p> <p>Think of someone that helps you in some way and write a short letter/card/picture to thank them!</p>	<p>Design and make an obstacle course!</p> <p>Create it either in the house or in the garden (depending on space) How fast can you complete it?</p>	<p>Can you create your own secret code?</p> <p>You could use letters, numbers, pictures or something else! Can you get someone else to try and crack it?</p>	<p>Start a nature diary.</p> <p>Look out of the window each day. Keep note of what you see. Birds, flowers, changes in the weather... anything else?</p>	<p>Learn a new skill!</p> <p>Start thinking about what that could be over half term so you are ready to start the 'Learn Something New' project! Check out the poster for more info!</p>
<p>Write a film/book review</p> <p>Watch a film/read a book (or think of your favourite film/book) and write a review/design a cover for the film/book.</p>	<p>Hold a photo shoot</p> <p>Use a camera to take some photos. What will you photograph? Your pet, your toys or something else!</p>	<p>Electric Investigation</p> <p>Make a list of all the electrical items you can find in your house. Can you come up with any ideas to save electricity?</p>	<p>Design and make a homemade board game</p> <p>Remember to write a set of instructions for your game! Play the game with your family.</p>	<p>Do something kind for someone</p> <p>Can you give someone a compliment, make them something or help them with a task?</p>	<p>Create a scavenger hunt.</p> <p>Have a good search around the house. Write a list of things that you see. See if someone else can find these things too. This could be done indoor and outside.</p>
<p>Can you invent something new?</p> <p>Perhaps you could design a new gadget or something to help people? Draw a picture and write a description</p>	<p>Can you create a story bag?</p> <p>Find a bag and fill it with 5 items from around your house. Write a story that involves these items.</p>	<p>List making!</p> <p>Write a list of the things that make you happy, things that you are grateful for or things that you are good at.</p>	<p>Make a movie set!</p> <p>Make a film set out of things around the house! Perhaps an alien spaceship or a haunted castle!</p>	<p>Build a reading den</p> <p>Find somewhere cosy to snuggle up and read your favourite book!</p>	<p>Write a diary entry</p> <p>Write a short diary entry about your time at home. Remember to include your thoughts and feelings!</p>

Keep moving Make up a dance routine to your favourite song	Make your own book Write your own story. Can you illustrate your story too?	Get sketching! Either look out of the window or find a photograph. Try to copy what you can see.	Draw a map of your local area Remember to add on the interesting landmarks that are near you.	Junk modelling Collect and recycle materials from inside and outside the house. What can you create with them?	Create a home workout. See if you can make a workout which is similar (or even better) than Joe Wicks'!
Get baking Can you do some baking with an adult? Muffins, cakes and cookies can all be simple to make!	Invent your own sport Think of a new sport or activity that could be done in a PE lesson.	Draw a picture of something that makes you happy. This could be anything at all. Take some time to really think about this object before drawing it.	Write a song about something you like. You could use household objects as instruments if you're feeling really creative!	Play charades or hangman with your family. Remember to agree on the rules first!	Create a stand-up comedy routine Time to cheer everyone up! Put together your favourite jokes and see if you can make others laugh.
Create a home workout. See if you can make a workout which is similar (or even better) than Joe Wicks'	Have a go at some yoga! Relax and take some time to think about things that are important.	Make a fact poster. Write down facts that you can remember about a topic. Add pictures to your poster. Can you teach someone else?	Design and compete in your own "Mini-Olympics" Come up with a series of events to compete in. This can be done on your own too - set yourself a record and then try and beat it!	Do something kind for someone Can you give someone a compliment, make them something or help them with a task?	What's on the menu? Sit down and discuss what you want to eat next week? Maybe you could buy some ingredients to make something new for your family!
Hotter or Colder Hide a toy/ teddy for someone else to find. Use whatever indoor and outdoor space that you have.	Spaghetti Challenge! Design and make a bridge out of spaghetti! How much weight can it hold?	Get Dressed! Tie your hands behind your back and see how many extra items of clothing you can put on in a minute!	Toilet roll Mark two lines on the floor. From a distance away, roll a toilet roll so that it lands inside the two lines!	Create a time capsule. Find a box. Put things in it to remind you of this time. You can draw pictures/write things down too!	Make a Happy Jar Write down kind messages about your family on separate pieces of paper and put them in a jar. Pick them out each day and read together

EXCITING NEWS Alert!!

SJA is launching a brand new **WHOLE SCHOOL** project!

It's called 'Learn Something New' and you can read about it here!

Remember to decide what your new skill will be over half term, ready to start after the holidays!

Learn Something New!

This term you will try to learn a new skill! There are plenty of skills you can learn, but it has to be something new. You will need to be able to present your new skill at the end of the project in either the form of something you make, for example a carving or a knitted scarf, a video of you performing the skill or an in-class presentation. Depending on the activity, you may learn more than one skill, for example if you learn to skateboard, you might learn a few tricks as part of your new skill. You will need to create a log of the time you spend doing the activity. The skill also will need to be something you can progress in.



Sign
Language



Knitting



Painting



Long Distance
Running



Cooking



Cake
Decorating



Learn a
Language



Drawing



Skateboarding