



*Believing in the worth of every individual, we are a nurturing, Christian sanctuary of learning, where all can flourish. We aspire for everyone to achieve heights of success, to deepen courage and to experience breadth of creativity, knowing the joy of God's love.*

## LIVING OUR VISION

Spring 2 2023

Dear Parents,

As the end of another term approaches, I have been reflecting on the many events that we have held this term: class assemblies, parent workshops, parent stay and read, World Book Day, sports matches and lots of trips out of school to museums and places of worship. These activities have enriched the lives of our school community and given the children opportunities to flourish in new and different ways.

We are finalising our places for reception and nursery 2023. If you know anyone who has a child who is due to attend reception in September 2023, (born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019) or nursery (born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020) please encourage them to come on a tour and to apply to John Keble School.

### In Nursery

**Junk Modelling:** Children in Nursery have been using their imagination to create models out of junk. As well as planning what to make, they have been improving their cutting, sticking and painting skills in the process.



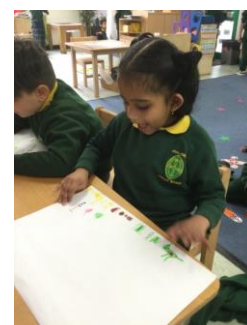
**Baking:** After reading a book which involved baking cookies, we decided to make some of our own. With support, the children weighed and measured the ingredients, before mixing them together and baking them in the oven.

**Ducks:** The children took advantage of the rain to make a pond for our toy ducks. After placing the ducks in a puddle, they discussed what they would need and went to source that as well.



In Reception, this half term we found a beanstalk in our classroom and read the story Jack and the Beanstalk. The giant visited us and we asked him questions.

We made a 'Talk for Writing' story map and made our own versions of the story. For science week, we investigated our sense of smell and had to guess what was inside each pot. In Maths we have been learning our number bonds to 10.



# Rooted together in love, growing without limits



In Year 1 this term, we have been learning how to read a map. We went to Hampstead Heath for a workshop and then we practised using maps to navigate across the heath. We have also been learning about capacity and measure in maths.



In Year 2 this term, we have learnt all about animals and their habitats. We had an exciting visit to the Natural History Museum to enrich our knowledge. We even got to see fossils of prehistoric animals! In mathematics number facts, we have been focusing on doubling numbers. We first used physical resources to help us and then wrote lots of doubles in our books. We realised that there was a pattern and that doubling linked to our maths work, multiplying by 2.

In Year 3, we have been learning all about the Indus Valley civilisation in history and facts about different settlements in geography. We've had fun making sweet and savoury snacks in cooking and learning about plants in science. We even planted some seeds in class to investigate what plants needed to grow properly. In RE, year 3 has enjoyed discussing who is the most important person in the Easter story and visited a synagogue to support their learning about Judaism.



In Year 4, we have certainly had lots of great things going on! We decorated our doors for World Book Day so well that Sycamore Class went on to win £100 in book tokens not just for their door, but also for answering a range of questions in the Great World Book Day Quiz. Year 4 have also produced some wonderful work as part of their digital picture editing unit for computing. We learned to crop, rotate, recolour, and clone images to create new pictures.



In Year 5, we have been learning how to multiply digits using exchanging. As well as gaining knowledge on fractions to thousands using fraction walls to support them with this. In Art we have been learning about tone, textures using colour palletes. We took inspiration from the works of Van Gogh and Edvard Munch to create our own pieces of art.

Year 6 have been doing lots of art this term. We have been manipulating images to create multi-layered digital artwork using graphics software. We have also been focussing on artist David Tress to create perspective drawings of Harlesden, which will be used as a basis for a multi-layered collage. We have been preparing for our SATs exams at the beginning of May and drawing on everything that we have learnt at John Keble School over the years.



John Keble Nursery is likely to be full time in September. Governors are finalising this decision over the holiday break. This will mean that we are able to offer wrap around care for nursery age children.

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It has been a pleasure to welcome Father Adam into school this half term. He has attended Mass and our governing board meetings. We would also like to thank Bishop Lusa and Archdeacon Catherine for taking the time to visit the school.



Our in-house therapist would like to recommend the Aha! Parenting website. The website offers practical tools to support you as a parent - You can read parenting guides on a variety of topics and sign up to weekly emails with practical tips and articles.

The founder of Aha! Parenting is Dr Laura Markham - A Clinical Psychologist (and mum!), offers a neuroscience-based research approach to parenting.

In our recent assemblies, we have been reflecting on why Jesus needed to come to Earth and why he needed to die on the cross. We have reflected on the nature of Jesus' leadership, his humble servant nature. We remember that Easter is a time of hope. It is an empty tomb that gives us hope. The HOPE of peace. The HOPE of forgiveness. The HOPE of assurance. The HOPE of heaven. It is a radical message for all of us, a declaration of God's love for every person.

I wish you all a very blessed Easter break.

Catherine Allard

School starts again on Monday 17th April 2023 at 8.30am



Year 1 learning about capacity and measure.



Some of the great John Keble classroom doors decorated for World Book Day

**We have a school Twitter account. The handle is @JohnKebleBrent We tweet at least once a week. Follow us to keep up to date with everything that is happening at school. Our website is updated regularly too. [www.johnkeble.com](http://www.johnkeble.com)**



## Term Dates 2022-2023

Summer Term 2023 ( 62 days + 2 INSET)	
Term starts	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023
Bank holidays	Monday 1st May 2023 and Monday 8th May 2023
Half term	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2nd June 2023
Term ends	Wednesday 19th July 2023 at 1.30pm
Inset Day	Thursday 20th July and Friday 21st July 2023

**Please do not request leave in term time. It will not be granted. Please ensure that your child/ren are back in London ready to start school on Monday 17th April 2023. Action, including fines, will be taken by Brent Council against families whose children are not back in school. There is a clear correlation between children's attendance at school and their academic performance.**

**Children with the best attendance have the best results.**

**We have published our term dates for 2023-2024 below to help you ensure that all travel is booked outside term times.**

## Term Dates 2023-2024

Autumn Term 2023 (72 days + 2 INSET)	
Inset Day	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 and Tuesday 5th September 2023
Term starts	Wednesday 6th September 2023
Half term	Monday 23rd October – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
Term ends	Thursday 21st December 2023 at 1.30pm
Spring Term 2024 ( 53 days + 1 INSET)	
Inset Day	Monday 8th January 2024
Term starts	Tuesday 9th January 2024
Half term	Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February 2024
Term ends	Thursday 28th March 2024 at 1.30pm
Summer Term 2024 ( 65 days + 2 INSET)	
Term starts	Monday 15th April 2024
Bank holiday	Monday 6th May 2024
Half term	Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May 2024
Term ends	Monday 22nd July 2024 at 1.30pm
Inset Day	Tuesday 23rd July and Wednesday 24th July 2024