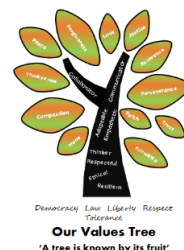




SSSJ School Newsletter



28th April 2023

This week we have held parent conference evenings for early years to year 2. The teaching staff have shared information linked to your child's progress since September and where they are currently working in relation to age related expectations. Attendance at parents evening is important for you, as parents, to understand how well your children are achieving in school. It is also a useful opportunity for you to discuss or raise any concerns you may have. Parents evening for Year 3 to Year 6 will be taking place next week. If you haven't already made an appointment, please contact the school office.

Year 6 SATS

Year 6 pupils will be completing their external examinations on Tuesday 9th May until Friday 12th May. As you are aware these examinations are taking place across the country and if your child is absent on any of the days, they will not be able to be taken on a different day. We will be sharing the test timetable with parents as part of parent conferencing. We also hosted a information session for parents. If were unable to attend, this powerpoint is detailed on our school website [Parent Workshops - SS Simon & Jude CE Primary School \(sssjbolton.sch.uk\)](https://www.sssjbolton.sch.uk) If you do have any questions relating to your child's SATS please contact school or speak to the class teacher at the parents evening.

Building update

As you are aware school is undergoing some significant building work which should start towards the end of May. We are already preparing for the upcoming changes. Many of you may have noticed the green container that has been placed at the front of school near the lower school entrance. This is where our school office will be located for the duration of the build. We are aiming for our office administration team to move into their new space over the coming weeks. We will keep you updated with this as time progresses.

Finally we have thoroughly enjoyed this week where we have showcased the pupils' musical talents. We hosted 70 parents for the drumming performance and 120 parents for the violin performance. We had some lovely feedback from our parents. If you would like to add any further feedback about the events, please feel free to email the office.

Miss Katie Jones ~ Principal

We have been focusing on our value **Hope**. This is detailed in your child's planner.



HOPE

Hope is more than wishful thinking. We aim to raise the children's aspirations through creating a culture within school where each member of our community strives to always do their best. We challenge children in their thinking, taking them out of their comfort zone. We encourage children to question the world around them and to challenge any social injustice.

This week in worship we have discussed the launch of an education television programme being launched in Afghanistan as girls over 11 are unable to attend school. We have explored the key question 'What environment helps you learn?'. The children commented on what they found tricky and easy to learn. We linked this to our school value hope.

At home talk to your children about the importance of education and friendships and how they shape us for our future.



British Values

Rule of Law

Different countries have different rules and laws about school and education. In the UK, all children must be provided with an education from age 5 to 18.

Protected Characteristics

In Afghanistan, girls over 11 years of age are not allowed to attend school. Being a boy or a girl should never stop us from doing something or cause us to be treated unfairly.

Attendance

At SSSJ, we monitor attendance on a daily and weekly basis. We also speak to our pupils about attendance and punctuality as part of our learning review system. The table below details how we colour code attendance at SSSJ.

Code	Cause for concern	Unacceptable	Borderline	Acceptable	Very Good	Excellent
Attendance		Below 94%	94-95.5%	95.5-96.9%		97%+

Week beginning: 24.04.2023

Year Group	Attendance	Year Group	Attendance
Ladybirds	100%	Year 3	92.25%
Caterpillars	100%	Year 4	94.25%
Reception	91.48%	Year 5	95.46%
Year 1	96.85%	Year 6	95.58%
Year 2	97.74%		

UPCOMING BANK HOLIDAYS

Monday 1st May 2023
Monday 8th May 2023

School will be closed on the above days



Spotlight on learning - Year 4 Violin and 5 Drumming Proms

We would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who showed their support and attended the Proms this week. We are incredibly proud of all the children and what they have learnt over the past few months. The performances would not have been possible without the fantastic help and guidance from Mr Watson and Miss Hoyle, from Bolton Music Service and the staff at SSSJ.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 1st May -

School closed - Bank holiday

Tuesday 2nd May - School closed for classes Year 2A, Year 2C, Year 3A, Year 3B, Year 4A, Year 4B & Year 4C **ONLY** - Industrial action

Wednesday 3rd May - Year 3 recorder performance 2pm - 3pm - tickets on sale £1

Wednesday 3rd & Thursday 4th May

Parents conferencing for Year 3 to Year 6

Please note: Local elections are also taking place in our community room on Thursday 4th May.

ORAL HEALTH VISIT - Year 3 & Year 4

As part of an ongoing programme to improve Oral Health in Bolton, The Healthy Families Team visited our Y3 & Y4 classes on Wednesday to take part in a scientific experiment where a number of children chewed a tablet in class. The experiment is to show pupils how and where plaque bacteria collects on teeth. Each child received a new toothbrush and toothpaste.

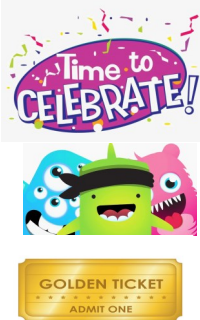


Extra Curricular Clubs

All club spaces have now be allocated. We have a number of new clubs this includes Yoga for KS2. Due to the number of interest this term we have also added 3 extra clubs. If your child would like to attend an after school club please speak to Miss Worrall in the office.

There will be NO clubs on Wednesday 4th May or Thursday 4th next week due to KS2 Parents conferencing.

We would like to say a very special well done to our class dojo and golden celebration winners this week.



Pupils who achieve the class dojo award have received the most dojo points throughout the week for showcasing different values as part of learning within the classroom.

Pupils who win the Golden Ticket have showcased the value we are focusing on as part of our whole school worship. They have demonstrated this value in all aspects of school life.

Class Dojo Winners		Golden Celebration Winners	
Nursery Aayat, Abdul Raheem, Elsie & Anabia	Year 3 Saleisha & Faye	Nursery Ayaan, Iris, Muhammad & Muskaan	Year 3 Danyal & Arya
Rec Ayaana & Harper	Year 4 Maria, Brynn & Jasmine	Rec Alfie & Khadijah	Year 4 Roman, Hassan & Phoebe
Year 1 Aliza & Saif	Year 5 Thomas, Leo	Year 1 Huzaifa & Malaika	Year 5 Riley, Zayaan & Amaya
Year 2 Oscar, Mehr-ali & Khadija	Year 6 Ahmad Karbin	Year 2 Shani, Esa K & Anaum	Year 6 Natalie, Amaya

Keeping in touch

There are number of ways that you can keep in touch with school. If you have a concern, please contact us through one of the channels below.

Email: sssjoffice@vantageacademies.co.uk

Telephone: 01204333583

Arrange an appointment with Miss Jones (Principal) or the class teacher.