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# St John's Green Primary School

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# Newsletter

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We Maths  
We are all writers ...

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### School Council Logo

The school council had a tough time of it trying to draw up the finalists for the school logo competition. IN the end they managed to narrow it down to six entries, two from each phase council.

Alan Short, our Chair of Governors has given the unenviable task of choosing the winning design. He has chosen, Archie North's design, because of its visual impact, that it reflected the whole school and showed the linking together of the school.

Well done to everyone who entered but a special well done to Archie.



### Bug Club & Abacus Maths

Class Teachers will have set some holiday practise for the children on Bug Club (Reading) and Abacus Maths (maths). Please encourage your children to keep practising their learning over the Half Term break. Children can access both platforms through the school website or via [www.activelearnprimary.co.uk](http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk)

At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents.

Jane D. Hull

### Number Gym

We have invested in a new on line maths learning resource called Number Gym. Children will be able to learn their number bonds and practise their times tables. The programme also tracks individual pupil's progress both in school and at home.

Mr Green will be running an overview session for parents straight after Half Term so that parents can see the types of things that Number Gym can be used for.

Tuesday 23rd February 9.00a.m. at AF.

Wednesday 24th February 9.15a.m. at Town.

Please do pop along if you are able.

### Diary Dates

- Monday 15th—Friday 19th February. Half Term.
- Netbergym—Tuesday 23rd February AF at 9.00a.m., Wednesday 24th February at 9.15a.m. at Town.
- Thursday 25th February—School Nurse Drop in Session at Abbey Field. 9.00a.m.—10.30p.m.
- Wednesday 2nd- Friday 4th March. Life Bus at Abbey Field.
- Week Beginning Monday 7th March. Book Week. Including Theme day on Friday 11th March. (Book Character Day. Children and staff can come to school dressed as a book character)
- Tuesday 8th March. Assessment Period 2 Reports to Parents.
- Wednesday 9th March. 5.00p.m.—7.30p.m. Parents' Evening.
- Monday 21st March. 2.00p.m. Year 3/4 Production 'Yee Ha.'
- Tuesday 22nd & Wednesday 23rd March. 6.00p.m.

### Netball

On Wednesday, our Netball Team had a match against Lexden Primary School. It was a very exciting match with many skills displayed. The first third was very tense (due to the pressure put on the team by Mr B). However by the third period, we were absolutely terrific, with Tilly scoring 10 goals in a row. The match finished 14—2 to St John's Green.

We had another match on Thursday against Stanway Fiveways. Unfortunately we couldn't quite reproduce the magic and we lost that game 14—5.

By Ben Chang



### Awards

- Tigger Award (Trinovantes) - Ayana Curtis
- Eeyore Award (Oysters) — Faith Major
- Winnie the Pooh Award (Castle) - Lily Horgan
- Rory the Lion Award (Dutch) - Riley Hunt
- Pluto Award (Iceni) - Maisie Hainsworth
- Sully Award (Mercury) - Noah Cahill
- Diddle Award (Claudius) - Emma Burrell-Poole
- Scrappy Award (Eagles) - Bailey Smith
- Bumble Award (Circus) - Shannon Lingley
- Simba Award (Roses) - Mia-Rose Richardson
- Stitch Award (Chariot) - Max Knight
- Hathi Award (Star) - Cameron Smith
- Mickey Award (Jumbo) - Faye Lake
- Spot— Ellie-Jo Shipton-Cornell
- Heads' Award— Circus, Eagles, Roses
- Attendance — Claudius

### After School Clubs

All After School Clubs will run as normal straight after Half Term. The last week of clubs this term will be the week beginning 14/3/16.

### Year 1 Athletics Festival



Our Year 1 children trekked off to St Helena on Tuesday to take part in an athletics festival and they were magnificent. They all took part in three activities—balancing and jumping, gymnastic poses and balances, practising their routines.

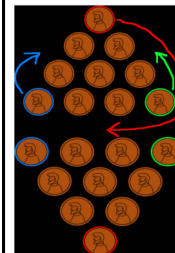
Really well done to all the Year 1 children for behaving so brilliantly at the festival and for all that walking. Thank you as well to those parents who were able to come along and support.



### School Nurse

On Thursday 25th February the School Nurse is offering a free drop in session for parents to ask for any advice. The session will run from 9.00—10.30 at the AF Site. Please ask at the School Office if you would like any more details

### Maths Challenge



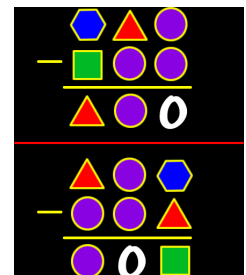
Last week's answer— was

Can you move just THREE pennies and flip this triangle upside down?

### This Week's Challenge

The following shapes equal the numbers 1, 2, 4 and 6

Can you find which symbols match up with which numbers so that these two math problems both work?



Answers on Mr Bates' door if you are at Town site and on Mr Green's door if you are at Abbey site.

The winning entry each week from each phase will get to choose a free book or maths prize.

### And Finally ...

Goodness knows where this Half Term has gone, it seems like only yesterday it was Christmas and by the time we return it will almost be Easter. I'm afraid you're going to have to wait for the results of the School Team Dodge Ball competition as teams were still busy competing against each other this morning. Suffice to say that competition has been hot with school teams vying the coveted title of Dodge Ball Champions. Thank you for your continued support with reading, spelling and practising at home. I know it is Half Term, but please keep it going next week.

Have a Good Half Term

Simon Billings

**HELP THE HOMELESS IN COLCHESTER**

Thursday 25th February from 9.00 a.m.

St. John's Green Primary School PTA would like to help the above charity, but they need your support!

Please look in your loft/garage/cupboards and wardrobes for any of the following items that you would like to donate to Help the Homeless. The items must be clean and in good condition.

The PTA are holding a coffee morning/collection point at Abbey Field Site on Thursday 25th February from 9.00 a.m. If you would like to donate any items, please bring them into school from 8.15 a.m. on that day. The PTA committee will be happy to meet you in the spare classroom to accept your donations. Unfortunately, we cannot accept donations on any other day.

ITEMS REQUIRED:

ADULT SIZE:

GLOVES/SOCKS/WARM COATS/JUMPERS/T.SHIRTS/HATS/JOGGING BOTTOMS/MEN'S TRAINERS (LARGE SIZE).

ALSO REQUIRED ARE:

THROWS/BLANKETS/SLEEPING BAGS

NEW ITEMS : SMELLIES FOR MEN AND WOMEN/TOOTHPASTE/

MEN'S DEODRANTS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

Any queries regarding the above, please call Jan Taylor (School Office - Abbey Field Site).