



March 2017 Newsletter

As well as information here, you can find lots of information about the school on our **web site** (<http://www.john-chilton.ealing.sch.uk/>) as well as forthcoming dates on the calendar. Term dates for 2017/2018 are published there (About Us> Term Dates).

PARENT VIEW gives you the chance to tell **Ofsted** what you think about your child's school. The survey can be completed at any time; you don't have to wait until the school is being inspected. You can do this confidentially online at <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> If you would like help, we would be happy to assist you.



DO YOU WANT TO SPEAK TO THE SCHOOL NURSE? To save time, use the direct dial number rather than going through the school's main office. Just dial 020 8842 7924.



ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL: Parents & carers, please remember that it is your responsibility to tell us if your child is not coming to school for any reason. Please phone in by 9.30 am or send a note – don't just tell the passenger assistant.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs Tsangacos who has been accredited with the National Professional Qualification of Senior Leadership. Congratulations also go to Mrs Cambridge who has achieved the National Professional Qualification of Middle Leadership. These qualifications provide national recognition of their leadership development and professional achievement as senior and middle leaders and are awarded according to strict criteria after they have undertaken a year of educational research and development. Well done to both of you.

PHASE 4 RED AND PURPLE VISITED TATE BRITAIN and analysed Pre-Raphaelite paintings there as part of their WJEC art coursework research.



Rajan & Najmah analysing "Ophelia" by Millais (L)



Yusuf, Kieran, Talha and Muhammad analysing 'The Lady of Shallot' by John William Waterhouse. (L).



WORLD BOOK DAY: Pupils in Primary and Years 7 and 8 celebrated World Book Day. The aim was to inspire children to have fun while reading. In our theme 'Peter Pan', we explored the story in different ways using art, drama, storytelling and creative writing opportunities. Many pupils got dressed up as their favourite character. A number of secondary pupils became 'Reading Buddies' and read to other classes. As reading role models, they supported other pupils with their reading.



DANCING WITH Year 7 & 8 Red and Purple. Over six weeks, students danced with the professional dance company 'Amici', who specialise in dance projects for pupils with disabilities and additional needs. Professional dancers, some with disabilities, worked with the pupils to explore movement, music, drama, imagination and language through dance. They created a poem and devised their own contemporary dance presentation based on 'the seasons'. They presented this to the whole school who watched from above to enjoy a unique perspective on the dancing.



Governors: The school's Governing Board has continued to take an active role in the school. Since the last newsletter there has been a full Governors' meeting at which three new Governors were co-opted – Steve Garry, Steven Littlewood and Lyn Owens; we welcome to the JCS community. See the school's website (About Us>Governors) where you can find out more about them.

Amongst other activities during March: Wendy and Allison have been involved in discussions about Post 16 provision and have written to parents about this; Wendy Allison and Andreina attended the progress day and spoke with a number of parents (see pic: Maryam, Wendy & Miranda) – Wendy also joined with school staff on an Environmental Learning Walk in the school; Andreina came in to school for a maths workshop, a Home Learning meeting and had a look round the school for World Book Day.



E- SAFETY: 'Tinder for teens' and 'Yellow' are popular free lifestyle apps putting young people at risk of predators by having no checks on a user's age. These apps allow users to chat and send pictures to friends and strangers. They allow users to connect with strangers by simply swiping on their profile picture. When both users mutually 'like' each other they can chat by adding each other on the picture-messaging service Snapchat.



Please talk to your children about these apps and remind them not to share any personal information with strangers online.

JOHN CHILTON SCHOOL has the "X FACTOR": "Simon Cowell", "Honey G", "Sharon Osbourne" and "Louis Walsh" judged the JCS "X Factor". Pupils from across the school joined together into duos, made up a boy band or a girl group or performed solo with enthusiastic dancing and singing. The audience thoroughly enjoyed the acts and all the performers showed how independent, confident and motivated they are. Thanks go to everyone who took part and especially to staff members Charlotte, Helene and Rob for making it happen.

IMAGINATION POD: Last month we had the opportunity for the pupils to explore an Imagination Pod. An Imagination Pod is a Sensory Box on wheels and gives pupils the opportunity to use their imaginations, collaborate with their peers and solve problems in a fun, sensory way. Staff from the Institute of Imagination led workshops for pupils and staff and then we were allowed to use it in our classrooms. Most pupils made a new home for a bird whose house had been destroyed in a storm, while Year 5 made a village to support their Humanities topic. The pupils all had great fun and came up with fantastic ideas.



Sharing Skills Transition Event: What a Riot! All of the secondary department spent a morning with different agencies that came to share their skills of team work, confidence and good communication. *Delaware North* role-played at the café with pupils from P3 Blue and Purple. Pupils practiced how to order from a menu and serve customers their snacks and drinks as well as how to set a table. The *Metropolitan Police* worked with P3 Blue and P4 Purple and showed them a video of some of the jobs that people who work with the police do. *Ealing Law Centre* came and talked to P4 and P3 Red about the help and advice they give to people. Pupils role-played how to meet and greet members of the public. *YMCA Fit* ran a workshop with P4 Blue about healthy eating and spoke about the facilities that are available for people with disabilities. Pupils created a healthy plate choosing from different foods. Our *Sports Crew* worked with the coaches from the *Cricket for Disabilities* and *YMCA Fit*, and showed our visitors how to play the game before having a match with mixed teams of pupils and visitors. Other members of the *Sports Crew* organised the visitors and pupils into playing boccia. *The Riot Police* showed the pupils the equipment they carry and what skills they need to use when at work with the public. Everyone enjoyed the different events – even those who wanted to be handcuffed!



LOOKING FORWARD TO FUTURE EVENTS

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| • Friday 31/3 | Last Day of Spring Term: School finishes at 12.45pm. |
| • Tuesday 18/4 | First Day of Summer Term for all pupils. |
| • Monday 1/5 | May Day – School is closed. |
| • Friday 19/5 | Beach Disco. |
| • Monday 29/5 to Friday 2 June | Half Term. |
| • Tuesday 11 July | Open Afternoon to share pupils' reports. |
| • Friday 14 July | Summer BBQ. |
| • Thursday 20 July | Last Day of Summer Term for Pupils: School finishes at 12.45pm. |
| • Wednesday 6 September | First Day of Autumn Term. |

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