



SSPP School News

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**MARY, MOTHER OF
JESUS, PLEASE BE A
MOTHER TO ME NOW**



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*We show our love for God, in the way we treat each other.
Together we follow Jesus, by learning, and sharing our gifts.*

Dear Parents and Carers,

Once again, it was very pleasing to see many parents attend the Meet the Teacher meetings this week, I hope you found them informative. SSPP has had a successful start to the year, which is why it has been possible to hold these meetings at school, however we must remain vigilant and not underestimate the Covid-19 virus. If you or your child has symptoms of the virus you should not attend the school site and you should book a PCR test. Many parents do lateral flow tests if their child is poorly, just to be extra cautious. The staff take LFT twice weekly, to ensure we have a safe environment for the children and adults.

On Thursday 7th October, Census Day, we will be having a 'Teddy Bear's Picnic' style lunch, complete with the bake-off team, Mrs Johnson and Mrs Hull, decorating cakes for the Teddies to eat! It is a great incentive to encourage as many children as possible to order a lunch on this day; it helps with our school funding.

The office will shortly update the class Scopay accounts, with parent consultation appointments for you to book; please note school will be closed on this day, Tuesday 9th November.

The Friends of SSPP will be holding their first meeting of the year on Monday 4th October, at 2pm. If you were one of the wonderful volunteers who gave their details to the team last week, they will be in touch with you shortly. Planning is now underway for the brilliant 'Festival of Light' firework display on Thursday 21st October; the tickets will go on sale next week.

We are already finding a number of items in the lost property box; please make sure your child's name is on every item of uniform. Because the weather is so unpredictable at the moment, it is important your child has a waterproof coat in school, which should be plain navy blue. May I also remind you that children's hair must be tied back fully; we have had an outbreak of head lice in the last few weeks.

I wish you all a lovely weekend.

God Bless.
Mrs Johnson
Headteacher

Headteacher

Mrs Johnson

Deputy Headteacher

Mrs Hull

Assistant Headteacher

Mr Roca-Mas

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

7th October

National Poetry Day

8th October

World Mental Health Day

14th October

Flu immunisations

Thursday 21st October

Fireworks display

Tuesday 9th November

Parent Consultations, school closed

LINKS

School Website:

<https://www.sspeterandpauls.redbridge.sch.uk/>

School Blogs:

<https://sspeterandpaulsblog.net/>

UNICEF Article 24

Every child has the right to the best possible health.

Governments must provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food and a clean environment so that children can stay healthy.



Gospel Reflection (Mark 10:2-16)

In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus shows us that the kingdom of God is open to everybody; we hear how special and important children were to Jesus. People were bringing their children to Jesus for his blessing, but the disciples tried to stop them. They thought the children would bother Jesus; the disciples were worried that Jesus was tired or hungry and that it was time for him to rest. Jesus was angry and told the disciples to let the children come to him. He said that the kingdom of God belongs to children like these; they have a special way of looking at the world and of understanding things, which adults can learn from. Jesus welcomed and blessed the children who came to see him. "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." Then he put his arms round the children and gave them his blessing.

Prayer for the week

Loving God, your Son Jesus shows us that all people, including children, are important and loved by you. Help us to follow his example and to respect and care for all people around the world.

Amen. *"Let us try to be open to God's word, and open to the Lord's surprises when he speaks to us."* Pope Francis

Star Pupil Awards

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RM	Taibah
RS	Nabeeha
1A	Xan
1M	Blessing
2I	Roisin
2P	Sarah
3C	
3S	
4B	Ryan
4W	
5C	Ibrahim
5S	Fatima
6B	Prince Arthur
6R	Jasleen

Attendance w/e 1st October 94.35%%

Class	% (Target 95.5%) Class attendance percentages since the 4 th September 2020 Gold = Highest Green = Above 96% Red = Below 96%
RM	97.2%
RS	92.3%
1A	97.9%
1M	96.4%
2I	92.4%
2P	93.9%
3C	95.8%
3S	90.9%
4B	94.4%
4W	93.1%
5C	94.8%
5S	93.6%
6B	95.0%
6R	93.8%



It is important that we always have the most up-to-date contact details you can provide. Please let the school office know if your contact details have changed or if additional people are collecting your child.

School Games Values Certificates

Look out for more certificates next week.



Attendance News

Important Information: If your child is absent from school, you must notify the school office as soon as possible.

Any child with an unexplained absence at the end/start of term will be referred to the Redbridge child missing from education team.

Guided Bat Walk – South Park

Wednesday 6th October 2021 6.15 – 7.15pm

Cost £5.00

Meeting point: details provided upon booking.

Redbridge is lucky enough to be home to 11 of the 18 species of bat found in the UK. Join the Nature Conservation Team and bat expert Huma Pearce on a bat walk in South Park. We will look for signs of bats in our local green spaces, and use bat detectors to listen for their echolocation calls after sunset.

Book your place at: <https://visionrcl.org.uk/event/guided-bat-walk-south-park/>



SCHOOL NEWS

World Mental Health Day 2021

COFFEE MORNING

We will be celebrating World Mental Health Day on **Friday 8th October**.

Our school theme for the day is "Being Kind", and throughout the day, the children will be exploring ways in which we can make a positive difference and support others' mental health.

We will be hosting a 'Time to Talk' coffee morning for parents on the day. This will be a great opportunity for you to meet our well-being team and find out about the work they do in school. We will also be sharing ideas with you on how you can support your child's mental health and well-being.

Please come along to the coffee morning which will start at 9:10 in the school dining hall.



Rights Respecting / Global Action – Miss Ionita's Weekly Information

This week the school council had their first meeting of the year. In this meeting, we discussed our targets, priorities and ideas we would like to implement throughout this year. Our focus this year is once again, the Sustainable Global Goals and in particular, the Global Goal 4, 'Quality Education' which will become part of our meetings agenda.

We would like to play a key role in the school and community to encourage all pupils to have quality education and learn more about having a sustainable planet where we can live happily, without being threatened by climate change.

Therefore we encourage all of you reading this to help and support us to complete our mission.

We are very excited about our new role and we feel ready to 'Change the World'!

We will update you regularly with all the campaigns and events that we will be planning.

Signed: 2021 School Councillors



West Ham Corner

It's easy this old European lark innit!

Two Europa league games in, two wins, four goals scored, no goals conceded, doesn't read badly as a set of stats.

West Ham welcomed the Austrian team Rapid Vienna to the Olympic Stadium on Thursday night. Before kick off the new LED light system was given an airing along with fire bursts from the edge of the field – something to warm the crowd up before the match even began.

Declan Rice has taken to European football like the proverbial duck to water and was in the right place at the right time to score his second goal in successive European matches. Late in the game Benrahma made the score more reflective of West Ham's dominance when he added the night's second.

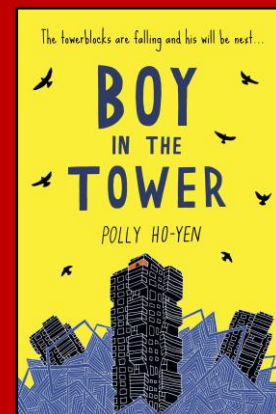
All this after a last-minute winner in the league against Leeds last weekend – I'm starting to get that dreamy feeling again!

Latest Result: West Ham United – 1 Rapid Vienna

League Position: 8th



Recommended Read Year 5



When they first arrived, they came quietly and stealthily as if they tiptoed into the world when we were all looking the other way. Ade loves living at the top of a tower block. From his window, he feels like he can see the whole world stretching out beneath him. His mum doesn't really like looking outside - but it's going outside that she hates. She's happier sleeping all day inside their tower, where it's safe. But one day, other tower blocks on the estate start falling down around them and strange, menacing plants begin to appear. Now their tower isn't safe anymore. Ade and his mum are trapped and there's no way out...

If you liked this then try:

+ 'How I Saved The World In A Week' by Polly Ho-Yen
+ 'Mohinder's War' by Bali Rai



Top Ten

These are the current SSPP top ten pupils:

Rank	Name	Year Group
1	Sofiya	Year 4
2	Sereni	Year 6
3	Angeline	Year 4
4	Naomi	Year 4
5	Timothy	Year 4
6	Elijah	Year 6
7	Fatima	Year 4
8	Yashna	Year 6
9	Dika	Year 5
10	Albert	Year 4

Community News



The grand total for our Macmillan Coffee Morning was well over £750, so we can only say a massive thank you to all those who donated and supported. As a community, you are always so generous, and for that we are eternally grateful.

Recent Tweets – @SSPP_Primary



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@SSPP_Primary

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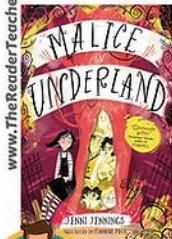
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🥰 Thank you so much @SSPP_Primary! THIS IS SO COOL! I love seeing my #BookMatch similar suggestions and books for fans of popular authors, books and series being used and this idea is superb in your school newsletter. I think @Lillustrator is the perfect choice for October 🎃📚

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Books for fans of Amelia Fang by Laura Ellen Anderson



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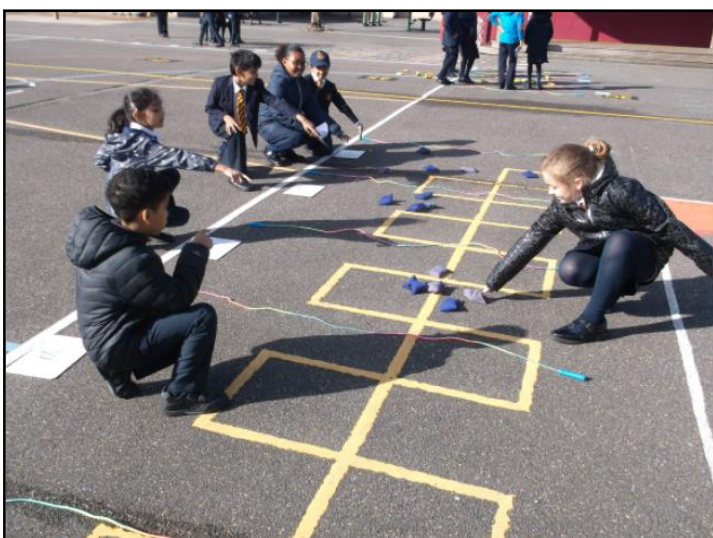
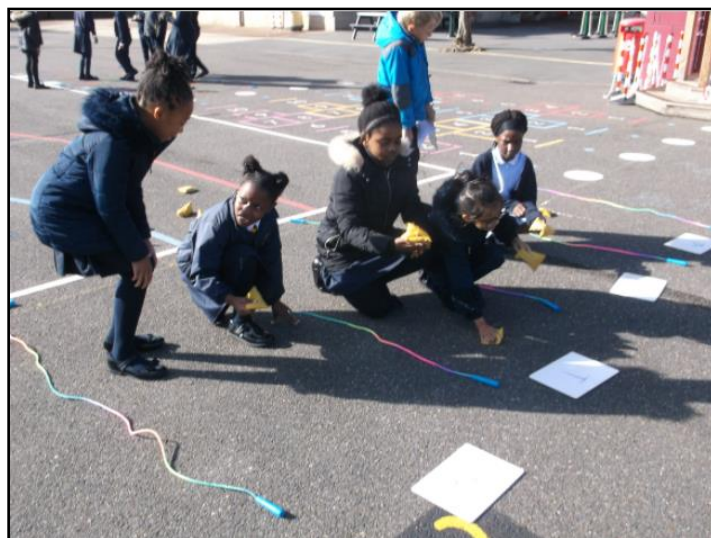


Laura Ellen Anderson

- + Amelia Fang Series
- + Rainbow Grey Series
- + I Don't Want... Series
- + Evil Emperor Penguin

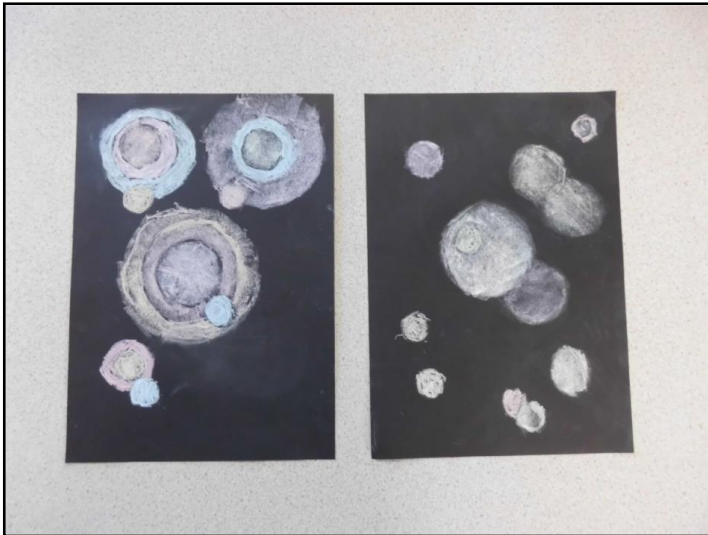
Year 4 – Outdoor Maths

Year 4 have been pulling together their learning about Place Value and used this to solve many reasoning problems.



Y2 Art – Kandinsky's Circles

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Jesuit Pupil Profile

It was briefly mentioned in last week's newsletter that we have launched our virtues for Autumn 1.

A key question all schools have to ask themselves is 'What kind of young people do we hope to produce?'

At SS. Peter and Paul's we have adopted the Jesuit virtues and want to promote and embed these into our children so that they develop into young adults who make the school and their family proud.

This is not a random set of virtues, nor is it a description of a generic 'nice person', but is a vision of a good and virtuous person rooted in the teachings of St Ignatius Loyola and, more deeply than that, in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We truly believe that these virtues go hand in hand with the way we educate and help to bring up the children in our care.

Our aim is to introduce a pair of virtues during each half term and make links to the current good practice the children are already participating in, whilst continuing to deepen their understanding of becoming people to be proud of.

Jesuit Pupil Profile Virtues:

Autumn 1: Grateful & Generous



"My question for you is this: What are the qualities you see in others that you would most like to have yourselves? What kind of person would you really like to be?"

Pope Benedict addressing young people at The Big Assembly, St Mary's University, Twickenham, 17th September 2010

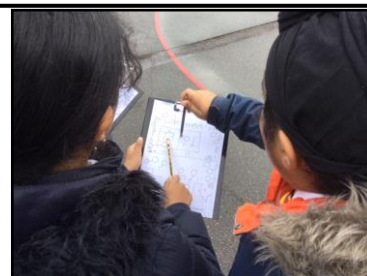
Reception – PE

Reception children had the chance to bring their Teddy Bears into school today for their VERY first Dance lesson, here at SSPP. They danced around to the Teddy Bears Picnic song, making sure they followed the teacher's instructions. Everyone had lots of fun whilst learning to move around the Hall with control.



Geography – Orienteering Sessions

Children in years 4, 5 and 6 were given the chance to get outdoors today and complete an orienteering challenge with our expert, Adrian Hall. They were taught how to use a compass, spot the North Star, establish a 10 metre walking distance all before taking part in a school grounds orienteering exercise. The weather held out and the children all enjoyed being outside.





Online Safety

As part of our continued drive to offer advice and support for all aspects of digital/online safety, we are going to showcase weekly information from the National Online Safety resources which can be found at:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/>

Pokémon GO has been among the world's most popular mobile games since its spectacular release in 2016. It's recently enjoyed a resurgence, thanks partly to people combining entertainment and exercise during lockdown. In Pokémon GO – like the Pokémon TV show, trading card series and other video games – players capture, train and battle with their Pokémon creatures: physically exploring locations while using augmented reality via their phone's screen. The game generally provides a positive experience, but there are still some safety concerns to consider.

In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as environmental hazards, strangers and data collection.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one game of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents Need to Know about POKÉMON GO

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ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS

Pokémon GO requires players to visit in-game landmarks like Pokéstops and Gyms. These are often situated at public real-world locations such as churches or post offices. Sometimes, however, they can inadvertently end up being placed in dangerous areas which are unsuitable for children, even when accompanied by an adult: near a construction site or a main road, for example.

STRANGERS & MEETING OFFLINE

Players often cooperate with friends in the game, and there are many online discussion hangouts. As well as sharing tips and info, these groups may arrange to meet offline to catch Pokémon or attend raids (communal events where players flock to the same real-world place for a mass battle). This can put children at risk of being messaged and invited to meet by strangers under the pretence of talking about the game.

DATA COLLECTION

When a player logs into their Pokémon GO account, the game collects personal data about the user and their device. Locations, emails, names, ages and even camera images can all be accessed. What then happens to this information is open to debate. Niantic, the game's developers, maintain that they do not sell user information to third parties – but the fact that they have it at all is a concern, nonetheless.

VISIBLE PROFILES & LOCATION

Pokémon GO players can add each other as 'friends' in the game by sharing their trainer codes. Two trainers who do this can then view each other's information, such as their username. If a username gives any clues to the player's real name or personal details, a stranger may then be able to look them up online. The game also lets users upload images to social media, which could publicly disclose a child's exact location.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

The game uses a currency called Pokécoins, which can be bought for real money (in bundles between £0.79 and £99.99) and exchanged for in-game items such as Pokéballs and berries. It's extremely easy for a child to purchase Pokécoins (even accidentally) if there's a payment method connected to their mobile phone – and possibly rack up a sizeable bill without realising it!

Advice for Parents & Carers

PLAY ALONGSIDE YOUR CHILD

Finding and catching Pokémon with young ones could turn into a great mutual hobby. At 25 years old, it's one of the few games franchises that spans two generations. Enjoying the game together will give you plenty of new things to talk about with your child – and if you played Pokémon in your own childhood, you might impress them with your knowledge of the digital critters!

ENCOURAGE AWARENESS

Remind your child of the physical dangers they could face while catching Pokémon and emphasise staying aware of their surroundings. The game will often alert children (through their phone) when they are close to an interesting Pokémon item – usually sending them excitedly rushing off to find it – so they should never play Pokémon GO near busy roads or in places they don't know well.

DISGUISE THE EXERCISE

One of Pokémon GO's benefits is that it encourages young (and not-so-young!) ones to get exercise outdoors. Some parts of the game can be completed from home, but it's best experienced while walking around your local area. Certain tasks (like visiting Pokéstops) can be repeated every day – and an hour outside having fun catching Pokémon will hardly feel like exercise at all!

USE AN OLDER PHONE

If children use an older phone to play Pokémon GO, then they won't be walking around with their own new device, which could get broken or stolen. Parents are also far less likely to have left a credit card linked to the old mobile. It also means that you can limit the amount of information used to set up an account, and what companies who gain access to your data can do with it.

AGREE PLAY BOUNDARIES

Ensure your child knows where they are (and aren't) allowed to go searching for Pokémon, when they have to be home, and how often they can play the game. Talk to other young Pokémon GO fans' parents or carers to see what boundaries they set for their children. Lunchtimes (if allowed by the school) or after school are ideal times for getting some exercise and catching all those Pokémon!

Meet Our Expert

Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for several years as a writer, editor and presenter. He is the gaming editor of two of the biggest gaming news sites in the world: UNILAD Gaming and GAMESPOT. Having started gaming at a young age with his siblings, he has a passion for understanding how games and tech work – but, more importantly, how to make them safe and fun.

SOURCES: <https://heimdalsecurity.com/blog/is-pokemon-go-safe/>
<https://bleedingcool.com/games/pokemon-go-announces-quality-of-life-updates-for-february-2021/>

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Google Classrooms – Help Sheet



Google Classroom

What is Google Classroom?

Google Classroom is a class-organisation platform that incorporates Google's core G Suite (Google Docs, Sheets, Slides, Drive) and other Google products so students can access everything they need for a class, including homework assignments, group projects and files. Google Classroom is designed for organisation and collaboration. We will be using Google Classroom to assign homework as well as within school to improve children's digital literacy.

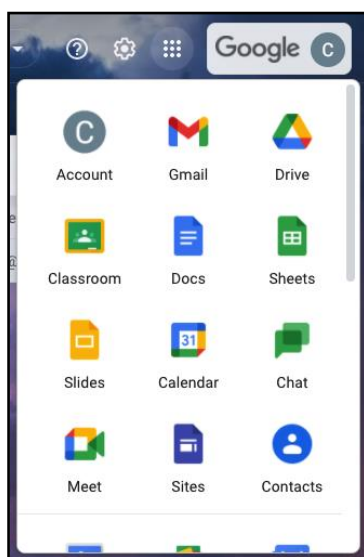
How do you log into a Google Classroom?

Your child has been given a username (email address) and a password, these should be stuck inside their communication or homework books. You have also received an email and/or text with the information. To access it you can search 'Google login', once you have logged in using the username and password you have access to email, classroom and Google drive (a storage system that uses the Google version of Word, Excel and PowerPoint).

When you log in look for the 'waffle' (the nine dots).



You will then see these options and you select 'Classroom'



Each class is private to the people the teacher has personally invited, including the students enrolled in that class and other teachers. Once your child has accessed a class, they can use all the features the teacher has enabled for that class, including class schedules, assignments and announcements.

Can you use Google Classroom at home?

Children can access Google Classroom from anywhere, including from their phones or tablets, when they download the Google Classroom app.

How does my child find out about new stuff posted in Google Classroom?

Your child will receive an email when the teacher posts an announcement. These emails come through your child's email account, not solely in the Classroom. Classrooms do not alert you when an assignment is due; to keep track of deadlines, kids need to check the class calendar.