

The Monthly Owl

March 2018



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the second edition of the Owl. We have had an extremely busy time lately, packed full of wonderful experiences and learning opportunities for all our pupils.

This month we hosted the marvellous Grandparents Breakfast which thrilled our Pre-Reception children, our Internet Safety Sessions for all ages, a trip to the Victoria and Albert Museum for Years Lower and Upper 5, Upper 4 GCSE Options Evening, Rehearsals for the Junior Billerica Schools Music Association (BSMA) annual music festival and last but not least the Parent Social Committee's brilliant Donut and Hotdog Day for everyone.

Once again it has been our absolute joy and privilege to work with all your beautiful children and we look forward to the run up to Easter with more fantastic events for the children to love.

With best wishes,

Mrs F S Armour, Headmistress



Kindergarten

Pre-Reception Grandparents Breakfast

On Tuesday 6th February 2018 our Pre-Reception children welcomed their Grandparents to school to have breakfast with them. The children were keen to show their Grandparents their Pre-Reception rooms.

The morning was a true success, so much so, that on Thursday 8th March children in our Reception Classes will be welcoming their Grandparents for a similar experience.

The idea came from our Headmistress Mrs Armour, herself a Grandparent, she had been invited to her grandchild's breakfast and said "It was such a delightful experience and one that we will both remember for years to come" with that in mind we created our own memorable event.



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Safer Internet Day 2018

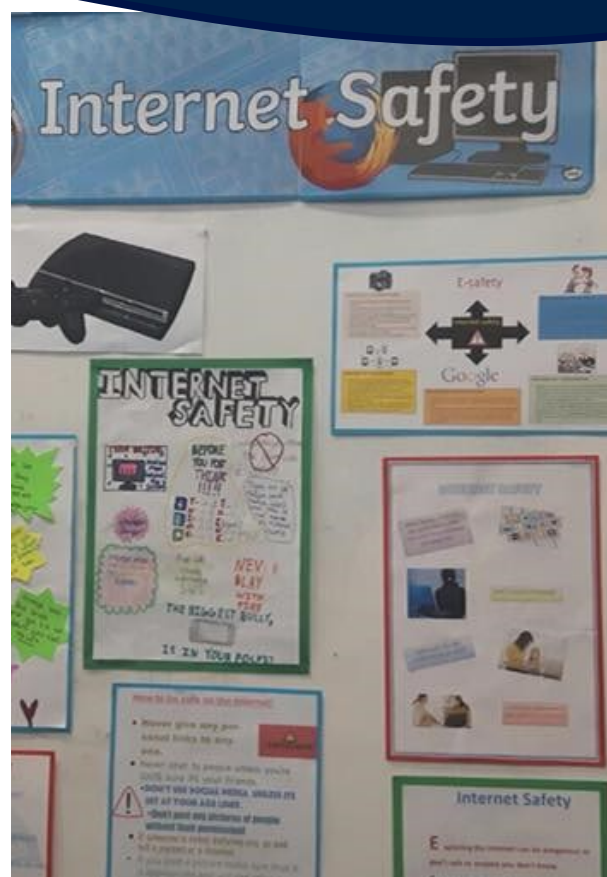
Safer Internet Day was celebrated globally on 6th February 2018 with the slogan "Create, connect, share respect: A better internet starts with you."

More than a thousand organisations got involved to help inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively.

Our Lower 3 (Year 7) pupils created some amazing posters for a display concerning online internet safety.

On Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th February pupils took part in workshops with external visitors to discuss online safety.

Ms Raynard has provided the following website; <https://parentzone.org.uk/> as useful point of interest that may help you create a safer internet environment at home.



Gala Ball Tickets

Tickets are available from the school office. If you have lost your booking form and would like to book a table please e-mail office@stjohnsschool.net and we will send out another booking form via your child's teacher.

One very valid question came in recently that we thought we would publicise;

Tables do not have to be made up with parents of pupils—if you have a group of friends (21 years and over) that you would like to share the evening with, this will be fine.

St John's School, Billericay
invites parents and staff to attend our

GALA  BALL

Friday 11th May 2018

The Garden Suite, Greenwoods Hotel, Stock
Reception at 7pm | Carriages at Midnight

Dress Code: Posh Frocks and Dinner Jacket / Lounge Suit

Ticket price is £55 | This event is for over 21s only | Tables of 8/10 available

Charity auction in aid of Great Ormond Street Hospital



Purcell

Winning House

House Music Competition 2018

On Friday 9th February 2018 the whole school joined together to hold our annual House Music Competition.

The three school houses (Chaucer, Darwin and Purcell) competed to win this enjoyable event. The first stage involved individual performances from pupils throughout the school. The pupils auditioned for the chance to represent their house, and this year in particular, we were impressed with the quality of everyone who applied.

The second part of the competition involved the house songs. The pupils from all parts of the school joined together to sing, dance and entertain. It was truly a delight to see our very youngest pupils in Reception perform alongside our eldest pupils in Upper 5 (Year 11).

The winning house was Purcell, you can view their video clip of their performance on our Facebook page.



Chaucer



Darwin



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Diary Dates Lent Term

Fri 9 th March	PARENT SOCIAL COMMITTEE MOTHER'S DAY SALE
Wed 14 th March	RECEPTION VISIT TO THE POLICE STATION
Wed 14 th March	LOWER 5 (YEAR 10) PARENTS EVENING
Wed 14 th & Thurs 15 th March	BSMA JUNIOR MUSIC FESTIVAL TOWNGATE THEATRE
Wed 21 st March	KINDERGARTEN/ JUNIOR PARENTS EVENING
Thurs 22 nd March	FORM 1 (YEAR 3) VISIT TO PIZZA EXPRESS
Fri 23 rd March	EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA
Fri 23 rd March	BREAK UP FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS (FULL DAY)
Mon 16 th April	RETURN TO SCHOOL (TRINITY TERM)

Changes to Trinity Term Invoices

If you would like to make any amendments to your child's sessions (for Pre-Reception children), individual music lessons or LAMDA lessons or add any of the payable clubs such as Karate, Dancing or Multi Skills please be reminded that Mrs Truscott, Assistant Bursar, requires the changes by Friday 9th March 2018.

Summer Dresses In Stock Now

The uniform shop is open Monday to Friday 8am to 10am and 3pm to 5pm every Tuesday and Thursday. To request a uniform appointment please contact Miss Oddy via e-mail uniform@stjohnsschool.net and she will e-mail you a uniform appointment. As a reminder only cheques or cash are taken for uniform payment.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO LABEL YOUR CHILDRENS' CLOTHING



Who to Contact

Child Absence

Absence Line

☎ 01277 623070 (press option 3)

✉ office@stjohnsschool.net

Please state your child's name, form and reason for absence.

Fee Queries

Mrs Truscott, Assistant Bursar

☎ 01277 623070 (press option 2)

✉ finance@stjohnsschool.net

Admissions

Mrs Cox, Admissions Registrar

☎ 01277 623070 (press option 1)

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