



ST JAMES
Preparatory School

Year 6 Newsletter: Spring Term Week 8

What have we explored this week?

The highlight of our week must be the Year 6 Ancient Greek Assembly! Our whole school community was so impressed with their wonderful creations – and they presented their work with confidence and poise. Thank you for all your support in helping to make this project a huge success – and a special thanks for all who were able to be present and show their support at our assembly. We are planning to create an exhibition of all the children's projects, and we will let you know once this display space has been confirmed.



In Science, we had a very enjoyable time creating well-adapted beaks inspired by the findings of Charles Darwin on the Galapagos Islands. We have been learning about 'Survival of the Fittest' and *The Theory of Evolution*. Some of our birds' beaks would have survived well!



In History, we have explored and compared the Ancient and Modern Olympics – and on Wednesday, we were treated to the school’s performance of, ‘The Odyssey’. In English, we have continued with explanation texts – and in Maths, we have been learning about equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages.

Things to Remember

- On Wednesday 13th March, all of Y3-6 will be celebrating Science Week at the Science Museum. Children will need a packed lunch on this day and will be travelling to South Kensington by Tube.
- Our fourth Feel Good Friday is nearly upon us! We will be celebrating Red Nose Day (Comic Relief) on Friday 15th March. During the day, the children will learn about the work of Comic Relief and how they can support those who are less fortunate. Please see the letter sent by Miss Inglott with details of how we will be raising money for this important cause, as well as information on how to purchase red noses and donate.
- On Monday 18th March, the Year 6 children will be visiting Craven Cottage to take part in the Junior Citizenship Scheme. This is a wonderful opportunity for them to learn about keeping safe in London and travelling on TFL services. Craven Cottage have requested that all students bring a completed consent form which is attached and which we will send home with the children as well. Please return this form to your child’s teacher by Friday 15th.
- Our homework project for this term is focused on famous scientists. The children should find out about an influential scientist who has helped to make the world a better place. Their presentation of this interactive project is due Monday, 25th March.

- We are looking forward to welcoming parents into our classroom on Monday 25th March for a Book Look, from 8:15am to 9am. If you have children in different classes in the Upper School, staff will be on hand to escort you around so that you can see all of your children's brilliant work.
- Please remember to book places (maximum of 2 per family) for Grandparents and Friends Morning on the last day of term, Wednesday 27th March.
<https://stjamesjunior.schoolcloud.co.uk/>
- We are very excited to continue with our preparation for secondary school after the children's return to school in April. As part of our maths curriculum, we will focus on consolidating key topics through story book mathematics, exploring financial mathematics, data use in the real world and more. Children will be working collaboratively in their own classes on these projects. We look forward to seeing their engagement with these topics.
- *Message from Ms. Foster -*
We are delighted to be taking part in the *Young Mathematical Story Authors Competition* in 2024. This is a fantastic opportunity for your child to combine their love of creativity and mathematics by creating a mathematical story. There is further guidance available on this site: [COMPETITIONS - MathsThroughStories.org](https://www.mathsthroughstories.org)

Please be aware the standards in this competition are extremely high! If your child would like to take part, then they should come and speak with Ms Foster for support and assistance with their entry. Creating, drafting and proof-reading entries will take several weeks so please do allow plenty of time. Ms Foster will submit any entries on behalf of your child.

For inspiration and understanding of the quality expected, you and your child may find it useful to read past winning and shortlisted entries using the links below:

<https://www.mathsthroughstories.org/ymsa2023.html>

<https://www.mathsthroughstories.org/ymsa2022.html>

<https://www.mathsthroughstories.org/ymsa2021.html>

<https://www.mathsthroughstories.org/ymsa2020.html>

<https://www.mathsthroughstories.org/ymsa2019.html>

We are very excited to read any stories you create!