



ST JAMES
Preparatory School

Year 6 Newsletter: Spring Term Week 9

What have we explored this week?

We have had a fantastic British Science Week in Year 6 with a plethora of activities. On Monday, the 'Nutty Scientists' presented a 'Static Electricity' workshop where the children had a hair-raising time with 'Kevin' the Van de Graaff Generator!

On Tuesday, we were invited to the Senior Girls' Science laboratories to learn how to use a Bunsen burner. We investigated how the temperature of ice water over a flame changes over time, before drawing a line graph of our results. We were glad that all the children came back with their eyebrows intact!



On Wednesday, we visited the Science Museum in South Kensington. We first explored the Clockmaking Museum, followed by the STEAM area. Finally, the children thoroughly enjoyed the 'Power-Up' arcade which focused on the history of video gaming. We could have spent the entire day there!



The children have been working hard on their Science posters: the theme is 'Time'. They have been given the opportunity to work on these at home and we hope that some of them will be selected to enter the National Competition!

Weekend homework continues to be the '*Scientists Who have Helped to Make the World a Better Place*' project, to be complete by Monday 25th March.

Many thanks for your donations towards our *Red Nose Day* appeal! The money will go towards Comic Relief.

Things to Remember

- 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. Please do return these if you have not done so already.
- 6PW are leading parent tours at the Open Morning on Tuesday 19th March. They should come to school in smart winter uniform with their blazers (even if they are in Netball club).

- You are welcome to join us on Wednesday 20th March, from 8:15 to 8:45, for an Internet Safety Workshop led by Ms. Foster. This session will aim to equip parents with tools to navigate the digital world alongside their children safely.
- Next week is *Shakespeare Week*. Mrs. Cook has asked us to remind you to help your children learn any final lines over the weekend. Performances for parents are at the following times -
 - 6PW - Thursday 21st March 9 - 10am
 - 6N - Friday 22nd March 9 - 10am
- 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/>

As part of Grandparents' Morning, we will be holding our annual Easter Hat Parade. The children are invited to make an Easter-themed hat or headdress to wear on the day. As we are an eco-friendly school, we would like the children to reuse or upcycle items for their creations. Children must still wear full school uniform and bring their hats in on the day. As this is a fundraising event, please bring £1.

A bake sale will take place after the parade, in the courtyard, where monies raised will be shared between the three charities St James Prep supports - The Daisy Trust, St Vincent's School for the Sensory Impaired and Other Needs and Rossholme School in Kenya.

- 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.