

## St John of Jerusalem Primary School

### HALF TERM HOLIDAY OR WHAT?

*Have you ever had a nervous feeling when meeting someone for the first time? Someone who you've been corresponding through emails with for over a year?*

You know they are very positive and excited at the link so a feeling of pressure to be worthy can set in.

Well just imagine six teachers from the same school giving up the all-important rest and catch up time of half term holidays going and immersing themselves into a newish culture and language and, moreover giving up their 'duvet day(s)' because they just don't want to miss a single part of this very unique experience.

It all began with a workshop organised by the manager from NLSIN and her team introducing us to Erasmus+ . Also many thanks to ECAS and the Erasmus+ programme, and of course the undeniable support of Bernadette Clinton. Because of this support, the Leadership team and teachers from St. John of Jerusalem C of E Primary School could immerse themselves in the language and culture of Spain, more specifically, Madrid. They could strengthen a bond with a school and its teachers which had previously only been through the ether.

Two museums we had planned to visit only enthused us to go for a third exhibition; two days of a language course completely inspired us all to download apps to help continue our learning of the Spanish language; two days of visiting a school and consolidating links stimulated ideas and brainstorming to such a level that we now feel like we have made friends with an ideal school and fused an unbreakable bond. We want to continue this link with bigger and better ideas and meaningful sharing of cultures. The children of our two schools are excited and already writing letters to each other, sharing art work of famous artists and will be learning about traditional games which need very few resources. These children will have an opportunity to engage in these games, which are quite new for them, and watch each other playing them in shared areas. These are just a few of the ideas discussed and embraced at the meeting between the leadership and teachers from both schools.

We all feel lucky to have been able to have seen original work by some of our favourite original artists - creators like Picasso, Dali, Reuben and Kandinsky. Now we want to instil the same stimulus into the children we all care for in our school. The Spanish language no longer seems inaccessible and alien - in fact it seems quite familiar. There is a need now to keep practising of course.

What a wonderful experience! Watching flamenco and then performing the salsa; eating paella, chorizo, churros like the Spanish; knowing the correct way to pronounce these words, understanding famous pieces of art like Picasso's Guernica; contemplating Reubens' 'The Adoration of the Magi'; participating in lessons in Spanish; feeling warmly welcomed by the leadership and teachers in our link school; meeting like-minded Spanish teachers and brainstorming projects to share; discussing Special Needs programmes; sharing meals in the school dinner hall; looking around Real Madrid Stadium; walking round Madrid and walking and walking and... exhaustion! But not wanting to miss anything.

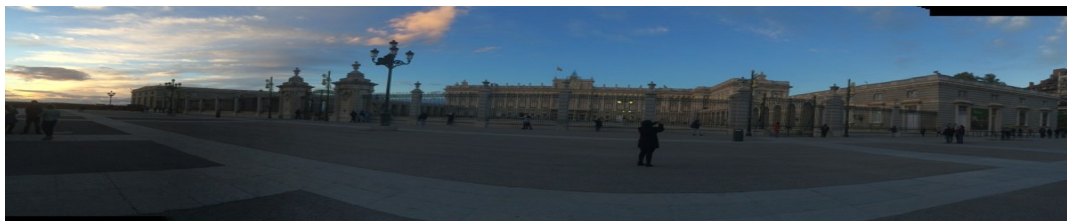
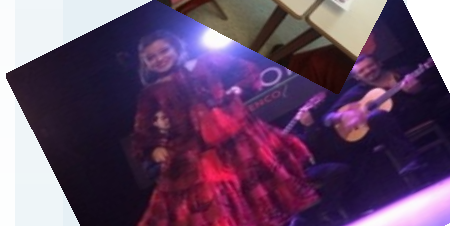
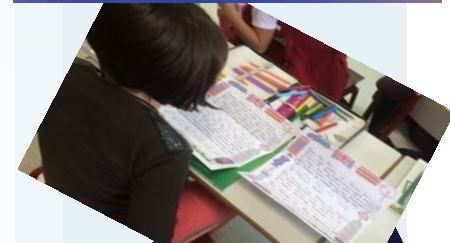
Was it all worth it? Would I do it again if given a chance- "yes" to both questions. There will be more staff members from our school going on a similar visit in April 2016. What would I tell them? I would say "Be prepared for a very intense, exhausting but satisfying week of being fully immersed in the Spanish language and culture.

Come back and share it all with the children and enthuse them with your experiences."



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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE  
CHILDREN WHO CELEBRATED THEIR BIRTHDAY THIS  
WEEK

RIANNA  
YUSUF  
CHUKWADI  
DORIS  
ANJU



## Certificates of Achievement

Reception - Anju and Oliver  
Year 1- Rebecca and Peter  
Year 2- Sapphire and Kali  
Year 3- Angel and Manjit  
Year 4- Marilyn and Joel  
Year 5- William and Whole Class  
Year 6- Dionne and Ibrahim



## Weekly Class Attendance Award

Year 2 - 100%  
Year 5 - 98.52%



## After School Clubs

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Monday - Multi-Sport (Reception & Year 1)

Tuesday - Football (Year 1 & 2)

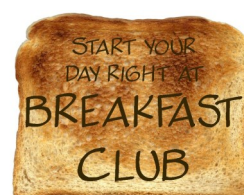
Wednesday - Multi-Sport (Year 4 - 6)

Friday - Football (Year 3-6)



## Breakfast Club

Monday - Friday 07.45—8.55am



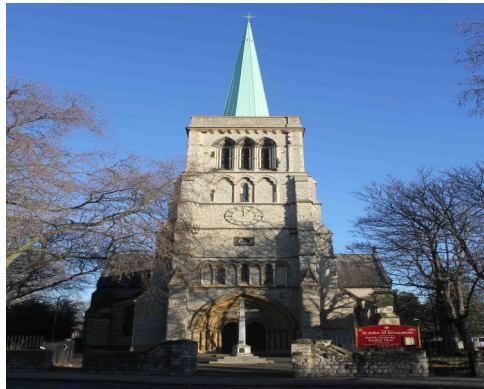
Breakfast Club is open from 07.45 - 8.55am. Please ensure that children are at breakfast club before 8am (children will not be admitted after 8am).

Breakfast will stop being served at 08.15am.

Breakfast Club is for children who have been allocated a place.

Parents are required to bring their children into Breakfast Club and hand over their child to a member of the Breakfast Club staff.

## St John of Jerusalem Church



**All parents, carers and children would be very welcome at the St John of Jerusalem Church 'Christmas Bazaar' which is this Saturday 21st November 2015 from 12 noon to 4pm in the church.**

**There'll be face painting, craft activities for children, home produce, a variety of stalls and food.**

**Do come along & bring your friends!!**

**Santa needs helpers for his Grotto on Tuesday 15th December 2015.**



**If you are interested, please email or speak to Amy Bliss (Y4 teacher) or Karen Spencer (Y2 teacher)**

**kspencer@st-johnjerusalem.hackney.sch.uk  
abliss@st-johnjerusalem.hackney.sch.uk**

## Opening times and Closing times of the school gates

**The start of the school day is 8.55am, your child should be at school on or before this time. The school gate will open at 8.45am and will close at 8.55am. If your child is late or arrives at school after 8.55am then the gate will be closed and you will have to ring the buzzer to be let in.**

**The gate will re-open at 3.20pm and the gate will close at 3.40pm.**

**The gate is manned by our premises manager Peter and he has strict instructions from the Headteacher to close and open the gates on time.**

**Your co-operation would be greatly appreciated.**

## IMPORTANT REMINDER ABOUT BREAKFAST CLUB;

**Children that attend Breakfast Club need to arrive at the club by 8am. Your child WILL NOT be allowed to attend if they arrive after 8am**



## Monster Puzzle Sheet

O	Y	M	M	U	M	P	Z
B	A	B	T	H	R	S	O
D	R	A	C	U	L	A	M
E	B	T	Y	M	O	M	B
O	I	T	E	Y	R	P	I
W	N	R	S	L	W	O	E
P	M	O	N	S	T	E	R
Y	M	A	F	O	O	N	Z

### Word Search

BAT WITCH  
DRACULA VET  
MONSTER ZOMBIE  
MOMMY



### Werewolf Words

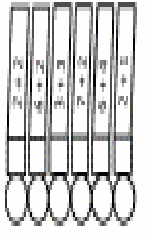
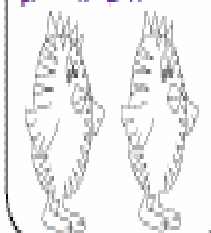
How many words can you find?  
From the letters in WEREWOLF

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.....  
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### Monster Math



### Spot the Difference



[www.kidspuzzlesandgames.co.uk](http://www.kidspuzzlesandgames.co.uk)



## Things to do near Hackney;



### Victoria Park

**Thursday 26th November 2015 - Wednesday 23rd December 2015**

East London's festive playground is back for a second year, filling a corner of Victoria Park with dancing, eating laughing, skating and plenty more beside. New for Winterville 2015 is 'The Winter Night Garden', an enchanted forest that'll host film screenings of Christmas classics such as 'The Muppet Christmas Carol', 'Love Actually', 'Home Alone', and 'Elf' (plus a few evergreen features such as 'Jurassic Park'). Plonk Crazy Golf are also joining the fun, bringing a nine-hole putting challenge that will feature snow drifts, ice beasts and foggy valleys to avoid.

A circus featuring performers from The Moscow State Circus and African Whirlwind will offer aerial acrobatics and daredevil tricks and the beautiful wood-panelled, mirrored spiegel tent will once again host pantomimes, comedy, cabaret and live music.

A heated indoor kids area will feature a café, soft play area and market, as well as the chance to visit Father Christmas in Santa's Grotto and of course the 600-square metre ice rink and fairground which this year has gained a 35-metre tall big wheel.

There is also a street food hall and a Victorian-themed market!

Entry is free but tickets for the circus, spiegel tent, cinema, crazy golf and ice rink vary in price and booking is recommended.

<http://winterville.co.uk/>

## Note the Date

### December

14th - Christmas Pantomime at Hoxton Hall - Whole School

15th - Christmas Lunch

15th - Christmas Fair - time TBC

17th - Nativity Play

17th - PTFA Film Night - TBC

18th - School closes for Christmas at 1.30pm



We raised a staggering £178.96 for Children In Need.

Thank you to everyone who donated to this fantastic charity!

### NEW TERM PE TIMETABLE

Please check your child's PE day



and ensure they come with PE Kits and trainers on the correct day!

Monday: Year 3  
Reception

Tuesday: Years 2 & Year 5

Wednesday: Years 6 and Nursery

Friday: KS1 and KS2 Motor-Skills  
Year 1 and Year 4

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## Lunch Menu

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal	Cod Fish Fingers or Fish Cakes	Lamb Stew	Tangy Chicken Wings	Cottage Pie	Chicken Hot Dog
Vegetarian Meal	Vegetable Bake with Rice	Veggie Samosas	Ratatouille Casserole	Lentil Roast	Cauliflower & Broccoli Cheese
Sandwiches	Various Selection	Various Selection	Various Selection	Various Selection	Various Selection
Carbohydrate	Jacket Wedges	Penne Pasta	Long Grain Rice	Spaghetti	Chips
Vegetable Selection	Baked Beans Peas	Sweetcorn Green beans	Carrot Broccoli	Mixed Vegetable Cabbage	Baked Beans Sweetcorn
Sweet Treat	Fruit Salad	Chocolate Sponge & Fruit Sauce	Fruit Juice Yoghurt	Eves Pudding Fruit	Trifle

Available: Water, yogurt, bread selection without spread and fresh fruit. Please note that menus are subject to change as and when necessary according to supply

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