



Welcome to our **January Newsletter**. We have lots to tell you about-

Our After School and lunchtime clubs have started again. It is great to be able to host so many different groups and to allow our senior pupils to be leaders at lunchtime clubs.

<b>Club</b>	<b>Stage</b>	<b>Day</b>
Football training	P6 & P7	Thursday pm
Football coaching	P1	Tuesday lunch
STEM	P4	Tuesday pm
Origami	P4	Tuesday lunch
Gymnastics	P3	Wednesday lunch
Makaton	P3-P7	Monday pm
STEM and Leadership	P7	Thursday pm
Dance Club	P2	Thursday lunch

Our Uniform Pop Up Shop is up and running. It is open for children to come along to on Friday afternoons and for parents to drop in at on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 2.30pm and 2.45pm. We have lots of good quality uniform, shoes and bags ready for anyone who wants them.

Room 6 have been working very hard to prepare a class assembly for Parents/ Carers to watch. Please come along on Friday 10 February at 9.50 am to see your child. They are learning about Internet Safety and will share what they have been working on with us.

Rooms 5 and Room 9 are also preparing to perform on the stage and Parents/Carers of children in these classes are invited to join us on Friday 24 February to hear about their topic– Fair Trade, at 9.50am.

Transition events are underway with Hamilton Grammar School for our Primary 7 pupils. We welcomed two trainers from Hamilton Grammar to work with P7 children on organisation skills, following timetables and useful skills for moving onto secondary education. The children were very keen to participate and share their views with our guests.

Pupil Voice is a very important part of life in St John's and our Rights Respecting School Group, our Pupil Council and our Junior Road Safety Officers have joined together to improve things around our school. The key areas which were highlighted by these groups was the amount of litter around our school and the volume and speed of traffic entering the school grounds.

The children have:

- Created posters to remind drivers of the speed limits around our school
- Completed a litter pick to clean up the forest area at the rear of the school.
- Planned a celebration of St John's being reaccredited as a Gold Rights Respecting School.

Caroline, our Early Years Worker, is continuing to develop outdoor learning and forest school activities. Children are improving key life skills. This term the children are focusing on identifying different types of trees and how to tie a variety of knots.

Room 9 were very excited to welcome a delivery of trout eggs after their visit to Glasgow Science Centre. They are monitoring the eggs each day and are expectantly waiting for them to hatch.

We are pleased to let you know that we have started a new support programme which targets P1 literacy acquisition- NELL This programme focuses on developing:

- Active listening
- Extending vocabulary
- Narrative skills

Children work as individuals and in a small group of up to 6 with a trained teacher. We are looking forward to seeing the results.