



ST. JUDE'S ACADEMY

Primary Years Programme Newsletter

November, 2018

"What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness?" - John Steinbeck, from Travels with Charley

We had a wonderful November at SJA. We began the month with our Guy Fawkes poetry recitals and supported our friends at Oakwood for their Kindness Day, by donating \$2 for an extra casual day and writing kind messages on handprints. We held our annual Science Fair, where we witnessed some amazing projects. We also began re-hearsing for our Christmas concert. As we do every month, we held our monthly casual day.

Ms. Arandia's Grade 4 class, Unit of Inquiry on Light and Sound encouraged students to study the sources and properties of both light and sound. The Grade 4s looked at how light and sound are produced, transmitted and used. The unit comprised of educational videos, classroom discussions, group work activities, and individual experiments which all reinforced the students' learning on the impact of light and sound on human societies. An inquiry into 'How the world works' invited the students to investigate the interaction between the natural world (physical/biological) and the human societies. They will be extending their learning as they visit the Ontario Science Centre!

Students in Ms. Hughes-Smith's Grade 2 class have been learning about immigration and reasons why people choose to immigrate or emigrate to other countries. The Grade 2's were given a very special

task where they were told a person immigrated to Canada over the Remembrance Day weekend. The person who immigrated came to our school to look at it. When that person was at the school, they left their jacket on the playground, which had four very important documents in it that would tell us about that person and their journey. The strong winds had blown those important documents all over the playground and we needed to find them in order to piece their story together in a journal.



Upcoming Events

Monday

December 3

Term 2 begins

Thursday

December 6

PYP Student-Led Conferences

Tuesday

December 11

Christmas Concert
JK - Gr. 2

Tuesday

December 18

Christmas Concert
Gr. 3 - Gr. 8

Wednesday

December 19

Casual Day

Thursday

December 20

Christmas Spirit Day

Friday - Tuesday

Dec. 21- Jan. 8

Christmas Break



Extra-curriculars

We have exciting extra-curricular clubs taking place at St. Jude's Academy. Take a look through to see where your child's interests are and encourage them to take part!

Ms. Hayward will be running a primary and junior recess readers club. Students in Grades 1, 2, 5 and 6 can join her at recess on Monday and Wednesdays during first recess. Students in SK and Grades 3 and 4 can join her at recess on Tuesday and Thursdays during first recess.

Ms. Brew will be running a games club for students in Grade 1-2 on Day 1 during first recess from 11:30-12:00

Ms. Coldwells will be running a bracelet-making club for students in Grade 1-2 on Day 1 during first recess from 11:30-12:00.

Ms. Gandy will be running a drawing club for students in Grade 1-2 on Day 5 from during second recess from 2:00-2:20.

Ms. Jaskolka will be running a games club for students in Grade 3-6 on Day 5 during second recess from 1:40-2:00.

Mrs. Hocevar will be running a chess club for students in Grade 3-6 on Day 1 during second recess from 1:40-2:00.

Action Stars

Mrs. Hocevar's Grade 5 class – *Rajan* gave us five facts on the pyramids and *Vishva* brought in a Geronimo Stilton which had a chapter on Ancient Greece and Ancient Egypt, as well as a book that talked about Sappho. She also found a rectangular prism at home and brought in a kindness game for her class. *Joshua* brought in a homemade aqua duct and made a video on The Archimedes Screw. *Eva* spoke about Queen Hatshepsut and how she built the first ever zoo. *Manny* shared with us a book on Ancient Rome and *Divyansh* told us how the pyramids were made. *Aarnav* brought in a book on Greece

Ms. Cass' Grade 5 class – After having a conference with his teacher, *Jaiden* went home and challenged himself by performing his Science Fair experiment again to find a different outcome. *Shane* brought in books regarding Ancient Greece and Egypt. *Sophia P.* brought in books on Ancient Greece and Egypt.

Ms. Arandia's Grade 4 class – *Anthony* showed the caring IB attribute. He brought many books from home to share with his peers during reading time. *Zeeshan* also showed the caring attribute. He heard his peers teasing another student with a song, and he told the students to stop singing it because it was making the other student feel very upset.

Ms. Chiappetta's Grade 3 class – *Jad* was seen helping some SK students find the washroom in Oakwood. The little ones were scared to go in but he said "Don't worry, go in I'll be waiting right here." When asked if someone told him to help he said "I was going outside and they were lost so I just wanted to help them."



our Action Stars in action



Important Dates

- Monday, December 3 – Term 2 begins
- Thursday, Dec. 6 – PYP Student-Led Conferences
- Tuesday, December 11 – JK-2 Christmas Concert
- Tuesday, Dec. 18 – Grade 3-8 Christmas Concert
- Tuesday & Wednesday, December 18-19 – Bake Sale
- Wednesday, December 19 – Casual Day
- Thursday, December 20 – Christmas Spirit
- Friday, December 21 – Tuesday, January 8
– Christmas Break – No School
- Wednesday, January 9
– First day back after Christmas Break



Fourth graders work on their light and sound unit.

PYP Thinker Award Winners for November

Junior K:	Saihajleen Dhillon Ronik Dhillon Mark Agildin
Senior K:	Leeah Arora Emilia Glaxin Armaan Srivastava
Grade 1:	Rithika Thangudu Surina Parsan Arya Gill
Grade 2:	Joshua Gordon Kirpa Brar
Grade 3:	Raiyan Merchant Rohaam Mayani
Grade 4:	Laura Schmider Kareena Arora
Grade 5:	Jasmeet Saini Jaiden Karia Surkhab Mohi
Grade 6:	Jallone Assing Christiaan Spanjaard
Primary French:	Maya Dhillon Victoria Kouzmenok
Junior French:	Daniel DeFrancesco Ben Colaco Lynne Saadeh
Phys Ed:	Armaan Sidi Suravi Katagi
Music:	Alyssa Vandenberg Julia Sciberras

House Points Totals



4,189,000



4,132,000



3,944,000