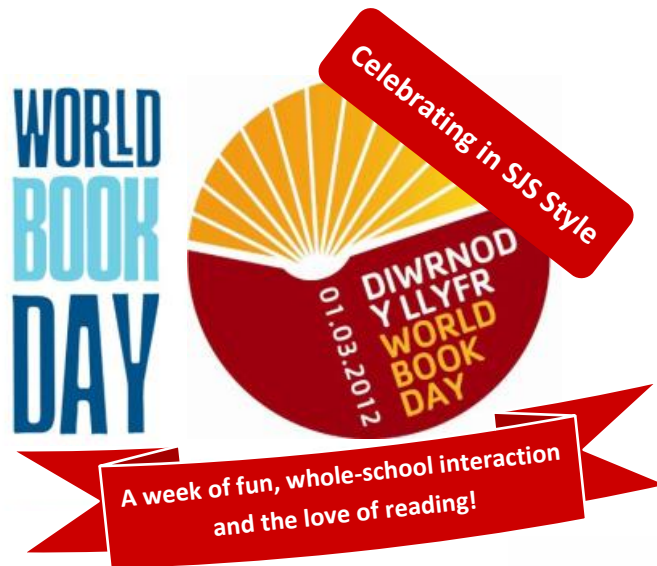


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Dear Parents,

Pyjama Day - Friday 10th February

Please remember tomorrow is school "Pyjama Day" The event has been organized by the Pupil Council and the children are very excited at the prospect of a dress down day with a difference.

A word of warning however: although it is expected to be a little warmer tomorrow, temperatures are still cool – especially first thing in the morning. Please make sure the children are dressed warmly.

Charity Donations

The Pupil Council's nominated charity this year is WWF Hong Kong and 50% of the funds raised from our Pyjama Day tomorrow will be donated to this cause.

This Saturday WWF will host the annual Big Bird Race to raise funds for Mai Po Marshes. Mr Thomas, our resident ornithologist and Year 2 teacher, will again be taking part in the competition. Information about the race can be found at the following link: <http://wwf.org.hk/en/getinvolved/bbr/>

Mr Thomas is a member of the "Professionals" team, which last year won the event with a total of 161 species of birds seen in 12 hours.

Given the proximity of the event, the involvement of SJS through Mr Thomas and the fact that our Year 5 children visit the Mai Po reserve each year, we have decided to adopt the Big Bird Race as our specific WWF charity for this event. 50% of funds raised tomorrow will be sent to the Big Bird Race sponsorship fund.

If anyone would like to make a separate donation, you are able to do so through the following link:

Team name: The Professionals

Team number: 9090

<https://apps.wwf.org.hk/eng/donation.php?apcode=12EVP002>

Please quote the team name and number if you decide to sponsor separately.



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Principal's Message

Book Week

Our thoughts are turning to Book Week which starts on 27 February. This is always a highlight of our programme and this year promises the same. Please see the details later in this newsletter.

Communicable Diseases

We are concerned that the number of students and teachers at school suffering illness is on the rise. At school, we are taking measures to ensure high levels of hygiene and cleanliness in order to limit the spread of viruses and germs as far as possible. The attached letter from our School Nurse outlines how you can assist us in this process.

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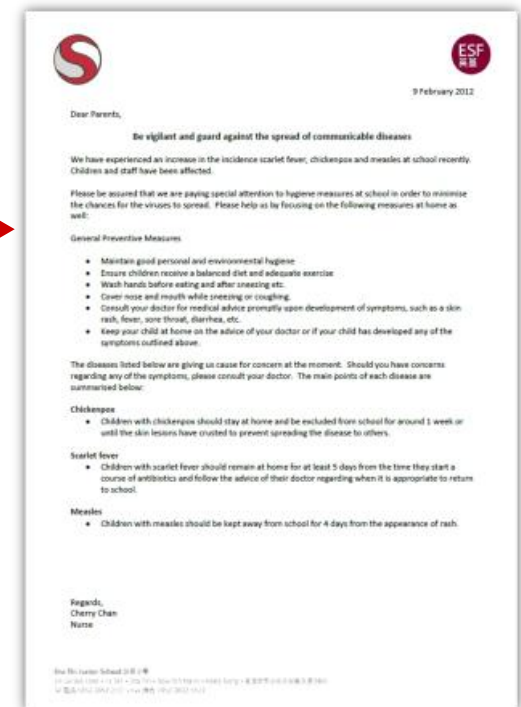
3-Way Conferences

Appointment slips for the student—teacher—parent conferences were sent out last week. Please make sure your return the appointment slip as soon as possible to confirm your meeting. The deadline is today!

Best Regards,



Perry Tunesi



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Pyjama Day

Friday 10th February

Dear Parents,

The SJS Pupil Council are inviting all students to join in the fun of our first ever 'PYJAMA DAY'. The purpose of the day is twofold: to have fun whilst creating school spirit at the beginning of the Year of the Dragon; secondly, to raise money to support our chosen charity WWF, as well as for new SJS playground equipment.

In order for the day to be a success, we ask all students to:

- wear their pyjamas to school if they wish **or** change from their school uniform into pyjamas at school.
- wear protective shoes (eg trainers) to and from school as well as in the school playground and for Games/PE lessons. They can wear slippers in the classroom.
- wear bathrobes over their pyjamas if they wish or bring warm jackets for the playground in the event of cold weather.
- bring a \$10 donation (or more!) for wearing their pyjamas.
- wear their pyjamas home from school **or** change back into their school uniform if they wish.

This is **not** a free dress day. If children do not wear pyjamas, they **must** wear their full school uniform.

We hope that all the children of SJS will join the teachers in participating in PYJAMA DAY, to enjoy this whole school event!

Yours sincerely,

Melissa Freeman, Caroline Driscoll, Yasmin Jamal and SJS Pupil Council



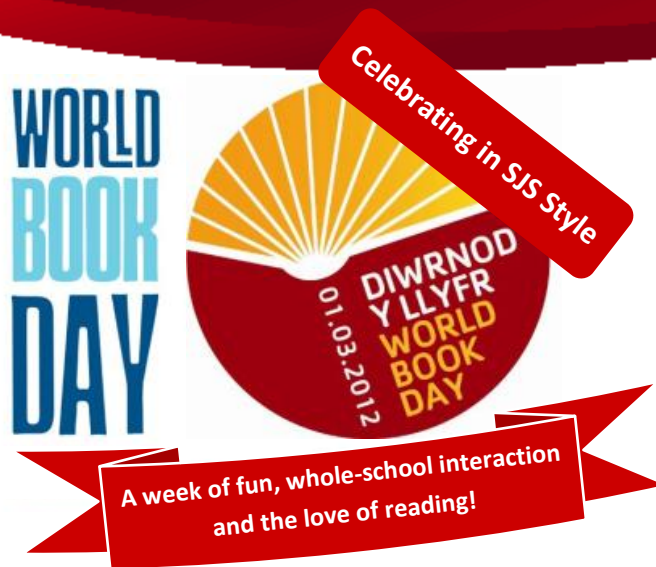
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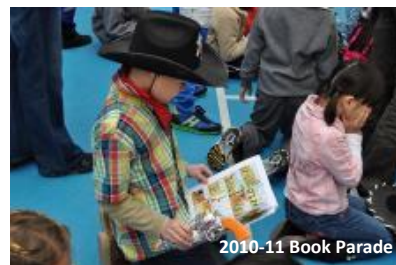
Monday 27th February 2012

to

Thursday 1st March 2012

Celebrating World Book Day **SJS style!**

1. **A Paddyfields Book Fair on Monday and Tuesday** where children can bring along some money to purchase reading material.
2. SPCA coming in to read to Year 3 students
3. **D.E.A.R. Drop Everything and Read!** Mrs. Hubbard will be popping into classes to judge which class from each year level will earn a book mark each for dropping everything and reading at the sound of the horn!
4. **Book Character Parade 9:00 Thursday.** Children will be encouraged to wear the costume of one of their favourite book characters and we will have a whole school parade on the playground. They will be asked to bring along the book they have been inspired by. We had a super turn out last year and we think we can make this year even better with full participation:)
5. Staff will be reading at each lunch break in the library all week to promote the love of reading.
6. A collation of children's writing will be on display in the library to share our buddy writers at SJS.



Please encourage your children to continue to [visit Sarah Brennan's website](#) - it is a fun, interactive and educational website that is packed full of great stories and exciting competitions. Sarah's visits are very timely for our reading focus around this time and it will be most beneficial if the children are well aware of her creative stories so they can arm themselves with questions to ask her face to face. What a privilege we have in having an author of her fame coming to our school to share her latest book, answer queries from our budding authors and have signed copies of her fabulous book in our very own library.



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Students' Recognition

Ballet

I am delighted to congratulate:

Anne of class 3.3 for achieving an award with Honours in Classical Ballet (Primary) from *The Commonwealth Society of Teachers of Dancing* in last October.

You Might
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Know

The Commonwealth Society of Teachers of Dancing (CSTD) Examinations are offered through the Hong Kong Dance Federation in Hong Kong and the HKEAA is appointed to administer the examinations in Hong Kong.

For details, please browse the CSTD website:
<http://www.comdance-hk.com>



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Students' Recognition



IPSC

I am delighted to congratulate:

Shun Yat of class 6.3 for achieving second runner-up in the Airsoft IPSC Practical Shooting Competition, Junior Section co-organised by *the Hong Kong Airsoft Shooting Association* and the YMCA during the Christmas holiday



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Football

I am delighted to congratulate:

Liam of class 6.5 for representing ESF Lions U12 in their match against Kitchee.



ESF run football sessions on Tuesday afternoons at Sha Tin Junior School.

*"The rules of football are very simple, basically it is this:
if it moves, kick it.
If it doesn't move, kick it until it does."*

by **Phil Woosnam**
Welsh former Association football inside-right and manager



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Drum Kit

I am delighted to congratulate:

Ocean of class 4.2 for achieving a pass with Merit in Grade 2
Rock School drum kit examination in November 2011





Cambridge YLE (Flyers) Certificate

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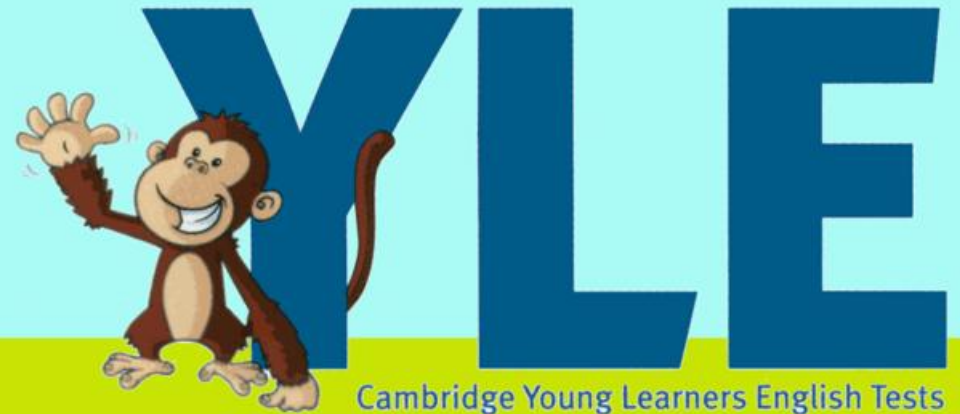
Elano of class 1.2 for obtaining his Cambridge examination in September. She obtained 14 shields (5 in Listening, 5 in Speaking and 4 in Reading and Writing).



You Might Want to Know

- Not sure which exam is right for you?
- ▶ [Test your English with their quick, free online test](#). It will give you an idea of your English level and tell you which Cambridge ESOL exam might be the most appropriate for you, whether you are in the UK or anywhere in the world.

Cambridge English: Flyers, also known as *Young Learners English (YLE): Flyers*, is the highest of three tests specifically designed for schoolchildren aged between 7 and 12. *Cambridge English: Flyers* shows a child can deal with everyday written and spoken English at a basic level.



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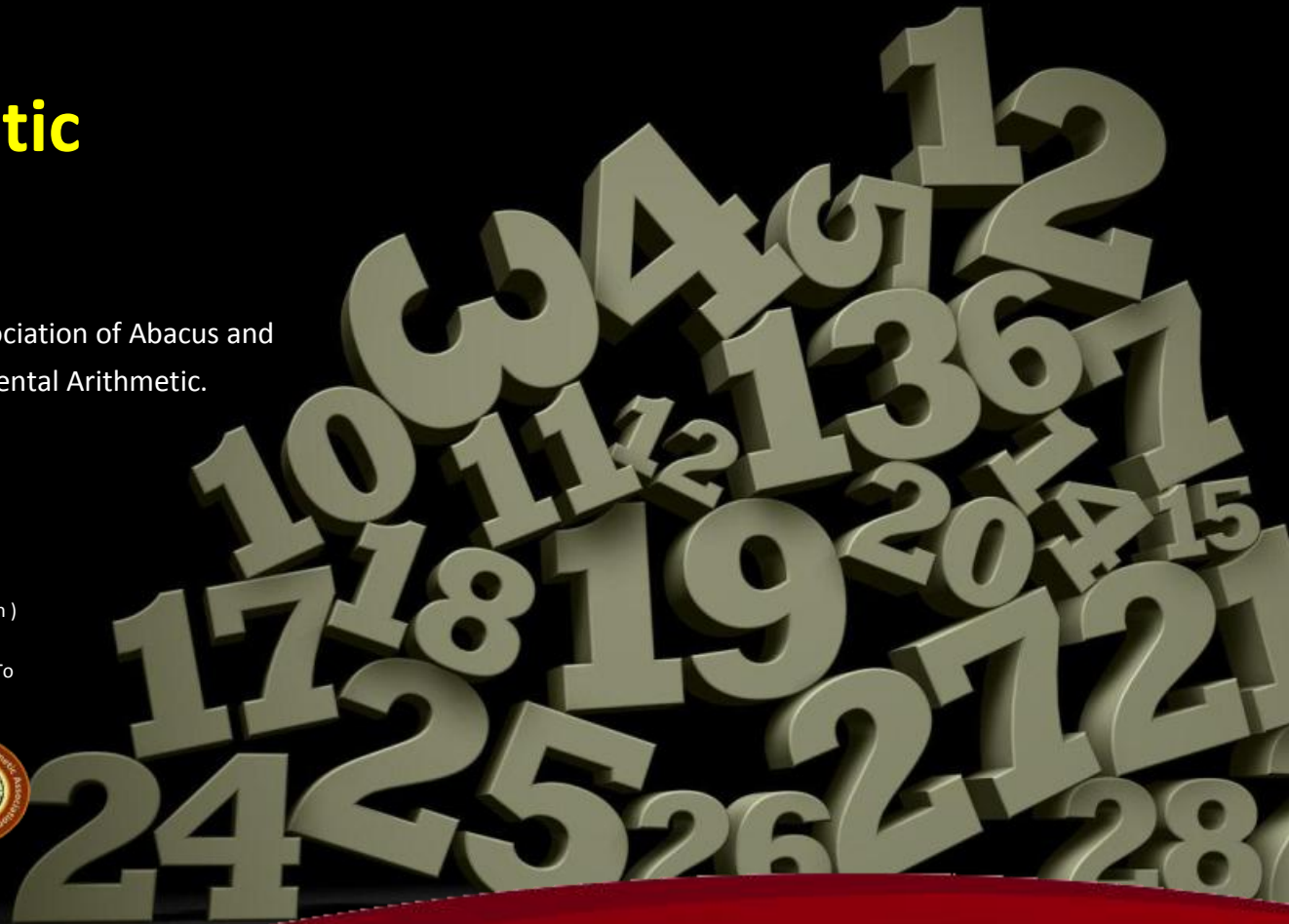
Mental Arithmetic

Natalie of class 1.3 for achieving a pass in the World Association of Abacus and Mental Arithmetic's Rating Appraisal test of Grade 8 on Mental Arithmetic.

You Might
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The aim of WAMAA (World abacus and mental arithmetic association) is to conducting national world scale activities, competitions and certification exams for the teachers and students around the world. To encourage the youngsters WAMAA conducts and sponsors abacus mental arithmetic competition yearly.

Visit <http://thewamaa.org/> for more information



Contact Us

Student Recognition

If your child has achieved something special, we would happy to feature their efforts in the newsletter if we can. Please send the details to my Communication Officer

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16	Thu	Years 1 - 6 3-Way Conferences	1.00pm—7.00pm
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1	Thu	SJS	Book Parade	9:00am
2	Fri		IB Workshop in school for all staff (No students in school)	-
15	Thu		Primary School Choral Concert	
28	Wed	SJS	Whole School Assembly	
29	Thu	KCC	Upper School Sports Day - Year 4, 5, 6	
30	Fri	SJS	Last Day of Term - Noon Finish	8:30am—11:45am



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