



St James Newsletter April 2022

Ramadan



Many of our students are now observing Ramadan. Haniyah Rayani, Year 11, shares here what Ramadan means to her.

"The month of Ramadan is the month in which the Holy Quran was sent down. It is a very joyous month for the Muslims of the world in which they fast and pray during the day.

Muslim fasting is a total abstention from **eating and drinking** from dawn until dusk and this is repeated for 29 or 30 days during the month of Ramadan. **Avoiding anger and immoral behaviour** as well as showing compassion are all part of the requirements of the fasting faithful. This year Ramadan starts on the 2nd of April and many students will be fasting during the school day. Please keep in mind they will be tired and may feel drained of energy so be caring and considerate. Thank you"

News from Geography



Our Geography department was excited to host guest speakers from the Countryside Learning department at Clinton Devon Estates. Last week, students across Key Stages Three and Four were taught about the soft engineering strategies being undertaken on the River Otter to help it to adapt to climate change. It's always great to host guest speakers at St James School. If you have a geography topic that could supplement our curriculum, we would welcome your contribution. Please get in contact with RTW@stjamesexeter.co.uk.

Charity



Last week Alfie, one of our Year 7 pupils, had a street sale to raise money for refugees. He will put the money towards the school counsel's fundraising for UNICEF. He managed to make a lot of sales, raising over £200, and in addition to this many people also gave him donations. Alfie truly brings out the best in people, what a great fundraiser!

Festival of Reading

Monday 4th April	Reading is Magic: Amari and the Night Brothers The library at lunch time, all years	
Tuesday 5th April	Reading is Magic: Laughter and Rainbows The library at lunch time, Y7 & 8 Book Tasting for Y9 & 10 Library at Canon	
Wednesday 6th April	Reading is Magic: Speaking Power to Poetry The library at lunchtime, Y9+	
Thursday 7th April	Book Tasting for Y11 Library at Canon Live Virtual Event with Joseph Elliott In your P5 class, Y7 & 8	
Friday 8th April	Tutor Door Competition Judging Library at Canon Reading is Magic: Make Your Own Mysteries! The library at lunchtime, all years	

All students have the opportunity to take part in this week's festival of reading, organised by Mz Kerfoot in the library. Do encourage your children to get involved and ask them about the books that they are reading in Canon.

Success for St James Cricketers



The following students have qualified as District Champions and are now one of the top 8 cricket teams in Devon. Congratulations to all involved and a big thank you to Mrs Ingham-Hill for making it happen!

ELLIE CHUBB

AMELIE McWILLIAMS

MANJI IBRAHIM

ISSY BURNETT

ISABELLA BINNEY

NOELIA ESCRIBANO

LUCY WEBBER

SOPHIE KINGDOM

CAMILLE BARRON

CHARLIE BIGGAR

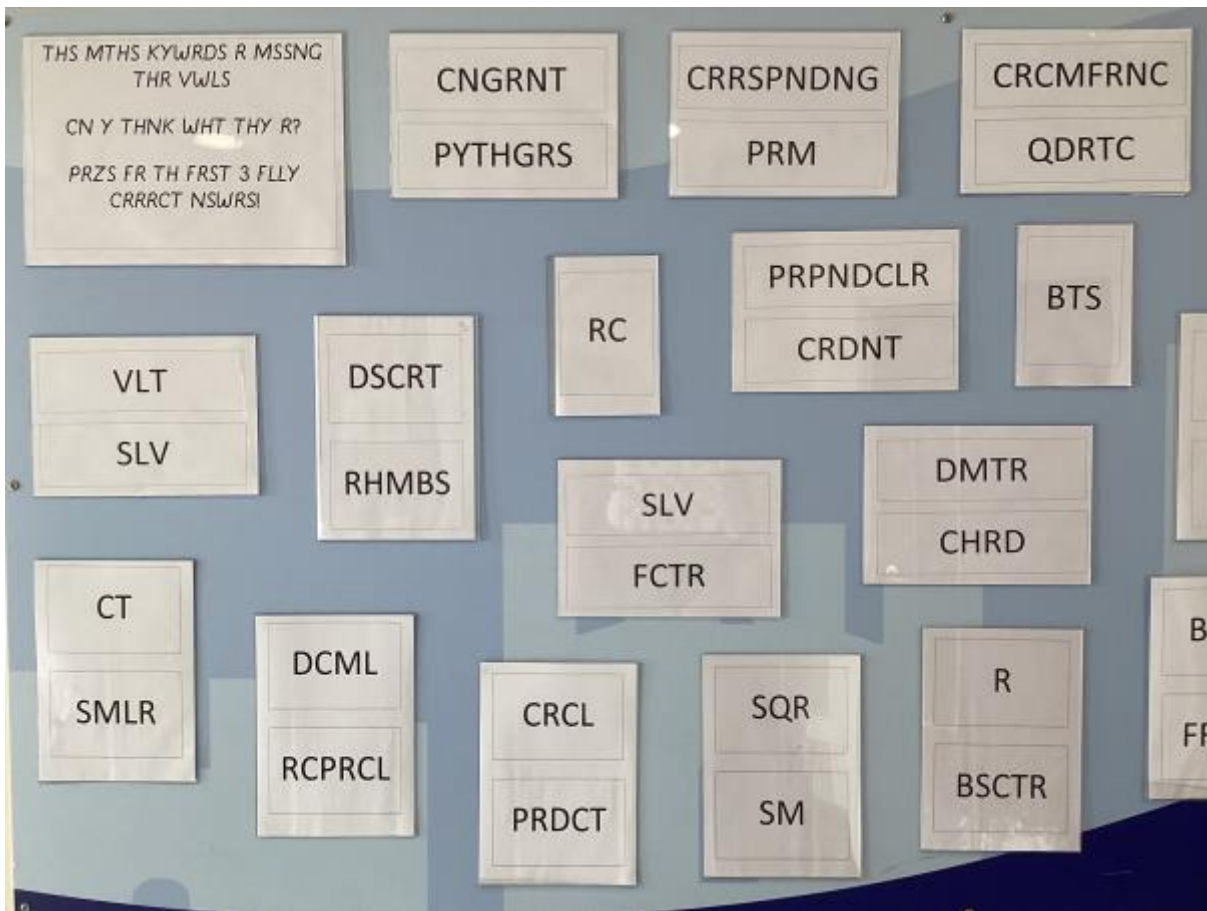
ZOE MORGAN

Performing Arts



In this cycle's Performing Arts Enrichment, students have been creating an entire musical show in only 10 weeks. We have had over 60 students taking part. They have been involved in singing, dancing and acting. What superstars!!

Maths Challenge



Love Wordle? Come try our new challenge in the Maths corridor where the vowels have gone missing.... can you get them all?

Parents of St James, have your say!



Please join us for our next PSJ meeting on Wednesday 27th April at 6pm. This is your opportunity to feed back to us about your family's experience at St James, and to work with us as we continue to make improvements for our community. If you would like to attend, please complete this survey. [Click here to attend our next PSJ meeting](#)