

# John F. Kennedy Primary School

## The Buzz Newsletter



Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's hard to believe it's the end of another school year. It has been as eventful as ever, with many opportunities for the pupils across the year. Throughout it all, we've all enjoyed working with your children - they have so much to be proud of themselves for.

**Family Picnic:** Even though it may not have been the sunniest day, it was lovely that so many of you could join the picnic yesterday on our field. As I walked around talking to many of you, everyone seemed to be enjoying the event, and it's times like this that makes me so proud to be the Head of School with such an amazing extended JFK family.

**Year 6:** This week has been mixed with emotions in the two year 6 classrooms, as they have been having their final week at JFK before starting out on the next academic adventure. On Wednesday, they were served their leaver's lunch by members of staff. Today, we have had the tradition of signing t-shirts and books – I hope they treasure the messages written by their friends and staff. Personally, I couldn't have asked for a better year 6. They have worked so hard across the year and achieved some excellent SAT results (above national data) that they should be proud of. Make sure that you grasp every opportunity next year and fulfil the potential you have shown all year. I can't wait to hear of all your successes in the future.

**Year 1:** On Tuesday, year 1 finished their local history topic with a trip to Washington Old Hall. They had the chance to explore inside the building and around the extensive grounds. On the way back to school, they went to the village, to look at some of the buildings they have been studying in class. The employees at the Hall complimented the pupils on their exemplary behaviour, and one even commented that they were a credit to the school.

**Colour Run:** Thank you to everyone who managed to collect sponsorship money for the colour run. Every member of staff has been blown away with how much was raised, which currently stands at over £7,000! This is so much more than we hoped to raise. The money will be used to resource equipment across the school to be used during breaks – further details of this will be shared next academic year.

As part of the colour run, all pupils who returned sponsor money were entered into a prize draw. We were overwhelmed by all the sponsor forms, we have drawn a winner from early years, keys stage 1 and key stage 2. Huge congratulations to Rudy S (nursery) who won a light up scooter, Lewis P (year 2) and Grace McE (year 5) who both won some art equipment and sweets.

**Reminder:** School will close today for the summer holidays and will open again to children on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September. Our school gates/doors will open at 8.40am, for registration to begin at 8.50am. Lessons will start after registration has finished. The end of the day remains the same at 3.20pm.

**Breakfast and After School Club:** The link for bookings has been sent out via email, and will remain open until Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September. This first booking form will cover the period 5<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> September.

**PE Lessons/Forest School:** These are not planned for the first two days back, and these sessions will start officially the following week. Year 4 will have their swimming sessions on a Monday morning, starting 9<sup>th</sup> September and Year 5 will alternate each class on a Friday afternoon, starting 13<sup>th</sup> September. The first year 5 class will be confirmed on our return.

**Staff:** It is always sad when a member of staff leaves the school, and this year we have one teacher who is leaving us today. Miss Kemp, our amazing Treehouse Lead, is moving to Columbia Grange becoming their new Deputy Headteacher. Over the last two years, Miss Kemp has played an instrumental role with our Treehouse pupils, parents and staff to create an environment that is nurturing and supportive for our children to succeed. Miss Kemp will also be greatly missed by our staff and children across mainstream as her infectious personality is loved by all. We would like to wish her the best of luck in her exciting new role!

Miss Middlemiss and Mrs Owen are also starting their maternity leave today – we can't wait to hear the exciting news of the arrival of their newest family member in a few weeks time.

Miss Rose is getting married over the summer, we wish her and her future husband all the best for their special day, and we'll see her return in September as Mrs Punshon.

I have listed below the teaching staff for next year.

**JFK Superstars:** Olivia B (4BK) had her football presentation last weekend, and was nominated for a special award in memory of a player who tragically passed away in their sleep. This special award was intended for a player who always has a smile on their face, is a team player and someone who loves to play football. Olivia was nominated by her coach and won!! Olivia's mam has shared with us that her coach recognises Olivia is an amazing friend to her teammates, her confidence has grown so much and she gives 100% every time. This is so heart-warming to hear, well done Olivia!



Isaac D (reception) was proud to show the class his certificate for attending his very first taekwondo lesson this week. Well done Isaac!



**SAFC Raffle:** Well done to Daniel C (3JW) who won the raffle to become a flag bearer at the Sunderland v Burnley match on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August. I can't wait to hear about your experience when we return in September.

**Attendance:** Our attendance for this academic year is 92.80%.

I hope everyone has a relaxing summer and enjoys the 6 weeks holiday. I'll see everyone again in September, when we can make more memories together.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'B. H. Adams'.

Mr B Adams  
Head of School



**2024-25 Staffing:** We are also welcoming new staff to join the JFK family next year – they have already been in school to meet and work with the pupils. For a full list of all staff, please see the table below.

<b>Chief Executive Officer</b>	Miss Taylor	
<b>Head of School</b>	Mr Adams	
<b>Deputy Headteacher</b>	Miss Conner	
<b>Assistant Headteacher</b>	Mr Pearson	
<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Teachers</b>	<b>Teaching Assistant</b>
<b>Nursery</b>	Miss Owens	Miss Hartshorne Mrs McDonald
<b>Reception</b>	Mrs Stewart Mrs Mowatt	Miss Bell Mrs McDermott Miss Stockdale
<b>Year 1</b>	Mrs Pearce Mr Thompson	Mrs Appleby Miss Elder Mrs Johnston
<b>Year 2</b>	Miss Anderson Miss Walker	Mrs Lilley
<b>Year 3</b>	Mrs Fort Mrs Bolton	Mrs Cooper
<b>Year 4</b>	Miss Fairless Miss Keogh	Mrs Sarma
<b>Year 5</b>	Miss Newsome Miss Atkinson	Mrs Prasad
<b>Year 6</b>	Mr Pearson Mrs Mewes	Mr Mackintosh
<b>Tree House</b>	Miss Cameron Mrs Parker	Mrs Punshon (HTLA) Mrs Hindmarsh Mrs Palmer Mrs Curry
<b>PPA</b>	Mr Smith Miss Thornton Mrs Murphy Miss Conner	
<b>Intervention</b>	Mr Titmus	
<b>SEND</b>		Mrs Ross

