

# John F. Kennedy Primary School

## The Buzz Newsletter



8<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back. I hope everyone had a good half-term holiday. The weather was lovely, so lots of time could be spent outdoors – I know I did many long dog walks. It has been great to see all the pupils back and hit the ground running with an excellent week of work.

**Year 1 Parent Craft Afternoon:** It was lovely to see so many parents and carers join us for our Year 1 Bonfire Night themed craft afternoons on Monday and Tuesday. Thank you to everyone who made the effort to come along. We have some very talented and creative children in Year 1, and I've seen some of the stuff the children made – they look fantastic! I hope you had a great time.

**Sports Tasters:** On Wednesday, children from year 4 and year 5 were treated to a terrific sporting taster session thanks to the generous coaches at Washington Taekwondo. The children practised their new skills through taking part in an assortment of fast-paced and fun activities. By the end of the sessions, the coaches had helped them to develop the ability to complete push kicks, 360 kicks and different fighting stances. The coaches were so impressed with the children's confident, effort and attitude towards trying a sport they were not all familiar with.

**Treehouse:** Today, Treehouse children have had some very special visitors! As part of their 'People Who Help Us' topic the Fire Bridge came into school to work with children about staying safe in the community. The children sprayed the fire hose, listened to the siren, had a look inside the fire engine and have been reminded about smoke alarms and how to contact 999 should they need it. They thoroughly enjoyed their afternoon!



**Remembrance:** In preparation for Remembrance Day, the whole school have been involved this week in painting poppies for an outdoor display at the front entrance. Thanks must go to Mrs Parker, who has organised this for the school. I hope you have the opportunity to have a look at the finished piece of work because it is a fitting tribute to all the men and women who have given their life for the country.



**Attendance:** This week our attendance is at 94.64%, and our running total since the start of the term is at 94.20%. A huge well done to 5MA who have 100% attendance this week! The expectation of all schools is to have attendance of 96%+. Below are the attendances for each class.

Class	Nurs	RAM	RES	1AP	1MT	2JW	2MA	3DF
Attendance	90.57	93.00	97.50	94.62	93.33	92.69	96.15	92.59
Class	3GB	4AF	4BK	5MA	5RN	6LM	6PP	TH
Attendance	97.00	94.62	98.52	100	94.62	88.15	97.86	93.75

**Huge Thanks:** Our parent governor Rachel Vincent organised and took part in a sponsored swim with the Rotary Club last Sunday. Rachel recruited Suzanne Middleton (Harry's mam from Year 2) and they managed to swim a whopping 37 lengths (just under 1km) in 30 minutes! School will now receive a donation from the Rotary Club towards our school library because of the brilliant effort from Rachel and Suzanne. On behalf of the school, can I give a huge thanks – this is greatly appreciated!



**Asda Cashpot:** November is the last month for the Asda Rewards school cashpot scheme. We now have £729.97 sitting in our cashpot. This is amazing, and we really appreciate all parents/carers and families who have signed up to support this. Please continue to encourage your family & friends as the scheme is running until the end of the month.

**JFK Superstars:** Well done to Rosie C (5MA), who competed in a karate competition at the weekend and won a gold medal for her Kata and a bronze medal for her Kumite. What an amazing achievement



Well done to Nancy H (3GB) who competed in another gymnastic competition recently and came first in her category! Fantastic work Nancy, well done!

Maisie C (4AF) was awarded her first belt in judo this week. Both Maisie and her brother (who also went to the school) received their first red belt, only one year after starting judo lessons. The two of them started judo after having an amazing taster session in school and they are still loving it! Amazing effort and attitude Maisie!



Well done to Junior S (1MT) who won 'Player of the Week' for his football team last week, smashing in **FOUR** goals to help his team to victory!!

**History Showcase:** The school hall will become a museum next week, as we display the amazing homework projects that pupils created just before half-term. You are invited into school on Tuesday at 3.20pm or Wednesday at 8.50am to have the chance to have a look at the finished pieces of homework. We hope to see you there.

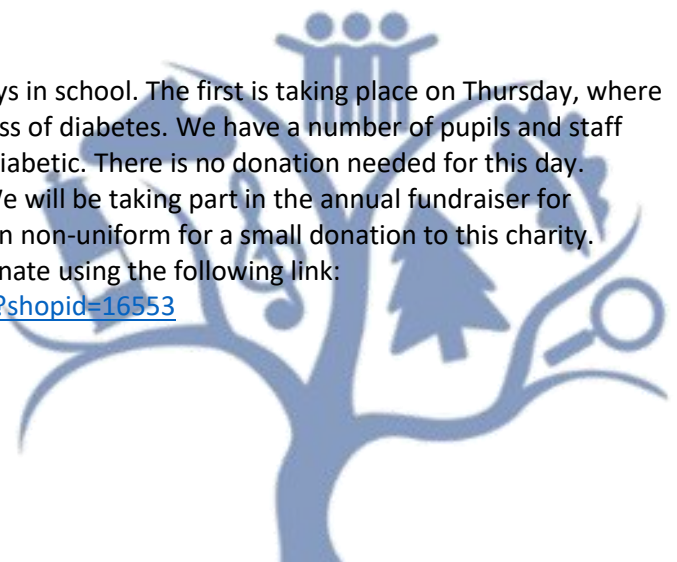
**Anti-Bullying Week:** It is Anti-Bullying week next week, and children will be focusing on this year's theme of 'Choose Respect.' As part of Anti-Bullying week, Odd Socks Day is taking place on **Tuesday 12th November**. Adults and children are being encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. Children should still come into school in school uniform.

**Non-uniform:** Next week, we are having two non-uniform days in school. The first is taking place on Thursday, where we are asking pupils to wear something blue to raise awareness of diabetes. We have a number of pupils and staff (including me), who are diagnosed as either type 1 or type 2 diabetic. There is no donation needed for this day. The second is taking place the following day, on the Friday. We will be taking part in the annual fundraiser for Children in Need. Children are welcome to come into school in non-uniform for a small donation to this charity. Please do not send cash donations into school, but instead donate using the following link: <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=16553>

Have a lovely weekend.

*B. H. Adams*

Mr B. Adams - Head of School





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# Stars of the Week



Year Group	Class	Star of the Week
Nursery	NAO	Alvey F Ivy P
	RAM	Chesca H Kayla C
Reception	RES	Jack B Nell P
	1AP	Logan S Owyn L
One	1MT	Kyra-Mae N-D Albie L
	2MA	Rory S Bobby M
Two	2JW	Isla O Freya D
	3DF	Ollie S Jack B
Three	3GB	Craig R Nina A
	4AF	Sophie J-H Ada-Grace T
Four	4BK	Isla D Finlay B
	5RN	Jude C Olivia S
Five	5MA	Cora P Ernest H
	6PP	Jenson T Andre C
Six	6LM	William H Noah H
	TLC	Dylan A
Treehouse	TNP	James L



# Timetables

**PE Lessons:** This year we are asking for pupils wear their normal school uniform and bring their PE kit on the day of their lesson, where they will have time to get changed. Just to remind that the PE kit should be a plain white t-shirt, black shorts or black jogging bottoms/leggings and trainers. A jumper can also be worn. At this time of year, PE is generally on the yard or field depending on the weather

Week Commencing: 11 <sup>th</sup> November		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year 4 (swimming) Year 1	Year 3
Tuesday		Year 2
Wednesday	Reception	Year 4
Thursday	Treehouse	Year 6
Friday		5RN – Swimming 5MA - PE

**Forest School:** Please send your child into school dressed appropriately for their session – **long sleeves and trousers, wellies and a waterproof coat if possible**. No additional accessories should be worn. Forest School still takes place when raining, and we don't want children sitting in class with wet clothes, so it would be useful to provide spare clothing/shoes on the day.

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Monday		
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Wednesday	Treehouse	
Thursday		
Friday	Year 6 Forest School Day	

