

John F. Kennedy Primary School

The Buzz Newsletter



Friday 28th June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another week of the term is over, and I can't believe that next week we're into July! Time is certainly flying by, and we have so many exciting things planned over the coming weeks.

Staff Sponsored Walk: On Sunday, 25 of our amazing JFK team took part in a sponsored walk to raise funds for St. Benedict's Hospice & Centre for Specialist Palliative Care. We couldn't have asked for a nicer day – our enthusiasm and spirits were as high as the sun! We completed the walk in just under 3hrs, meeting some lovely people along the way. We have been able to raise over £900 for this amazing cause. There's still time to donate using the following link: <https://gofund.me/55e21530>



Yr6 Transition: This week, our year 6 pupils took part in a three-day transition to their chosen secondary schools. This was an opportunity for them to familiarise themselves with their new school building, meet new friends, key members of staff as well as sample lessons. We've heard of tasty pizzas being created in some of the DT lessons as well as some French being learnt alongside sample maths and English lessons. As always, they represented our school brilliantly. Well done, year 6!

Fox Class: On Thursday, the children from Fox Class enjoyed exploring the local area. As they walked to Glebe Park, they looked at trees, buildings and read many signs along the way. Everyone had so much fun on the play park! A fabulous morning for all.



Summer Safety: As we're now experiencing more hot and sunny weather, I'd like to kindly remind all parents and carers to apply sun cream to their child before they come to school. Where possible children should also bring a sun hat/cap with them. Please also remember to send your child in with their water bottles. In addition to this, with the summer weather we are also seeing an increase of hay fever effects – please ensure, if required, your child takes their medication before coming to school as this can help reduce the calls we may need to make to parents and carers during the day to ask for someone to come and provide this.

Sports Days: Next week we have our sports days for all classes (please refer to the key dates in last week's edition to confirm the date for your child's year group). Entry to the field will be through the small gate located next to the school office. For safety we do lock this gate once the events have started therefore, I must ask all parents and carers to keep their movements in and out the school to a minimum.

Washington 60 Celebrations: On Friday, 5th July, we invite all parents/carers and families to join us for a picnic on our school field to celebrate Washington 60. Children will be taken onto the field for the picnic beginning at 12:15pm, parents/carers will then be asked to sign out their children into their care. For any parents/carers who are unable to make the picnic, the children will still take part in this with their friends and our staff. If your child is entitled to free school meals and you would like school to provide them a packed lunch for this event, please complete the following form: <https://forms.microsoft.com/e/p3NWLK5Sju>

Colour Run: Last week, we sent out information regarding our sponsored Colour Run which will follow on from the Washington 60 picnic. The aim of the run is to raise money to improve our school playgrounds. We hope that you're just as excited for the event as we all are in school. The children have been talking about it since it was announced and are looking forward to it! More information regarding the event can be found on the letter sent out last week and should you have any further questions, please contact the school office where a member of the Colour Run team will be happy to answer them! If you are unable to make the colour run, and do not want your child to take part in this event please complete the opt out form: <https://forms.microsoft.com/e/8RG4PEbGi4>

JFK Superstars: Sophia (4AF) took part in in a dance show on Sunday, for Trish n Trina's School of Dance, competing in two separate shows. Sophia said her favourite was dancing jazz to the Spice Girls! Well done Sophia!



Jessica and Poppy (3MS) also took part in the same shows as Sophia. Taking part in ballet, tap and jazz routines. It certainly seems Wannabe by Spice Girls was the firm favourite to dance to! Well done girls!

Nursery Pirate Day: Ahoy me hearties! Our nursery pirates will be setting sail around JFK nursery on Wednesday 17th July for some pirate adventures. Children are welcome to come into school for their planned session this day dressed in pirate outfits and or accessories ready to hoist the sails! I hope they don't make me walk the plank!

Diary Dates: We previously sent out the school calendar for 2024-2025, this included 4 additional days for staff training. The dates for these have now been confirmed for: Friday 27th September, Monday 30th September, Monday 27th January and Monday 30th June.

SEND Support Group: Washington Mind have recently introduced a new weekly peer support group for SEND parents and carers. Please see poster for further details:



School Meet Up: Throughout the summer holidays Washington Mind are holding a selection of school meets, this is an opportunity for reception parents/carers and children to come along and get to know other families who will be in their peer group. The date for JFK meet is 28th August. Please feel free to share this with any families you know will be joining us in September.



Have a lovely weekend.

B. H. Adams

Mr B Adams - Head of School

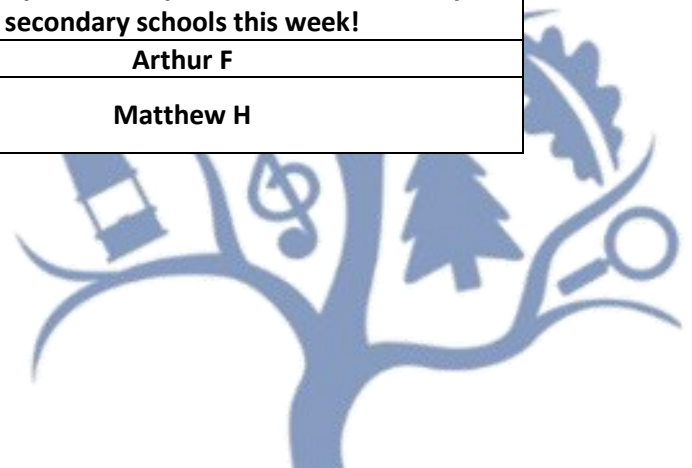


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Stars of the Week

Year Group	Class	Star of the Week
Nursery	NAO	Beau H Freddie G
Reception	RSC/MO	Owyn L Millie H
	RAM	Penny R Bella P
One	1AP	Darcie P Elliott H
	1ES	Isla L Luna S
Two	2FM	Bailey P Nina A
	2MA	Jayden L Oliver C
Three	3MS	Ava S Charlie B
	3JW	Jacob B-M Ada-Grace T
Four	4AF	Heidi D Elliott D
	4BK	Oliver H Alice D
Five	5RN	Harley F Noah H
	5DF	Dallas W Lleyton P
Six	6PP	Well done to year six for your transition visits to your secondary schools this week!
	6LM	
Treehouse	TSK	Arthur F
	TNP	Matthew H



Timetables

Please note there will be no PE or Forest School activities on Friday afternoon due to the Washington 60 picnic and Colour Run event.

PE Lessons: Children can wear their PE kit to school on the day. ***This is a plain white t-shirt, black shorts or jogging bottoms/leggings and trainers.*** Please make sure that the shorts are appropriate for school – some have been getting very short. No additional accessories should be worn. At this time of year, we aim to have PE outside on the yard or field if the weather is suitable, however we do still ask that children have a jumper or jacket with them.

Week Commencing 1 st July		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year 4 Swimming Year 1	Year 2
Tuesday	Treehouse – Squirrel Class and Fox Class	
Wednesday	Year 5 – Active Lifestyle	Reception
Thursday	Year 3 Treehouse – Hedgehog Class	Year 4
Friday	Nursery Squirrel Class Swimming Year 5/ 6 Sports Day	

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.

Week Commencing 1 st July		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	3JW	RSC/MO
Tuesday		2FM and 2MA
Wednesday	Treehouse	
Thursday		RAM
Friday	1AP	

