

John F. Kennedy Primary School

The Buzz Newsletter



20th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a glorious week! The weather experts were right when they said we would be having an Indian Summer. This has meant that the field has been dry and pupils have been able to get out for PE and breaks, which is always lovely at this time of year.

Washington Carnival: Last Saturday, we took part in the Washington Carnival parade along with other local schools. We walked from the Washington Gardeners proudly carrying the miner's banner, along Concord front street and into Albany Park to join the full celebrations. I'd like to thank the families (pupils and adults), and staff, who were able to join us for the parade – you all did a wonderful job holding up our school banner, leading the parade.



Parent Information Evenings: I hope that parents of pupils in year 1 and year 6 found the phonics or SATs/ year ahead meeting useful this week. I think it demonstrates that by working together, we all want the best for the children, which is the vision of the school.

Early Years Open Day: If you or you know of any families or friends who have children who will be due to start reception in September 2025, or children turning 3yrs old this academic year, we'd love you to share with them about our open day we're holding in October. During the morning, there will be a chance to see around the provision, talk to staff who will be able to answer any questions you may have and pick up an information booklet.



Year 5 & 6 Mobile Phones: Children should only bring mobile phones into school if they walk to and from school by themselves. Children who are dropped off and collected by an adult do not need them and should therefore not bring them into school.

Attendance: This week our attendance is at 94.66%, and our running total since the start of the term is at 94.95%. The expectation of all schools is to have attendance of 96%+. Below are the attendances for each class. Well done to 1MT for having the highest attendance this week.

Class	Nurs	RAM	RES	1AP	1MT	2JW	2MA	3DF
Attendance	85.67	94.00	94.50	91.54	99.58	97.69	95.38	92.59
Class	3GB	4AF	4BK	5MA	5RN	6LM	6PP	TH
Attendance	97.33	98.85	96.67	93.33	88.46	96.92	96.79	96.25

House Points: Well done to Darwin for achieving the most points this week. Their colour ribbon will be added to the House Point Trophy for this week. The house with the most ribbons will then be awarded a treat later in the term.

INSET Days: Just to remind everyone that school is closed to pupils on Friday 27th & Monday 30th September, due to staff training.

Football: Last night saw the new football season kick off with a bang with fixtures against Albany and St. Bedes. Our first game was against Albany with two of the team, Adam W and Jacob L making their debuts in the game. We started extremely positively, taking control of the ball and scoring two quick goals through Lucas S and Richard B. The team continued to dominant with a second goal for Lucas and a great long-range effort from Lennox B. The second half carried on in similar vein to the first with Lucas eventually finding himself free at the back post to head in his hat-trick goal and the fifth for the team, the game ending 5-0 to JFK.

The second match was a fierce battle with St. Bedes that saw Joseph B, Adam W and Jenson T defend resolutely, refusing to give up an inch, and when St. Bedes did get through, Henry A in goal was in unbeatable form. Lucas S combined well with Mason C to force the first goal of the game and from that point, the team dominated, both chances and possession. Jacob L coming on at left back did not look out of place in his first game and Lucas S was able to capitalise on the teams' performance to tuck away his second of the game and fifth of the night. A great game played with a great respect and desire to win ended with JFK securing the 2-0 victory. A wonderful start to the new season and hopefully it continues next week when we play in the Autumn Cup.



Mexican Fiesta Promotional Day: On Thursday 3rd October our school kitchen team are holding a Mexican Fiesta special menu. Please fill in the following form if your child does not normally have school meals, but would like one on this date: <https://forms.microsoft.com/e/2hy2KhxNCb>

Washington Juniors FC: We have been contacted by Washington Juniors FC, as they are looking for players to join their under 8s boys. They train at George Washington Primary School on Tuesday and Thursdays. They can also take on under 7s too. If you, or anyone you know, is interested please contact George on 07727146009.



New u8s team
looking for players!

Training Tuesdays & Thursdays 6-7pm
at George Washington Primary School

Contact George - 07727146009



Have a lovely weekend.

Mr B. Adams - Head of School



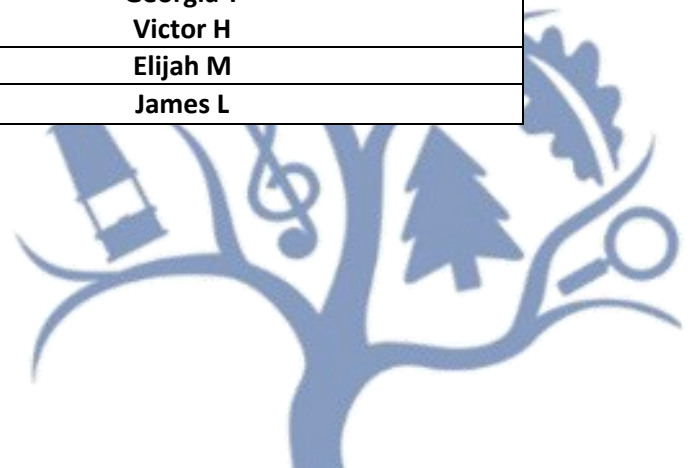


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Stars of the Week



Year Group	Class	Star of the Week
Nursery	NAO	Lily M Max H
	RAM	Harrison C Macie N
Reception	RES	Grayson B Mylaa C
	1AP	Dezi C Noah D
One	1MT	Elliot A Aurelia B
	2MA	Georgia H Robbie H
Two	2JW	Esmae M Harry M
	3DF	Harry W Sophia C
Three	3GB	Ethan F-L Nancy H
	4AF	Jack R Oliver R
Four	4BK	Ava S Olivia O
	5RN	Alfie K Alice L
Five	5MA	Sophia H Jacob L
	6PP	Henry A Evie J
Six	6LM	Georgia T Victor H
	TLC	Elijah M
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: 23 rd September		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year 1	Year 3
Tuesday	Treehouse	Year 2
Wednesday	Reception	Year 4
Thursday		Year 6
Friday		

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: 23 rd September		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	5RN	
Tuesday		Reception
Wednesday	Treehouse	Nursery
Thursday	Year 2	1MT
Friday		

