

John F. Kennedy Primary School

The Buzz Newsletter



Friday 11th July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Summer Fayre: On Wednesday, the yard and field were very busy after school, as our summer fayre was in full swing. Everybody enjoyed a variety of stalls and games, which were run by staff and local businesses. I did love hearing our talented pupils sing with confidence on the karaoke – being in front of a large audience didn't faze them in the slightest. Thanks to digging deep in your pockets, we raised an amazing £1310, which will be used to support the curriculum and enhance your child's education. Thanks must go to all the staff for giving up their time to organise and run the fayre, and to the fundraising team for planning the whole event. Finally, I must thank Mrs Appleby, who was the brains behind the whole fayre – she kept everyone (including me) organised – without her vision, it wouldn't have been the success it was. Please keep your eyes peeled for photos of the fayre on our school Facebook page.

Congratulations to the winners of our summer raffle and other games. All Prizes can be collected from the school office:

- Guess The Sweets – Hope D (6LM) with the exact number of 101
- Guess The Teacher – Harry M (2JW) with the most correct guesses
- Name the Gnome – Ronin S (4AF) with the winning name "Forest"

Prize	Winner
Luxury Hamper	Poppy N (RES)
£20.00 Smyths voucher	Riley L (5MA)
Cut & blow wave voucher for Polished	Thomas P (2MA)
2 main meals at The Cherry Tree	Katie H (2JW)
May Hong voucher	Honey D (3GB)
Concord Tandoori voucher	Jack B (5RN)
Washington Wetlands Centre family pass voucher	James L (Treehouse)
Dalahair Studio £30.00 voucher	Bella P (1MT)
Prize from Washington Millennium Centre	Isabella M (1AP)
Toukon Martial Arts voucher	Daniel C (4AF)
Celebrations chocolates	Laura – local resident (will be contacted directly)
Bombay Sapphire Gin	Rosie M (4BK)
Bombay Dry Gin	Richard B (Treehouse)
Whitley Neil Gin	Sue – local resident (will be contacted directly)
Minecraft Lego	Reuben D (2MA)
Smoby Trolley & Vacuum Set	Albie B (2JW)
Beamish Museum Pass for 2 people	Sorch G (3GB)
Luxury toiletries set	Nell P (RES)
Watch	Louis H (3DF)
Giant Prosecco	Ollie F (4AF)

Year 6 Production: If you were lucky enough to get your hands on a ticket to go over the rainbow, family and friends were treated to an amazing performance of The Wizard of Oz by our oldest pupils on Thursday and Friday. The singing and acting were fantastic – a testament to all the effort they have put in during the summer term. As always, the slideshow of the pupils' time at JFK caused a few tears, along with some laughter – I always enjoy watching these, as even though it is just a snippet of photos, it shows how many opportunities we give our pupils at JFK. I must thank anyone who helped the children learn their lines or provide a costume – it is appreciated. Thanks must also go to Mr Mackintosh who helped make scenery and props. Finally, huge thanks must also go to Mr Pearson and Mrs Mewes, who put the whole show together. Photos of the show will appear on our school Facebook page.

Treehouse Trip: On Tuesday, our pupils from Treehouse visited Roker Beach. They had a fantastic time splashing in the sea and then spent time building sandcastles and digging holes! They were able to use excellent turn-taking and sharing skills when using the buckets and spades. After a picnic on the beach, they were able to spot some key features often seen at the coast including a lighthouse and the pier. Their behaviour was brilliant and earned them a tasty ice cream treat! We would also like to thank our brilliant parent/ grandparent helpers for their support in making our trip a success.



Year 1 Forest School: On Tuesday, children from year 1 spent the day in forest school. Their morning started off with a bit of fire safety with Mr. Titmus and Miss. Owens before the children had the opportunity to toast their own marshmallows around the fire! Then, they played with a range of different apparatus, including tyres and climbing slacklines! The children also created some wonderful mud paintings and tree trunk prints before making their own bell stick shaker. A huge thanks to all staff involved to make sure the children had a fun, and more importantly, safe day out of class.

Assembly: On Tuesday, as part of our RSE curriculum, our year 5 and year 6 pupils took part in an anti-bullying workshop, organised by Clennell Education Solutions. During the session, they looked at what is classed as bullying, different types of bullying and what they should do if they think they are being bullied. The feedback from the pupils and staff has been very positive.

Year 5 Assembly: On Thursday, year 5 pupils have organised an assembly for parents to show off all their hard work in geography this term. It will start at 9:15am in the school hall, which can be accessed via the side gate by the office.

Year 4 Assembly: On Friday, year 4 pupils have organised an assembly for parents to show off all their hard work this term. It will start at 9:30am in the school hall, which can be accessed via the side gate by the office.

Playground Equipment: During the week, our deputy headteacher, Miss Conner, has been organising lots of the equipment ordered through fundraising to be on the yard and field for the children to use and enjoy. It has been great to see them all engaged in a variety of games and challenges as they try out the resources. There is still time to volunteer and be a 'Handy Helper' so that the remaining larger items of equipment (mud kitchen/reading den) can be built – please contact the office if you could volunteer between now and the holidays.

Attendance: This week our attendance is 93.81%, and our running total since the start of the year has dropped to 93.58% The class with the highest attendance in Key Stage one was **2JW**, and in Key Stage Two was **6PP**.

Class	Nurs	RAM	RES	1AP	1MT	2JW	2MA	3DF
Attendance	93.33	98.10	91.00	90.00	98.26	98.33	89.23	96.43
Class	3GB	4AF	4BK	5MA	5RN	6LM	6PP	TH
Attendance	91.33	96.15	97.14	92.00	93.62	93.08	98.93	88.33

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	Valencia J Jace S
Reception	RAM	Eden G Darcy S
	RES	Tommy S Beau H
One	1AP	Jerry C Dezi C
	1MT	Travis B Bella P
Two	2MA	Bobby M Jude B
	2JW	Katie H Harlow D
Three	3DF	Dixie P Oliver R
	3GB	Olivia T Cole L
Four	4AF	Keira M Daniel C
	4BK	Thomas H Jackson M-B
Five	5RN	Calvin T Lucy R
	5MA	Riley L Alfie Y
Six	6PP	All of year six for a showstopper of a performance in our end of year production. Well done!
	6LM	
Treehouse	TLC	Jack M
	TNP	Lily S



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 (not a football 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: 14 th July		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year 1 Year 4 (swimming)	Year 3
Tuesday		
Wednesday		Year 4
Thursday		Year 5MA
Friday		Year 5RN

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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Friday		

