

John F. Kennedy Primary School

The Buzz Newsletter



Friday 11th October

Dear Parents and Carers,

The weather may not have been great this week – we've even had some indoor playtimes – but this hasn't dampened the spirits of everyone in school.

World Mental Health Day: To help raise awareness for mental health, all pupils were encouraged to bring in a yellow item on Thursday to create a piece of art that showed various emotions. The final works were excellent and I was so impressed with the way pupils worked together. Please have a look at our Facebook page to see the final pieces of art on display.

EYFS Open Morning: Last Saturday, the EYFS doors were opened wide to show the community how fantastic our EYFS provision is. During the morning, over 40 families attended the session, and children got the chance to complete activities and adults could speak with members of staff. Thank you if you attended the day – I hope it was worthwhile. Huge thanks must go our Deputy Head, Miss Conner for organising the event, and the EYFS team and other staff who also supported on the day.

Sign of the Week: Starting this week, we have reintroduced a Makaton sign of the week. This week's sign is for the word 'school', and is shared on Facebook. Throughout the week, the pupils will have the opportunity to be exposed to the sign in various contexts. Across the year, we are hoping that all pupils will begin to create a bank of Makaton signs, as we do have pupils who communicate in this way in school.

Attendance: This week our attendance is at 93.64%, and our running total since the start of the term is at 94.18%. 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	91.33	97.50	85.00	90.38	94.80	94.62	93.85	97.04
Class	3GB	4AF	4BK	5MA	5RN	6LM	6PP	TH
Attendance	95.67	96.92	95.93	93.33	98.23	95.93	98.57	80.46

Once again, can I remind parents that all requests for holidays or time out of school should be in the form of writing, sent to the school office for consideration.

House Points: Well done to Curie 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.

Harvest: Just a reminder that we are collecting donations of harvest, which will be offered to Mickeys Place before the end of this half-term. If you are able to support this worthy organisation, even though times are difficult for many, it is appreciated. Thank you if you have already donated.


KS1 and KS2 pupils will be walking to Holy Trinity Church on Thursday 17th October to take part in our harvest service. The singing around school this week has been amazing!

School Photos: Just a reminder that Tempest, our school photographer, will be coming in Tuesday 15th October.

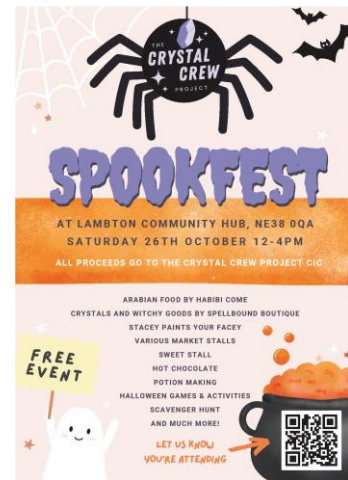
Parent Evening: You will be receiving your appointment time for parent evening next week – please keep your eyes open for the day and time you have been allocated. During the evening, you will have the opportunity to have a look through your child’s books and work from the start of the year before speaking to their class teacher.

Spookfest: The Crystal Crew Project are running a Spookfest event leading up to Halloween at Lambton Community Hub on Saturday 26th October. They also run weekly activity sessions, every Wednesday 3:45pm-5pm, if anyone is interested you can visit their website for further information <https://www.thecrystalcrewproject.co.uk/>
Their aim is to provide accessible mental health support, crystal knowledge and well-being services to children aged 6-16. The children they help include children in the care system, low-income families, home-schooled children, children with neurodiversity, as well as children from the local community.

Have a lovely weekend.



Mr B. Adams - Head of School



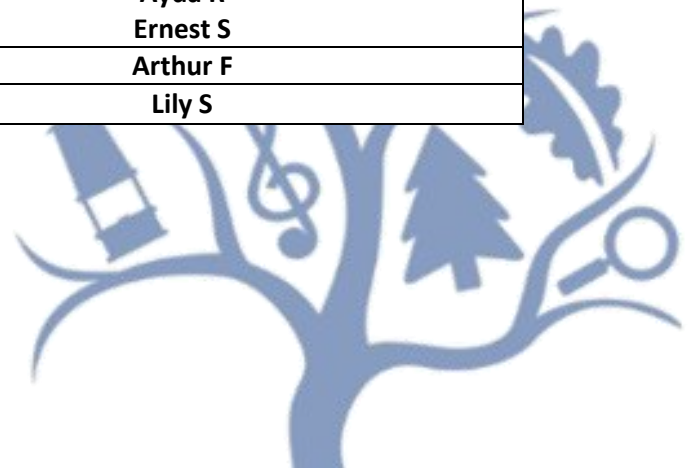


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Stars of the Week

Year Group	Class	Star of the Week
Nursery	NAO	William E Clayton A-D
	RAM	Hallie W Max M
Reception	RES	Beau H Lockie B
	1AP	William M Isabella M
One	1MT	Finley R Elijah J
	2MA	Ashton A Darcie P
Two	2JW	Maxi C Joshua R
	3DF	Eleanor C Daniel W
Three	3GB	Peter B Grace L
	4AF	Joe E Maddison M
Four	4BK	Poppy H Jason F
	5RN	Ted C Lincoln P
Five	5MA	Demi-Leigh B Emelia B
	6PP	Husna I Freddie L
Six	6LM	Ayda R Ernest S
	TLC	Arthur F
Treehouse	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, 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:		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year 4 (swimming) Year 1	Year 3
Tuesday		Year 2
Wednesday	Reception	
Thursday	Year 2 – both classes Treehouse	Year 2 – both classes Year 6
Friday		5MA – Swimming 5RN – P.E

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:		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday	Treehouse	Nursery
Thursday	2JW	2MA
Friday	Nursery	1AP

