



Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Year 1 Assembly:** On Wednesday, our year 1 pupils held an assembly to showcase their recent work to their families. They shared facts about animals, the polar regions and showcased some of their fabulous work on collage. There was some wonderful speaking, glorious singing and beautiful animal dancing...so realistic that at one point I thought there was a real-life lion in school!! It was lovely seeing all the children come together to put on a great assembly for their families. I hope you all found it as enjoyable as we did! A huge well done to each child for remembering their lines and the words to all the songs!

**Nursery Stay and Play:** It was great to see so many adults in the nursery provision on Thursday, taking part in an easter themed Stay and Play. We hope everyone who attended enjoyed their time with their children, I know the pupils loved every minute. Thanks to Mrs Owens and the nursery team for organising the session.

**Easter Competition:** Huge thanks to anyone who took part in the Easter egg or Easter bonnet decorating competition. Miss Quinn was the judge, and she found it very difficult to choose just 3 prize winners as everyone was so good. Congratulations to all our winners. Please look out for posts on our Facebook page to announce the winners and their designs.

**House Award:** The winner of the House Points award this term was Darwin. On Thursday, all the pupils from the winning house too part in an Easter egg hunt around the school field, before playing some parachute games and enjoyed the sun - what an eggcellent treat! Congratulations to all pupils in Darwin for your amazing effort this term, and thank you to AK Teaching for providing the eggs for the hunt.

**Richmond Residential:** Now that the children (and staff) have all recovered from their residential last week, I must say how proud I was of everyone who was able to attend. I was lucky to join the residential on the Friday, and it was a delight to be with the pupils. They were all so enthusiastic and upbeat, even at the end of the 6.5 mile walk along the valley. We received some lovely comments from the Youth Hostel, members of the public and from the owner of the ice-cream shop, who commented on how polite and well-mannered everyone was. I must give huge thanks to all the staff who volunteered to give up their time to support the year 4 pupils, which enabled the children to have the opportunity of an overnight residential – without the dedication of the staff, these trips could not take place.

**Attendance:** This week our attendance is 93.97%, and our running total since the start of the year is 93.92%. This is significantly below the government attendance targets of 96+%, and is even below the target I hoped to reach of 95%. Hopefully, next term, our attendance will close the gap towards the national expectation.

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|------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Class      | Nurs  | RAM   | RES   | 1AP   | 1MT   | 2JW   | 2MA   | 3DF   |
| Attendance | 94.02 | 98.10 | 88.00 | 85.77 | 94.78 | 94.40 | 93.85 | 92.50 |
| Class      | 3GB   | 4AF   | 4BK   | 5MA   | 5RN   | 6LM   | 6PP   | TH    |
| Attendance | 96.33 | 98.15 | 96.79 | 94.80 | 95.15 | 94.62 | 96.79 | 92.08 |

Today we have had a raffle for families around attendance. Pupils were entered into draws based on their overall percentage attendance this term, where they had the chance to win bowling vouchers and Easter eggs. Olivia O (4BK) won the draw for 100% attendance, Dylan R (RAM) won the 96%+ attendance, and Ronin S (4AF) won the draw for improved attendance this term. Well done to all winners and to everyone who was entered into the draw.





**Healthy Snacks:** Just to remind all parents/carers, children are welcome to bring a healthy snack to school to enjoy during their morning break time. This should not be a chocolate bar/packet of crisps. A healthy snack could be a piece of fruit, a yoghurt or something similar. Please also be mindful of snacks sent in with packed lunches – this should be a balanced meal.

**Together for Children Activities:** Please see below timetable of activities held at the Rainbow Family Hub over the Easter holidays which may be of interest to some families:

| <b>Rainbow Family Hub Timetable</b><br><b>Monday 14th April - Thursday 17th April 2025</b><br><b>Family.hubwashington@togetherforchildren.org.uk</b> |  |  |   |   |                                     | together for<br><b>children</b><br>SUNDERLAND | <b>FAMILY</b><br><b>HUB</b> |
|--|--|--|---|---|-------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
|  | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday                              |   |                             |
| <b>Rainbow</b><br><b>Family Hub</b><br>Washington,<br>NE37 3AE<br>0191 561 3995  | <b>Time for Rhyme</b><br>9.30 - 10.15am<br><br><b>Play Space</b><br>9 - 11.30am<br>1 - 3pm<br><br><b>Sensory Room</b><br>9 - 11.30am<br>1 - 3pm<br><br><b>Busy Bodies</b><br>1.30 - 2.30pm<br><br><b>Breast Feeding Support</b><br><b>Drop In</b><br>1 - 3pm | <b>Family Fun Event</b><br>All welcome<br>10 - 11am<br>Bookable<br><br><b>Play Space</b><br>1 - 3pm<br><br><b>Sensory Room</b><br>1 - 3pm<br><br><b>Stop Smoking Support</b><br><b>Drop in</b><br>1 - 3pm<br><br><b>Antenatal Programme</b><br>3.45pm - 5.45pm<br>To book call<br>03000 031552 | <b>Review &amp; Development</b><br><b>Clinic</b><br>10.00 - 11.30am<br>Book via Health Visitor<br><br><b>Welfare Rights</b> (referral)<br>9.00am - 12noon<br><br><b>Baby Sensory/Messy</b><br><b>Play</b><br>(Birth - 2 years)<br>1.30 - 2.15pm<br><br><b>HAF</b><br><b>Colour Fun</b><br>(On the field next to<br>Thorney Close Action &<br>Enterprise Centre)<br>11am - 3pm | <b>Play Space</b><br>9 - 11.30am<br><br><b>Sensory Room</b><br>9 - 11.30am<br><br><b>Warm Hub &amp; Bread &amp;</b><br><b>Butter Thing</b><br>1.15 - 2.15pm<br>To Reserve a bag text<br>07860063304<br><br><b>Play Space</b><br>1 - 3pm<br><br><b>Sensory Room</b><br>1pm - 3pm | <b>Good Friday</b><br><b>Closed</b> |   |                             |

**Social media**

Please check 'My Best Life website', [www.mybestlife.org.uk](http://www.mybestlife.org.uk)  
 Sunderland Family Hubs Facebook and Instagram pages for more information,  
 and booking details for some of our sessions.

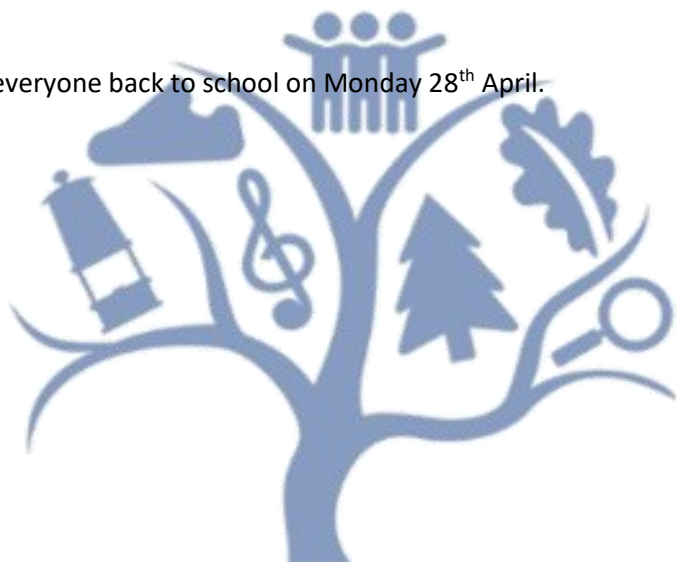





**HAF Activities:** Washington Leisure Centre are holding FREE Holiday and Food Activity Camp Dates during the first half of the Easter holidays. The dates are: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April to Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April for ages 8–11 years between 10am & 2pm. The activities include sports, swimming and arts & crafts. Children will also be provided with a hot meal. Please call Washington Leisure Centre on 0191 4166642 to book your child's place and for more information.

Have a wonderful Easter break, and I look forward to seeing everyone back to school on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April.

*B. H. Adams*

Mr B. Adams - Head of School





**John F. Kennedy**  
Primary School

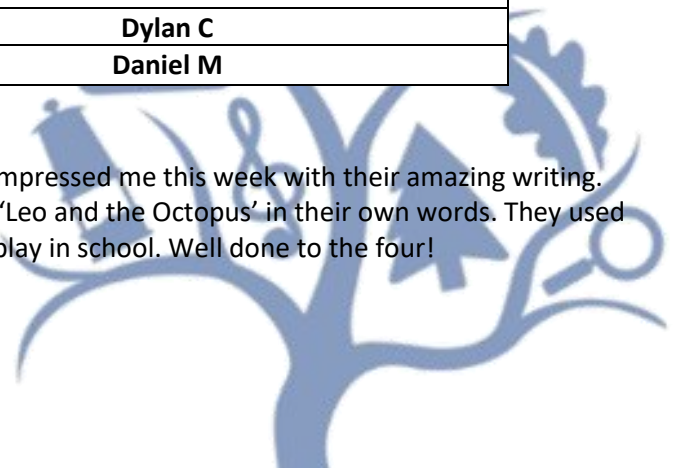
# Stars of the Week



| Year Group | Class | Star of the Week  |
|------------|-------|---|
| Nursery    | NAO   | Rayne K   |
| Reception  | RAM   | Harlow M<br>Max M   |
|            | RES   | Grayson B<br>Nell P   |
| One        | 1AP   | The whole class for their excellent class assembly performance! |
|            | 1MT   | The whole class for their excellent class assembly performance! |
| Two        | 2MA   | Elliott H<br>Rory S   |
|            | 2JW   | Leon T-M<br>Katie H   |
| Three      | 3DF   | Harry W<br>Jack B   |
|            | 3GB   | Harrison G<br>Dexter E  |
| Four       | 4AF   | Seth A<br>Joseph W  |
|            | 4BK   | Layla C<br>Lily-Rose M  |
| Five       | 5RN   | Elliott D<br>Alice L  |
|            | 5MA   | Freddie B<br>Shyla C  |
| Six        | 6PP   | Mason C<br>Amelia T   |
|            | 6LM   | Lennox B<br>Eva F   |
| Treehouse  | TLC   | Dylan C   |
|            | TNP   | Daniel M  |

## Head of School Award:

Steven O, Richard B, Isla E and Scarlett G (Treehouse) have all impressed me this week with their amazing writing. The children took great care to copy up their work on retelling 'Leo and the Octopus' in their own words. They used their best handwriting ready for their work to be put up on display in school. Well done to the four!



# 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.

Please note there is no swimming for year 4 on 28<sup>th</sup> April.

| Week Commencing: 28 <sup>th</sup> April |           |                                      |
|---|-----------|--------------------------------------|
| Day                                     | Morning   | Afternoon                            |
| Monday                                  |           |                                      |
| Tuesday                                 |           | Year 2                               |
| Wednesday                               |           | Year 3                               |
| Thursday                                | Treehouse |                                      |
| Friday                                  |           | Year 6<br>Year 5RN<br>5MA - Swimming |

**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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|---|---------|-----------|
| Day                                     | Morning | Afternoon |
| Monday                                  |         | Reception |
| Tuesday                                 |         |           |
| Wednesday                               |         | Year 4    |
| Thursday                                |         | Nursery   |
| Friday                                  | Nursery | 1AP       |



# Sports News

**School Football Team:** On Monday night, the school football team took part in the Alan Grimes County Cup at Durham Johnston Academy.

The first game of the night was against Belmont. A quickfire double from Lucas S and Richard B were enough to get the three points in a 2-0 victory.

The second game saw JFK take on a familiar opponent, George Washington. These games are always tight contests and this would follow the same pattern. George Washington had more of the ball and the opportunities throughout the tie, seeing chances going narrowly wide of the post. Following a George Washington corner, JFK were able to counter attack with Richard's shot being saved by the keeper before Lennox B was able to poke the ball home. Henry A was outstanding in goal, producing three top quality saves throughout the game - including one fingertip save in the final minute of the game. The game ending 1-0 to JFK giving the team 6 points going into their final two games.

The final two games saw the team take on St Margaret's and Fulwell. The only goal in the game against St Margaret's was the result of a deflected shot with the opposition taking the 1-0 victory. Fulwell, a very strong team who have done very well in their local and regional competitions this year, were the final opponents on the night. Their quality showed with two early goals, JFK showed great determination to get back into the fixture but were denied by the goalkeeper each time.

Well done to everyone that took part on Monday, they were excellent representatives of our school and we are proud of how they competed against other teams from the North East.

**JFK Superstars:** Poppy H (4BK) completed her "Let's Dance" show with Trish and Trina's School of Dance last weekend, showcasing her tap, jazz and ballet skills. Well done on receiving your trophy Poppy!



Sophia H-H (5RN) also competed in two dance shows last weekend with Trish and Trina. Huge well done Sophia on your trophy!

Jessica B (4BK) competed in two dance shows at the weekend and also got a trophy for taking part in them. Well done Jessica!



Aida S (RES) also competed in the 'Let's Dance' show with Trish and Trina's School of Dance. She had lots of fun and performed beautifully with superb confidence!! She was thrilled to walk away with a trophy.



Congratulations to Harlow M (RAM) who recently completed her Stage 2 swimming.

Beau Hall (RES) has received two trophies for his excellent effort in during football. He received player of the week at his under-sevens team and the other was from Mini Kickers. Well done, Beau!

