

John F. Kennedy Primary School

The Buzz Newsletter



13th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Everyone has now settled into school and lots of amazing work has been produced by all pupils - I know that teachers are so pleased with how well the new school year has started.

Rugby: During this half-term, professionally trained, award winning coaches from All Stars Rugby are working with our year 2 pupils and with an after-school group to develop rugby skills. The enthusiasm shown during the sessions has been great to see and everyone appeared to enjoy the activities.

Swimming: Swimming has started for our yr4, yr5 and Treehouse pupils this week, and for our yr4 classes and some Treehouse pupils, this was the first time they have gone to the pool with the school. Every member of staff has been so impressed with the effort and behaviour of all the pupils; they were a credit to the school.

Nursery: I, along with Miss Owens, would like to thank our nursery parents and carers for their understanding of the nursery closure last week. We were pleased to welcome both our existing and new children in this week, and they have all settled into their surroundings brilliantly.

Flying The Flag: During August, Daniel C had the opportunity to be one of the flag bearers at the Stadium of Light, after winning a raffle run by the school during the summer term. Daniel has told me all about his experience and what a fantastic day it was. He got a handshake from Anthony Patterson, the goalkeeper, and high fives from the rest of the team. Sunderland won 1-0 and Daniel made it on the highlights on Youtube – where you can see him singing his heart out to "baby I'm ready to go" waving his flag.



JFK Superstar: A huge well done to both Chloe and Sophia H for taking part in the Junior and Mini Great North Run at the weekend. This was the first time they have taken part, and mam shared that both girls completed their runs with huge smiles on their faces! Sophia had been training by taking part in a weekly 5km ParkRun and did extremely well, completing the 4km course in 27.41minutes, and Chloe ran the whole of her 1.5km mini course and got to meet Apollo from BBC's Gladiator at the finish! Well done girls.



Also a huge well done to Harry and Teddy in year 2, who also completed the Mini GNR with their mums.

Attendance: You may have read in the press or on social media, or seen on the TV that the guidelines from the government regarding attendance have changed for schools. Can I please remind everyone that if your child is unable to attend school then you must contact the office at the start of the day to inform us of the reason for their absence. If we don't hear from you then please expect a phone call from either from me or the office, or if necessary, I will make a home visit. Any holiday requests should be in writing, and all requests will be considered on an individual basis.

Even though it is only week two, I have been impressed with the attendance of the whole school, and our attendance this week is 95.88%. I hope this continues across the school year.

ASDA: Thank you to everyone who has used the ASDA app when shopping and nominated JFK in their latest scheme for schools. Our current total now stands at £235.01.

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.

Washington Carnival: Tomorrow, the school will be taking part in the annual parade as part of the festival. The parade sets off from Usworth Gardeners Club at 9.40am, and will go through Concord, before arriving at Albany Park around 10.00am. All pupils and parents are welcome to attend and help parade our school designed miners banner, so it would be great to see you there.



EYFS Opening Morning: On Saturday 5th October, we will be hosting an EYFS opening morning from 10:00am – 12:00pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents and carers, who have children starting nursery or reception in September 2025, or have children turning 3 this academic year, to visit our EYFS provision and see all the wonderful learning that happens at JFK. Our next nursery intakes will be January 2025 and April 2025, and we still have 15-hour and 30-hour places available. If you have family or friends with children starting reception next September or have children looking for a nursery place, then please spread the word!

After School Clubs: Please keep your eyes peeled next week for an exciting range of clubs being offered during the term. These are all being organised and run by our dedicated staff, which I am extremely grateful for. All clubs will begin week beginning 23rd September.

Diary Dates: You have received a copy of the diary dates we have in place so far for this year. As more events are organised, we will let you know.

Have a lovely weekend.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'B. H. Adams'.

Mr B, Adams - Head of School



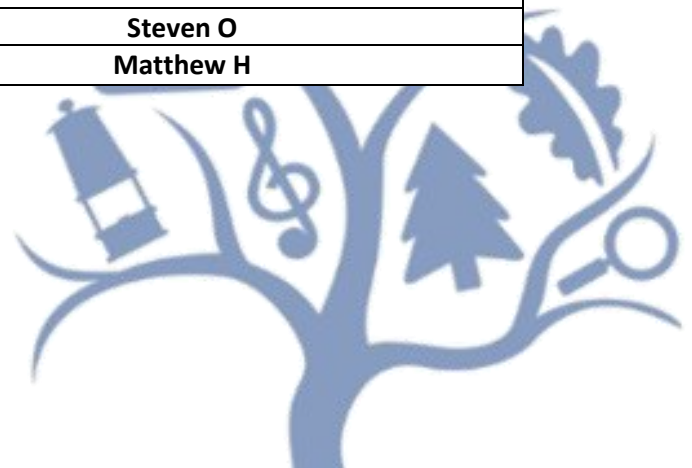


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Stars of the Week



Year Group	Class	Star of the Week
Nursery	NAO	All of nursery
Reception	RAM	All of reception Everyone in the class
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One	1AP	Kyran C Tuba I
	1MT	Quinn B Penny R
Two	2MA	Thomas P Ayda D
	2JW	Jake A Talia K
Three	3DF	Dixie P Ethan M
	3GB	Ceejay C Irada E
Four	4AF	Eva G Lexi K
	4BK	Hatty C Joshua R
Five	5RN	Tommy C Norah R
	5MA	Bobby J Bella P
Six	6PP	Adam W Darcy G
	6LM	Evan M Lucas S
Treehouse	TLC	Steven O
	TNP	Matthew H



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.

Please note, nursery will not be doing PE next week.

Week Commencing: 16 th September		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year 4 – Swimming Year 1	Year 3
Tuesday	Treehouse	Year 2
Wednesday	Reception	Year 4
Thursday		Year 6
Friday	Treehouse - Swimming	5MA - PE 5RN – 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.

Please note, nursery will not be doing forest school next week.

Week Commencing: 16 th September		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	5MA	
Tuesday		All of Reception
Wednesday	Treehouse	
Thursday		Year 4
Friday		1AP

