

John F. Kennedy Primary School

The Buzz Newsletter



22nd November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe that this weekend is the last one in November, and that we only have 4 more weeks left at school. The weather has even had an 'arctic blast', but it has been great to see so many of our pupils wrapped up in coats, hats, scarves and gloves to keep warm.

Parliament Week: This week, the whole school have been learning about our government and Parliament – which supports our work around the British Value of democracy. During their lessons, pupils have debated on a range of issues, written manifestos, built a model of Parliament, and created some perspective art on the House of Commons chamber. Huge thanks must go to our Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Conner, who has organised the week across school.

Non-uniform: Today we held a non-uniform day, with the theme of 'Crazy Hair', where we asked for donations to help towards some of our Christmas Fayre activities. I'd like to thank everyone who donated an item – this is very much appreciated and all donations will go on our popular chocolate and bottle stalls on Wednesday 4th December.

Attendance: This week our attendance is at 94.02%, and our running total since the start of the term is at 94.25%. The expectation of all schools is to have attendance of 96%+, so we are behind government attendance targets. As a school, we need everyone's support to improve our attendance. All pupils with 96%+ and improved attendance since the start of this half-term will be entered in a prize draw at the end of the term – this means that everyone has the chance to be included in the chance to win one of the prizes.

Class	Nurs	RAM	RES	1AP	1MT	2JW	2MA	3DF
Attendance	93.25	98.75	95.0	97.12	96.88	94.23	95.19	93.06
Class	3GB	4AF	4BK	5MA	5RN	6LM	6PP	TH
Attendance	94.17	99.52	99.07	89.58	89.42	90.38	93.3	85.94

House Points: Well done to Swan, who won the most house points this week!

Safeguarding: I am always looking at ways to increase our excellent safeguarding culture across the school. With this in mind, the school will be sending out a weekly advice sheet through ParentPay for online safety from the National College. I hope you find the information sent useful, and I would appreciate any feedback on the resource. Today's focus is on WhatsApp, which, even though is for children aged 13+, we are aware that many of our pupils have access and an account.

Secret Christmas Raffle: Just a reminder that we have a fantastic prize to give away in our latest raffle of an 'Elf for Christmas Magical Reward Kit' (kindly donated by a local company Elf for Christmas). Tickets cost £1.00 and can be purchased via ParentPay. The raffle will be drawn next Friday (29th November), and the winning family contacted directly.

Christmas Lunch: Don't forget to let us know if your child **DOES NOT** usually have a school meal, but would like to have a Christmas lunch on Thursday 12th December, by completing the following form by 9am on Wednesday 17th November: [Christmas Lunch](#)

Christmas Performance Tickets: If you have not already done so, please use the following link to request tickets to your child's Christmas performance: [Christmas Performance Tickets](#)

Polar Express: Please keep your eyes peeled for an exciting announcement regarding a Polar Express event being held in school. Details will be sent out shortly.

Christmas Fayre Donations: As you know, we will be holding our 'tree-mendous' Christmas Fayre on Wednesday 4th December. We are so excited to welcome our JFK families once again into school for one of our most wonderful events of the year! To help support some of the stalls and games we have planned, we would welcome donations of the following items:

- Bottle bags
- Books & Toys (in excellent condition)
- Items for a tombola (such as small gifts sets, toiletries, nik-naks etc)

If these items could be brought in next week that would be great.

Healthy Snack: I would like to remind parents that children should only bring healthy snacks into school. Children should not bring sweets, chocolate or cakes, or take items from their packed lunch boxes.

Job Vacancies: We have some vacancies for Lunchtime Assistants within JFK. If you, or anyone you know, are interested in this position please visit our school website on the following link to view the job description and application process: <https://www.jfkprimary.co.uk/our-school/our-vacancies/>

Have a lovely weekend.

B. H. Adams



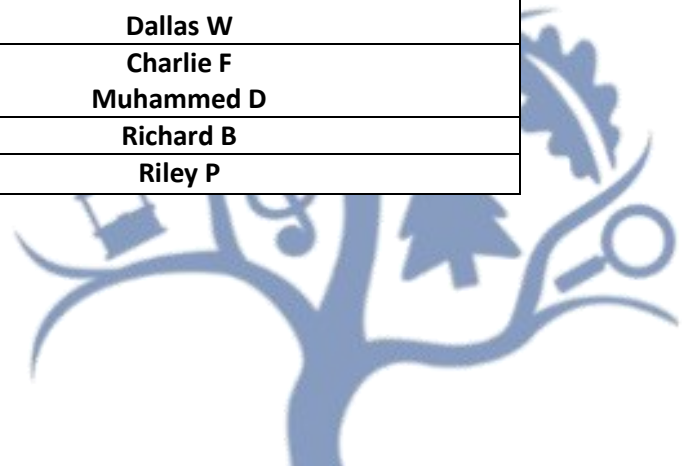


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Stars of the Week



Year Group	Class	Star of the Week
Nursery	NAO	Louis Hindmarch Sienna T
	RAM	Jaxon L Mila H
Reception	RES	Tommy S Aida S
	1AP	Frankie P Rosie S
One	1MT	Nathan B Freda C
	2MA	Ollie C Eve D
Two	2JW	Katie H Harlow D
	3DF	Jack B Harry R
Three	3GB	Bailey P Patrycja S
	4AF	Emelia-Grace H Ronin S
Four	4BK	Lilly H Leo H
	5RN	Rosie B Imogen W
Five	5MA	Olivia B Rosie C
	6PP	Grace N Dallas W
Six	6LM	Charlie F Muhammed D
	TLC	Richard B
Treehouse	TNP	Riley P



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: 25 th November		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year 1 Year 4 Swimming	
Tuesday		Year 2
Wednesday	Reception	Year 4
Thursday	Treehouse	Year 6
Friday		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.

Week Commencing: 25 th November		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday		
Tuesday	Year Three	Reception
Wednesday		Nursery
Thursday	Year 2 (both classes)	
Friday	Nursery	1MT



Football: On Thursday evening, the school football team competed in their first round of fixtures in the Futsal league.

Their first game was against Holley Park. This match was a spectacular display of domination by JFK, who outplayed the opposition from start to finish. Lennox B was able to open the scoring in the opening minute of the game before quickly adding a second. At the back, Jenson T was brilliant at reading the game and was able to prevent the opposition from getting anywhere near our goal. Evan M worked hard up front while pressing the opposition defence well, which saw JFK win the ball in the middle of the pitch before finding Jacob L in space to make it 3-0. Moments later, Jacob L scored his second and Lennox was able to complete his hat trick with a powerful effort, which flew into the far corner. Jacob L followed this up by adding an extra two goals, finishing with 4 goals in total, as JFK sealed an amazing 7-0 victory.

The second game of the night was against Usworth Colliery, who were in good form having won their opening fixture 6-0. Once again, JFK showed a fantastic attitude and ability with and without the ball. Lennox B showcased brilliant technical ability, using quick feet to beat his defender down the line before cutting inside and firing an effort past the keeper. Jacob L had definitely put his shooting boots on for this week's games, once again being a threat in the box to double the JFK lead a couple of minutes later. Reuben H was absolutely outstanding in defence, producing a man of the match display, which included two goal line blocks to keep the lead. Henry A, eager to keep another clean sheet, was in fine form and produced a number of good saves as well as being a vocal presence throughout - alerting defenders to any potential threats. In the final moments of the game, Jude C was rewarded for his high work rate up front, sealing the 3-0 victory for JFK.

Well done to everyone who took part on Thursday and we look forward to continuing the super start in our next round of fixtures.

