

John F. Kennedy Primary School

The Buzz Newsletter



Friday 17th May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 6 SATs: I must give a huge congratulations to all the pupils in year 6 for their attitude and commitment towards their SATs this week. I'm bursting with pride! Everybody has tried their best and never given up when it may have become a little difficult. What I have found out about our year 6 pupils is that they absolutely love waffles and crumpets with chocolate spread – we have gone through loads at the SAT breakfast clubs each day. All the tests have now been collected to be marked, and we now need to wait until July when the results will be sent to the school. Huge thanks must go to all staff who have supported and worked with the pupils to make them ready for this week. Hopefully all the children will be celebrating this weekend – I know that I'm thinking of having a takeaway with my family!

Year 1: Next week, year 1 are having two trips out the classroom! On Wednesday they will be visiting Holy Trinity Church in Washington Village and on Friday they are taking a trip to Clays Garden Centre at Peel Park. The weather is looking positive (at the moment) for both of these trips but as we know the UK weather can change at the last minute so please ensure your child brings a coat both days and wears appropriate footwear.

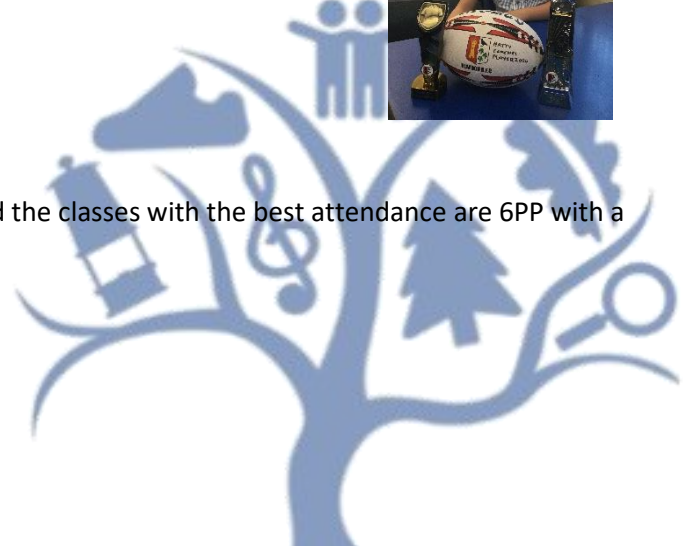
Year 4 Visitor: On Wednesday next week, year 4 are receiving a special visit from Durham Wildlife Trust. The charity's purpose is to promote nature conservation and protect wildlife. Members from the trust will be coming into school to work with both year 4 classes in our outdoor area. The children will be taking part in different activities, focusing on exploring habitats, as well as identifying and classifying minibeasts such as butterflies, beetles, spiders, slugs and caterpillars. As the activities will take place outdoors, it is essential that all year 4 children bring a waterproof coat to school on the day of the visit in case of wet weather.

Year 6 Parent Information Meeting: Next week are holding an information meeting for Derwent Hill on Tuesday (21st) at 4pm. The meeting will be held in the school hall – please enter via the small gate to the left hand side of the school office.

JFK Superstars: Well done to Hatty (year 3) who recently won the coaches 'Player of the Year' award for the ruby team she plays for outside of school. Fantastic achievement Hatty!



Attendance: This week, our overall attendance is 93.58% and the classes with the best attendance are 6PP with a fantastic 100%, followed very closely by 6LM with 99.23%.



PE Lessons: Children can wear their PE kit to school on the day. This should be a plain white t-shirt, black shorts or jogging bottoms/leggings and trainers. Please make sure that the shorts are appropriate for school – some have been getting very short. At this time of year, we aim to have PE outside on the yard or field if the weather is suitable, however we do still ask that children have a jumper or jacket with them.

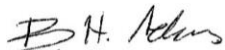
Week Commencing 20 th May		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year 4 Swimming Year 1	Year 6
Tuesday	Treehouse	Year 2
Wednesday		Reception
Thursday	Year 3	5RN
Friday	Nursery	Year 4 5DF Swimming

Forest School: Please send your child into school dressed appropriately for their session – long sleeves and trousers, wellies and a waterproof coat if possible. 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 20 th May		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	3JW	
Tuesday		Year 4
Wednesday	Treehouse	2FM and 2MA
Thursday		RAM
Friday	1ES	

Festival of Football Meal: On Tuesday 18th June, our school kitchen team will be holding a promotional day to celebrate the Euro 2025 Championship. If your child does not normally have a school meal on a Tuesday, but would like one on this day please complete the form via this [link](#).

Have a lovely weekend.
Best wishes,



Mr B Adams
Head of School



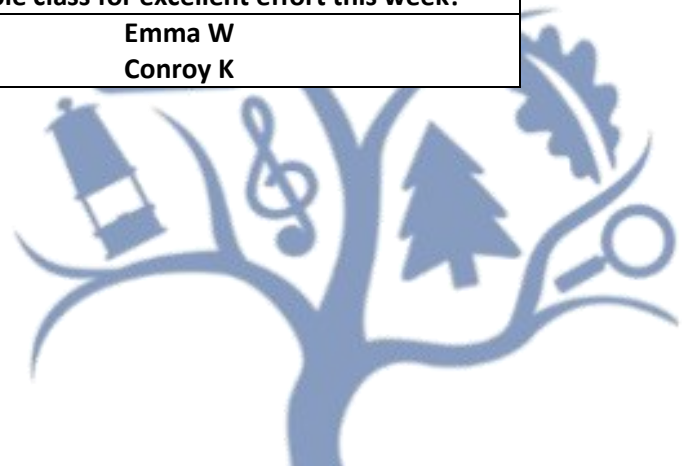


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Stars of the Week

Year Group	Class	Star of the Week
Nursery	NAO	Joshua C Nell P
	RSC/MO	Isabella M William M
Reception	RAM	Chloe W Maisie L
	1AP	Frankie B Darcie P
One	1ES	Maxi C Harlow D
	2FM	Harper G Can Y
Two	2MA	Stanley R Eleanor C
	3MS	Jack H Thea G
Three	3JW	Blake H-F Sophia S
	4AF	Hunter H Flynn M
Four	4BK	Bonnie P Bella P
	5RN	Emmy H Lennox B
Five	5DF	Grace N Lucy H
	6PP	The whole class for excellent effort this week!
Six	6LM	The whole class for excellent effort this week!
	TSK TNP	Emma W Conroy K
The Treehouse		



Football News

On Thursday evening, the school football team competed in the final of the Columbia Cup at Rickleton Primary. After qualifying past the first round in April, the team were excited to take on three other Washington teams.

The first game of the night was against league champions, Lambton. JFK showed a brilliant display throughout, communicating well and a determination to get stuck in. Their positive start paid off just before the half time whistle, Amelia T playing the ball out wide to Lennox B, who saw his low cross find Mason C at the back post to open the scoring. Lambton were able to equalise after the break, however, JFK continued to carve out the better of the chances. Good passing play from Joseph B, Sam M and Alfie A opened a chance for Lucas S, his effort going inches over the crossbar. The game finishing 1-1.

The second game of the evening saw JFK take on the hosts, Rickleton. The opposition started off strongly in the first half, Cole F making a number of good saves in goal to keep the score level. Just after the start of the second half, Lucas S played a lovely diagonal ball across the pitch to find Lennox B in acres of space. Lennox B was able to run on to the ball, striking it first time past the keeper to put JFK 1-0 up. Lucas S nearly doubled the lead a minute later, his long range effort being tipped onto the crossbar by the keeper and Sam M being very close to convert the rebound. Great defending by Amelia T and Alfie A, who both made a number of well-timed blocks, helped secure the 1-0 victory.

The final game of the night was against Biddick Primary. This was a very good game of football, which saw good technical ability from both teams. Cole F was outstanding in goal, producing a number of fine saves to keep the opposition from scoring. Midway into the second half, Biddick were able to pass their way through the defensive line before slotting the ball into the net. Late into the game, Lucas S saw his long range free kick force a good save from the Biddick goalkeeper. Despite the pressure put on by JFK, Biddick were able to weather the storm and take the three points.

1 win, 1 draw and 1 loss saw JFK finish as runners up to Biddick in the Columbia Cup 23-24. A fantastic showing throughout the evening, showing an amazing attitude and desire to win every game. A huge well done to everyone who played on the night.

Another well done to our year 6's on the football team - Sam M, Cole F, Alfie A, Amelia T, James P and Liam R - who have now completed their primary school football season . They have been brilliant to work with and have been excellent throughout all league and cup competitions.

