

# John F. Kennedy Primary School

## The Buzz Newsletter



29<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Year Five Dodgeball Event:** On Tuesday afternoon, Year 5 children took part in a Dodgeball sports event at Sunderland Tennis Centre. They played many games in small teams, against numerous other schools. They tried to duck, dive and dodge out of the way of the opposing team's throws. They demonstrated excellent teamwork and strategy to help them to try and win each game. One of the teams even successfully made it through to the event's final, which will be held after the Christmas break on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Well done Year 5!

**Staffing:** This week, it has been lovely to welcome Mrs Cooper back to school. She has been so excited to be back and she has appreciated all the lovely messages from parents and hugs from children.

Today, we are also saying goodbye to Lucy Elliott-Woods, one of our amazing lunchtime supervisors. She will be a huge miss – especially for our nursery and Treehouse pupils. On behalf of the school, I would like to wish her good luck for her new role at Columbia Grange.

**Children in Need:** This year we raised £311 through ParentPay donations for Children in Need.

**Attendance:** This week our attendance is at 92.63%, and our running total since the start of the term is at 94.06%. 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.

Class	Nurs	RAM	RES	1AP	1MT	2JW	2MA	3DF
Attendance	67.00	92.00	96.00	91.92	96.25	96.15	89.23	98.15
Class	3GB	4AF	4BK	5MA	5RN	6LM	6PP	TH
Attendance	95.33	95.00	95.56	97.92	94.62	96.92	95.71	87.92

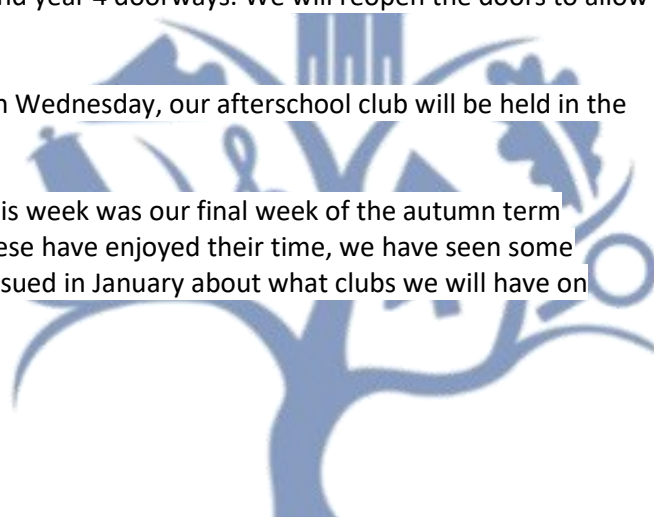
**House Points:** Well done to Currie, who won the most house points this week!

**Secret Christmas Raffle:** Well done to Lilly-Mae C (3DF) who won our special raffle.

**Christmas Fayre:** We cannot wait to welcome all our families into school on Wednesday for our annual Christmas Fayre. Entrance (and exit) from the fayre will be at the year 2 and year 4 doorways. We will reopen the doors to allow entry once all children have safely vacated the building.

**Afterschool Wrap-Around Care:** Due to the Christmas Fayre on Wednesday, our afterschool club will be held in the nursery building for that evening only.

**Teacher-Lead Afterschool Clubs:** Just a polite reminder that this week was our final week of the autumn term afterschool clubs. We hope the children who have attended these have enjoyed their time, we have seen some excellent pieces coming from them. A communication will be issued in January about what clubs we will have on offer in the spring term.



**JFK Superstar:** A huge well don't to Sean W (year 2) who recently won 'Man of the Match' for his team, Washington United FC U7 Navy Milan, whilst fundraising for winter clothing his team. A fantastic achievement Sean!



A massive well done to Elijah J (1MT) who was awarded 'Player of the Week' for excellent listening in his football training this week. Having great listening skills is just as important in football as it is in school and at home and I'm sure Elijah's teammates are happy to have such a star on their team!



**Washington HAF Winter Programme:** The Washington Holiday & Food scheme is running a winter programme at Washington Leisure Centre on 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> December and 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> January for children aged 5-11yrs, The programme will run 10am-2pm for activities such as sports, swimming and arts & crafts. Children will also be provided a hot meal. Please contact Washington Leisure Centre on 0191 4166642 to book your child's place or for further details.

Have a lovely weekend.

A handwritten signature in blue 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	Billie D Toby R
	RAM	Lochlan M
Reception	RES	Leo M Noah C
	1AP	Darcie-Mai G Ivy D
One	1MT	Aurelia B Oscar B
	2MA	Mason R Tallulah T
Two	2JW	Luna S Harry M
	3DF	Oliver R Edith R
Three	3GB	Joseph C Honey D
	4AF	Daniel C Maisie C
Four	4BK	Rosie M Carson S
	5RN	Sophia HH Hunter H
Five	5MA	Riley A James B
	6PP	Grace M Samuel B
Six	6LM	Lauren C Ayden T
	TLC	Dylan C
Treehouse	TNP	Luka J



# 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 may still be held outdoors, therefore please ensure your child bring appropriate clothing.

Week Commencing: 25 <sup>th</sup> November		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year 1 Year 4 (swimming)	
Tuesday		
Wednesday		Year 4
Thursday	Treehouse	Year 6
Friday		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		
Tuesday		
Wednesday	Treehouse	Nursery
Thursday		
Friday	Nursery	1AP

