

John F. Kennedy Primary School

The Buzz Newsletter



Friday 18th October

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe we are almost at the end of the first half-term! This week we have squeezed lots of extra activities into our timetables, which have all helped create our interesting curriculum for pupils.

Election Fever: Over the last two weeks, each class has been choosing their School Council representative. Following this, the four year 6 candidates chosen by the pupils took part in an election so the whole school could vote for the Chairperson of the council. They spoke in assembly, posters were created and displayed around school, and they were present during the election day at the ballot box. Congratulations to Mia R who received the most votes. Thanks to Mr Smith for organising the elections for the council. Please see the table below for our newly elected School Council.

Year Group	Council Member
Year 6	Mia R – Chairperson Lucas S – Vice Chairperson James J – Secretary Lucy H – Playground Liaison
Year 5	Sophia H Jacob L Calvin S Alice L
Year 4	Brooke M Poppy H
Year 3	Henry P Jayden L
Year 2	Ayda D Mia-Marie M
Year 1	Elsie C Noah D
Tree House	Jack M Isla E

School Photos: Our school photographer came to school on Tuesday and took photos of all pupils who were in that day. Any photo orders placed by noon on Tuesday 29th October will be delivered to school free of charge. Orders placed after this time will incur a postage charge from Tempest.

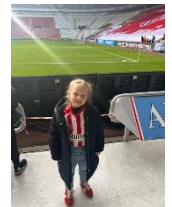
Parents' Evening: Just a polite reminder that we are holding our Autumn term parents' evening next week on Monday and Wednesday. As always, we will have Teaching Assistants in the hall where you can drop off your child whilst you attend your appointment.

Attendance: This week our attendance is at 94.73%, and our running total since the start of the term is at 94.26%. The expectation of all schools is to have attendance of 96%+. Below are the attendances for each class.

Class	Nurs	RAM	RES	1AP	1MT	2JW	2MA	3DF
Attendance	94.24	93.50	82.50	93.08	96.40	95.38	98.08	93.70
Class	3GB	4AF	4BK	5MA	5RN	6LM	6PP	TH
Attendance	96.33	95.77	94.81	96.67	99.38	94.81	97.14	94.58

After School Clubs: Due to parents' evening, there will be **no** teacher-lead afterschool clubs taking place next week. Children should be collected as normal at 3:20pm. Our wrap-around care club with Miss Addison and Miss Riggins will be available as normal – during parent evenings, this will be held in the nursery building. If you have not already booked your child's place, please contact the school office to ask about availability.

Wear/Tyne Derby: Well done to all the winners who received tickets to last Sunday's ladies football match between Sunderland and Newcastle. Although the result may have been disappointing for red & white fans – we have received some great feedback from the families who attended the game! I'm so glad you enjoyed your experience and thank you to those who shared their photos with us.



Harvest: On Thursday, Holy Trinity Church was filled with singing and readings by our pupils during our annual Harvest Festival. The children were amazing; I was so proud of everyone. Can I thank anyone who was able to contribute to our harvest collection – the food will be delivered to Mickey's Place, and our donation will help support families in the area.

Year 4: On Wednesday, Year 4 had a fantastic day filled with Anglo-Saxon fun when they were visited by Jarrow Hall. They added to what they had already learned in their history lessons at school, and at home while completing their projects, by taking part in a crime and punishment activity, a runes, magic and medicine activity and they even designed their own settlements. They were able to examine and even try on Anglo-Saxon artefacts and replicas to get a better idea and explore what life was like between 410 and 1066AD. As a memory of the day, each child was able to make a traditional good luck charm using wood and runes to take home with them. Thank you very much to Jarrow Hall for helping to create such an enjoyable, entertaining, historical day!

Year 2: On Thursday, year 2 had a visit from an artist from The Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art. They worked in the forest to create natural pieces of art linked to their work on Richard Shilling and Andy Goldsworthy. The children enjoyed working in groups to find materials and think carefully about the size, colour and shape and how these would contribute to their final designs.

Parent Craft Afternoons: The children from Hedgehog, Fox and Squirrel have enjoyed creating some autumn crafts with their parents and carers. Leaf magic wands, picture frames and giant paintings were all completed. A great afternoon was had by all and we hope everyone who attended enjoyed the afternoons.



Remembrance Day Cross: We are going to be making poppies in school to decorate a Remembrance Day Cross similar to the one shown. In order to make the poppies, we are asking pupils to bring in plastic bottles – but we only require the bottom section as shown in this example picture. We hope you can help with this request.



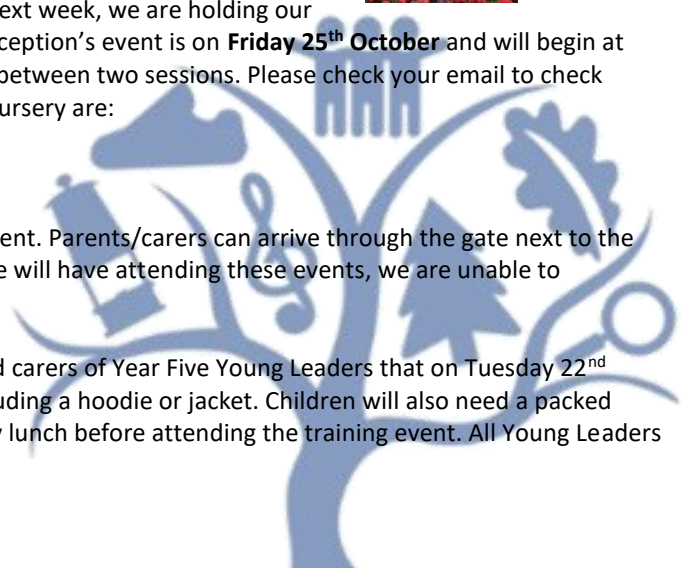
EYFS Parent Stay and Play Afternoon: Just a polite reminder that next week, we are holding our parent/carer stay and play afternoon for nursery and reception. Reception's event is on **Friday 25th October** and will begin at **1:30pm**. Due to our nursery numbers, the children have been split between two sessions. Please check your email to check which session your child has been allocated. The two sessions for nursery are:

Wednesday 23rd October – 10- 11am.

Friday 25th October – 1:30 – 2:30pm

These events will take place in our nursery and reception environment. Parents/carers can arrive through the gate next to the main office. Unfortunately, due to the number of parents/carers we will have attending these events, we are unable to accommodate siblings.

Year Five Young Leaders Training: A polite reminder to parents and carers of Year Five Young Leaders that on Tuesday 22nd October, children need to come to school wearing PE clothing, including a hoodie or jacket. Children will also need a packed lunch and water bottle on the day, as they will be going for an early lunch before attending the training event. All Young Leaders will be back in time for collection at the end of the school day



JFK Superstars: Well done to Daniel C (4AF) for winning Player of the Match during his game last weekend. Daniel has been playing for Washington Juniors U8's for just 3 weeks and this is the 2nd time he has won this trophy.



Well done to Dixie P (3DF) who achieved her yellow belt in kickboxing at the weekend. This is an amazing achievement – and Dixie's mam told me how hard she has been working to achieve this- and its clearly paid off!



Well done to Matthew and Lily (Fox Class) who both achieved Dancer of the Week at their dance class, Dance Versity.



Well done to Wesley H (4BK) who achieved his purple belt in kickboxing at the weekend. Wesley is the youngest person in his boxing club to receive a purple belt. What an amazing achievement!



Girls Football Team: On Tuesday night, the Girls' league fixtures finally got underway with three games against Rickleton, St. Bedes and Lambton primary schools.

Our first game of the season was a tough encounter with Rickleton, with the girls making their school debuts settling into the game and playing some great football. Lucy H was able to push the ball through the Rickleton defence where Ella-Mae R buried home the first goal of the season and what turned out to be the winning goal, with the match ending 1-0.

The second game was a tough match against a very good St. Bedes side. Darcy G proving to be incredibly difficult to beat, pulling off save after save and earning praise from the opposition coach. Unfortunately, even with a great battling team performance, the result didn't go our way with St. Bedes coming out victorious 3 goals to nil.

Our final fixture saw us play against Lambton. Having played two tough games, the team continued to give their all and scored in the first half, Lucy H bagging her first goal for the school to take a 1-0 lead to half time. Ella W, Grace N and Georgia T worked hard in defence and midfield to prevent Lambton having any chances and Darcy swept up anything that got in behind wonderfully. The second half continued in the same pattern and Lucy H was double her goals tally before Ella-Mae scored to seal a fantastic 3-0 victory. Congratulations to Emily-May M, Mia R and Olivia B who also made their debuts during the night.

School Football Team: On Thursday evening, the school football team continued their league campaign with two home fixtures against Fatfield and Blackfell.

The first game of the evening was against Fatfield, who had just won a game themselves 3-0. In the first half, Mason C made an excellent save to deny the opposition and keep the score level. Towards the end of the first half, Lucas S was able to muscle his way past a defender before seeing his powerful, low strike sail past the keeper into the far corner. JFK dominated the second half, creating chance after chance to try and increase their lead. Lucas S was able to double his tally with a long-range effort before sealing his hat trick moments later, another long-range effort finding the top corner. The team continued to defend well, Joseph B, Adam W and Jenson T being fantastic at neutralising any attacking threats. Jude C had a good showing in his debut for the school football team, being a constant threat up top.

The second game of the night saw JFK take on Blackfell. This was a game that saw JFK commanded from start to finish. Lucas S definitely had his shooting boots on for the night, quickly firing in two goals in quick succession. On the stroke of half time, Reuben H linked up well with Lennox B, who was able to cut inside to beat the defender before rifling the ball past the keeper. Early in the second half, Jude C was able to open his tally for the season - being in the right place at the right time to tap the ball in the net. A brilliant ball from Lennox B allowed Jude C to quickly double his goals, once again being in the right place when needed. Lucas S completed his second hat trick of the night, slotting home his 15th goal of the season before Lennox was once again clinical in front of goal to complete the 7-0 victory.

A fantastic performance from all involved on the night as the school team continue their undefeated start to the league campaign.

Have a lovely weekend.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "B. H. Adams".

Mr B. Adams - Head of School



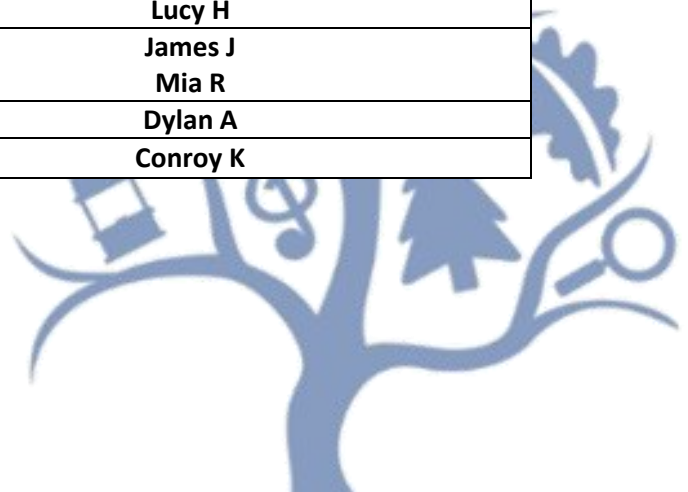


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Stars of the Week



Year Group	Class	Star of the Week
Nursery	NAO	Joshua C Alayna K
	RAM	Lochlan M Oakley F-G
Reception	RES	Theo M Thomas S
	1AP	Olivia C Owyn L
One	1MT	Travis B Hannah H
	2MA	Belle T Alana R
Two	2JW	Max F Lennox B
	3DF	Max A Travis H
Three	3GB	Flynn H Harper P
	4AF	Joel M Greia T
Four	4BK	Jack H Jackson MB
	5RN	Lucy R Thomas
Five	5MA	Alice D Henry L
	6PP	Lucas S Lucy H
Six	6LM	James J Mia R
	TLC	Dylan A
Treehouse	TNP	Conroy K



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: 21 st October		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year 4 (swimming) Year 1	Year 3
Tuesday		Year 2
Wednesday	Reception	Year 4
Thursday	Treehouse	
Friday		5MA – P.E 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.

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Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	5MA	
Tuesday	Year 3	Reception
Wednesday	Treehouse	Nursery
Thursday		
Friday	Nursery	1MT

