

# John F. Kennedy Primary School

## The Buzz Newsletter



Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week at John F Kennedy.

**Reception Farm Trip:** Last week reception visited Hall Hill Farm. The children had the opportunity to see lots of different animals and learn how to take care of them. Their favourite was the lambs which they took turns bottle feeding. The staff and volunteers were blown away by the outstanding behaviour from all children. Well done, everyone!



**Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens:** On Thursday, Hedgehog class from The Treehouse visited Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens. This was part of their curriculum, visiting new places and practising their social and communication skills. They also looked at lots of animals and talked about their habitats as part of their current topic. As always, the children made us so proud and had lots of fun.

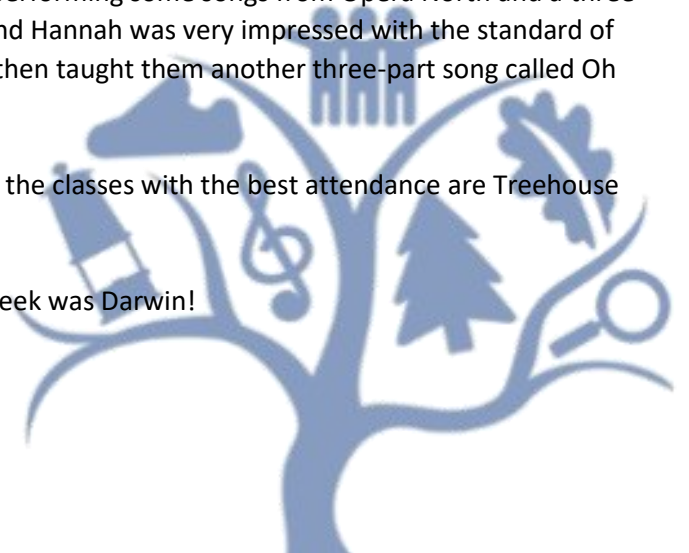


**Polling Day:** On Thursday, our nursery provision was used for polling day. We were very proud of how well our children adapted to the school environment. The children has lots of fun doing PE, forest school and exploring the nurture room.

**Music Workshop:** On Thursday, year 5 took part in a music workshop with Hannah Taylor from the Sunderland music Hub. The children took part in a vocal warm up before performing some songs from Opera North and a three-part harmony called Wish. They sang absolutely beautifully, and Hannah was very impressed with the standard of singing, especially as they are not easy songs to sing. Hannah then taught them another three-part song called Oh River, which sounded amazing echoing through the hall.

**Attendance:** This week, our overall attendance is 95.25% and the classes with the best attendance are Treehouse with a fantastic 100%! Followed closely by 1AP with 99.07%.

**House Points:** The winning house with the most points this week was Darwin!



**Snacks:** Just a quick reminder that if your child would like a snack at break, this should be a healthy snack such as piece of fruit. Thank you for your support regarding this.

**Year 5 and 6 Mobile Phones:** Pupils should only bring their mobile phones into school if they are walking home alone. If they are usually collected by an adult or picked up early to attend an appointment, then their phone should not be brought in.

**PE Lessons:** Children can wear their PE kit to school on the day. This should be a plain white t-shirt, black jogging bottoms/leggings and trainers. 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 as there is still a chill in the air.

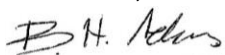
Week Commencing 6 <sup>th</sup> May		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday		Year 6
Tuesday	Treehouse	Year 2
Wednesday		Reception
Thursday	Year 3	5RN
Friday		Year 4 5DF Swimming

**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 6 <sup>th</sup> May		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday		
Tuesday		RAM
Wednesday	Treehouse	2MA
Thursday		Year 4
Friday	1ES	

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	Amelia M James B
Reception	RSC/MO	Ivy D Edward D
	RAM	Junior S Elsie C
One	1AP	Thomas P Jude B
	1ES	Sylvia HF Sean W
Two	2FM	Sorch G Lewis P
	2MA	Lilly-Mae C Jayden L
Three	3MS	Poppy H Lilly H
	3JW	Jack R Emilia-Grace H
Four	4AF	Mohammed A Alfie K
	4BK	Scarlett R Alice D
Five	5RN	Charlie F Evan M
	5DF	Ella W Alfred R
Six	6PP	Orla T Theo
	6LM	Griffin T Lily W
The Treehouse	TSK	Mia J
	TNP	Matthew H

**Head of School Award:** This week, three pupils from year 6 have been awarded a certificate for achieving 100% on a set of SAT practice papers: Charlie S and Ellie C achieved this for maths, and Robas I achieved this in SPaG. Congratulations!!

# JFK Superstars

**JFK Superstars:** We have lots of superstars this week – I have been blown away by the achievements I have received. Keep them coming in!

Well done to Dixie (yr2) for achieving her red belt in kickboxing at the weekend.



Peter (yr2) completed a swimathon at the weekend where he completed a 400m swim in 23 minutes 48 seconds and raised £415 for cancer research! This is an amazing achievement Peter, well done!

Imogen (yr1) won silver in the Floor Competitions Championships at Deerness Gymnastics on Saturday. Well done Imogen!



Emily (yr6) has recently achieved her black belt in Taekwondo. Well done Emily!

Wesley (yr3) has recently been awarded a green belt from his kickboxing club – and he is the youngest green belt in the club's history! A fantastic achievement Wesley!



Well done to Bella (yr4) who took part in the Deerness floor and championship competition last weekend – where she placed 1<sup>st</sup> in her solo routine. On Sunday, she performed her first acro partnership as a trio. They were fantastic and the girls placed 2<sup>nd</sup>. Well done!



# Football News

**School Football Team:** On Monday, the school football team took part in the Alan Grimes County Cup at Easington Colliery Primary School. The first game of the event was against the hosts, Easington Colliery. This was an end to end battle with both teams going close, however, both goalkeepers performed very well with the game finishing 0-0.

The second game saw JFK take on Cleadon Primary School. This was another tight contest, which saw both teams having to defend well. In the final moments, Alfie A saw a long-range effort go just over the crossbar. The game ending 0-0.

The final game was against East Boldon. This was a very tough game against some strong opposition. Just before half time, East Boldon were able to take the lead with a lucky bounce of the ball falling to their player at the back post. JFK showed great determination and dominated the second half, seeing chances go just wide of the post. Lennox B had the best chance of the second half, however, was denied by some great goalkeeping.

Well done to everyone that took part in the County Cup. They showed fantastic attitudes throughout!

**Girls Football Team:** On Tuesday, the girl's football team took part in their final set of league fixtures with their eyes set on winning the league title. To start the evening, they played a friendly game against Holley Park. This was a match that JFK completely dominated from start to finish. Ella Mae was able to slip past her defender, poking the ball past the keeper to give JFK the lead before she quickly doubled her tally moments later. An own goal on the stroke of half time saw JFK go into the break 3-0 up. The girls continued where they left off in the second half, two fantastic strikes from Amelia T and Holly R wrapped up the 5-0 victory.

The final game of the season saw the girls take on George Washington. This was a very close contest with both teams having chances. The best chance of the first half fell to Lucy H, who saw her brilliant effort saved by the keeper. The second half saw the opposition create chances of their own but each time were prevented by the defending of Amelia T, Mia R and Ella W. JFK had a couple of long range efforts that went inches past the post but were unable to break the deadlock. The game finishing 0-0. The draw gave JFK enough points to confirm their place as WPSFA Girls League Champions! An amazing achievement, being the first JFK girls' team to do so. Not only that, they went the entire league campaign unbeaten - scoring a brilliant 23 goals and conceding only 4 along the way. A superb effort from all that played this year. We are very proud of them! On Thursday evening, the girls had the opportunity to play in the final of the WPSFA Girls' Trophy after qualifying for the final back in March. The first game of the night was against Wessington. This was a strong performance by JFK, who were able to show their talent with and without the ball. Holly R was able to beat her defender before rifling an effort into the bottom corner to give JFK the lead. Brilliant defending as a team saw the team secure the victory.



The second game of the night saw JFK take on Rickleton. This was a very close contest between two very good sides. JFK were able to break the deadlock, Amelia T showing her strength to battle off two defenders before her astonishing long-range effort from the half way line flew into the top corner. The lead did not last for long as on the stroke of half time, Rickleton were able to equalise. At the start of the second half, Rickleton were able to take the lead scoring two goals in quick succession. JFK did not let their heads go down and continued to carve chances. While going for goals to try and get back into the game, Rickleton were able to counter attack - taking a 3-1 lead before scoring again the final seconds to take the 4-1 win.



Our final game of the evening was against Our Lady Queen of Peace. A brilliant first half performance from Darcy G in goal was able to keep the score level going into half time. During the second half, Mia R showed good determination to win the ball back and did not give the opposition any room to work with. Holly R and Amelia T saw efforts go just wide of the post and the game finished 0-0.

A great showing by JFK girls as they finished third in the Girls' Trophy, they can be very proud with their efforts during this competition.