

# John F. Kennedy Primary School

## The Buzz Newsletter



Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

**World Maths Day:** On Wednesday, it was great to see all the pupils enthused around maths. They took part in several activities, both inside the class and outside in the environment, to solve various maths puzzles and questions. I also hope you managed to solve the problems that were posted across the day on our Facebook page. Thanks must go to Mrs Pearce for organising the day at school, and to all the staff for creating the activities for the pupils. Please have a look at our Facebook page for photos of the day.

**Treehouse Visits:** This week, all our Treehouse pupils went out for the morning to continue to develop their life skills. Our younger pupils in Hedgehog and Fox classes walked to The Galleries, bought items for a cooking activity, and then asked and paid for their own ticket to travel on public transport. Our older pupils in Squirrel class went to Seaburn Park to develop their turn-taking skills using different play equipment and challenged themselves to try new things. They showed excellent resilience and encouraged each other.



**Forest School:** On Thursday, our year 4 pupils stepped in a time machine and became Vikings. During the morning, they created Viking runes using natural resources, and they also tried a traditional Viking recipe of porridge made from oats and barley, finished with dried fruit and honey. In the afternoon, they had the chance to create their own Viking weapons such as swords, spears and shields, whilst some of them even had a go at creating their very own Viking longboats. What a great themed day and help support our ethos of learning outside the classroom. For photos of the whole day, please have a look at our school Facebook page.

**World Autism Day:** Next Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April, our school will be celebrating World Autism Awareness Day. On this day, children can come into school wearing the colour **blue**. Autism is a condition that affects the way some people think, feel and experience the world around them. To raise awareness in school, children will be focusing on PHSE linked to the book 'Leo and the Octopus'. Through this book, we will learn more about friendship, understanding and how we can support people with additional needs.



**JFK Superstar:** Last weekend, Ernest S (6LM) attended a dance competition at The Point in Sunderland. He did amazingly well, picking up not one but two trophies and two medals! He came 1st in slow, 3rd in fast and 2nd pairs. What an achievement - well done Ernest!



**House Points:** The winner of this week is Franklin.

**Attendance:** This week our attendance is 93.53%, and our running total since the start of the term has now dropped to 93.95%. This is significantly below the government attendance targets of 96+%. The class with the highest attendance in Key Stage 1 was 2MA and in Key Stage 2 it was 3GB. These classes will be rewarded with an additional break time next week.

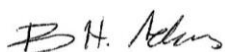
Class	Nurs	RAM	RES	1AP	1MT	2JW	2MA	3DF
Attendance	86.11	93.81	93.00	93.46	92.73	95.60	96.92	96.67
Class	3GB	4AF	4BK	5MA	5RN	6LM	6PP	TH
Attendance	97.67	93.21	91.85	96.60	94.38	89.62	95.36	94.58

**Girls Football:** On Thursday, the girls' football team competed in their final games of the 2024-25 season. These games were in the Girls Trophy. The first game saw the team take on Blackfell. This was a tight contest, with both teams battling well for the ball in the middle of the park. Ella Mae R had the best chance to open the scoring for JFK - her low strike forcing a good save from the opposition keeper. In the final minute of the game, Blackfell were able to find a winner with a good finish into the bottom corner. The second game of the night saw the team take on Holley Park. Holley Park started off strong, finding themselves 2-0 up in the opening five minutes. In the second half, JFK were able to carve out a few chances, however, were unable to beat the opposition goalkeeper. The game finishing 3-0 to Holley Park.

A massive well done to all the girls who took part this year: Darcy G, Lucy H, Ella W, Mia R, Ella Mae R, Georgia T, Emily May M, Olivia B and Grace N. They have been a pleasure to work with and it has been lovely to see such positive attitudes throughout the year.

**Free School Meals:** I sent a letter out to all parents last week regarding applying for Free School Meals. Just to remind all parents, if you apply before 31<sup>st</sup> March and are successful, this free school meal continues throughout the whole phase of education for your child. From 1<sup>st</sup> April, there is a change of rules, and regular eligibility checks will be needed to determine if your child is eligible. If anyone thinks they may be eligible, I am advising you to apply before the end of the month.

Have a lovely weekend.



Mr B. Adams - Head of School





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# Stars of the Week



Year Group	Class	Star of the Week
Nursery	NAO	Isabelle A Sadie W
	RAM	Lochlan M Mila H
Reception	RES	Aida S Lockie B
	1AP	Tuba I Noah D
One	1MT	Emilia F-L Kane C
	2MA	Alana R Ashton A
Two	2JW	Harlow D Max F
	3DF	Charlotte T Edith R
Three	3GB	Nancy H Joseph C
	4AF	Joe E Maddison M
Four	4BK	Jessica B Jacob K
	5RN	Dane L Lincoln P
Five	5MA	Demi-Leigh B Olivia B
	6PP	Heidi S Lleyton P
Six	6LM	Lucas S Layla L
	TLC	Mia J
Treehouse	TNP	Conroy K

**Head of School Award** – Georgia T in year 6 has been an amazing role model this week. She has always given 100% to all her work, and has been supportive to others. Well done, Georgia!

# 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: 31 <sup>st</sup> March		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year 4 (swimming)	
Tuesday		Year 2
Wednesday	Reception	Year 3
Thursday	Treehouse	
Friday		Year 6 5RN - PE 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.

Week Commencing: 31 <sup>st</sup> March		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday		Reception class
Tuesday		
Wednesday	Treehouse	
Thursday		
Friday		1MT

