

John F. Kennedy Primary School

The Buzz Newsletter



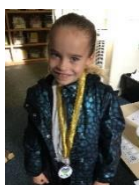
20th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe that today is the last day of the half-term. It hardly seems like 2 minutes since we opened the gates at the start of September to welcome all the children in for a new year at John F Kennedy. It has been lovely speaking to lots of you at both parent's evenings and I hope you enjoyed looking through your child's books and hearing about their progress.

SafetyWorks: Yesterday, year six enjoyed a visit to SafetyWorks in Newcastle. They were able to participate in a range of interactive sessions where they learned about everyday hazards and how to prevent them. The pupils got to learn about safety around travelling on the Metro, road safety, water safety (from the R.N.L.I.) and fire safety. All pupils enjoyed a well-being session where they re-capped the five ways to wellbeing and participated in a range of techniques to support breathing, relaxation and mindfulness. Our year six pupils were extremely well-behaved, participated brilliantly and asked excellent questions throughout the visit. They were a credit to the school.

JFK Superstar: After joining the Elite team for gymnastics, Bella was participating in her second-floor strip competition. I was so impressed to here Bella was awarded 1st place! After receiving the score sheet for the entire day, Bella's coach informed her mam and dad that she had received the third-highest score out of 185 gymnasts – this is amazing Bella, well done!



Year 2 Superstars: Nancy and Evelyn in Year 2 both showcased their fantastic talents over the weekend. Evelyn, dazzled the audience at The Customs House, performing cheerleading stunts with her teammates. Meanwhile, Nancy participated in a gymnastics competition and came away with a well-deserved medal. Well done girls!

Christmas Card Competition: Across school, the children have been designing the front of a Christmas card for Sharon Hodgson MP's annual competition. We were blown away by the fantastic designs we received from all ages. The school council have been busy selecting three winners to be sent to Sharon Hodgson MP. These will now enter a wider competition to be on the cover of the MP's Christmas card. We are thrilled to announce the three winning entries are:



Sophia H 4BK



Tilly R 3JW



Hallie W (N)

Attendance: This week, our attendance is 92.39%. The class with the best attendance this week is nursery with 97.96%. Our attendance over for the first half of the autumn term is 93.59%.

House Points: After counting all points awarded, this week's winning house is Franklin. Congratulations! The house with the most points so far this year overall is Franklin – can another house take over the overall total in the lead up to Christmas?

School Photographer: We had lots of smiley children in the hall this week! Just a polite reminder that any photographs you wish to buy need to be ordered directly with Tempest. In order to have your photographs delivered to school free of charge they need to be ordered by noon on Monday 30th October. Orders placed after this time will incur a postage cost.

Halloween: All children are welcome to attend school on Tuesday 31st October in Halloween costume.

Halloween Raffle: Congratulations to Lucy W (year 5), who won the spook-tacular hamper earlier today! Thank you to everyone who purchased a raffle ticket

Halloween Disco: Just a polite reminder that tickets for the Halloween discos can be purchased via ParentPay. Tickets cost £1.50, which includes a bag of crisps and a drink. Fancy dress is optional. EYFS pupils will take part in activities during the school day on Tues 31st October.

Flu Immunisations: A quick reminder that the flu immunisations will take place in school on 30th October for all children in school years reception to year 6. **Please use the following link, by 24th October**, to complete either a consent or refusal form for the vaccinations. The link contains additional information such as FAQs about the vaccination: <https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/7f354362>. If you have any problems accessing the link, please telephone 0333 358 3397. **Please be aware if you do not complete the consent form by 24th October, your child will not be able to have their flu immunisation in school.**

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. A jumper can also be worn. At this time of year, PE may still be held on the yard or field depending on the weather.

Week Commencing 30 th October		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year 4 swimming Year 1	Year 6 Year 2
Tuesday	Treehouse	
Wednesday	Nursery	Reception
Thursday	Year 3	Year 5 (5DF)
Friday	Treehouse swimming	Year 5 swimming (5RN) Year 4

Forest School: Please send your child into school dressed appropriately for their session – long sleeves, 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 supply spare clothing/shoes on the day.

Week Commencing 30 th October		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Treehouse	
Tuesday		
Wednesday		4AF and 4BK
Thursday	2FM	Nursery
Friday	1AP	

Washington Mind: Washington Mind have teamed up with Washington Village in Bloom to create a Halloween Holiday Trail. If you are interested, please contact Washington Mind:

Breakfast and After School Club: Please use the following link to book your child into Breakfast and After School Club for week commencing 30th October – [B & ASC Booking Form](#). It is important that the booking form is completed every week. Please ensure you advise staff of any dietary requirements your child may have.



Have a lovely half term, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 30th October.

Best wishes,

Mr B Adams
Head of School

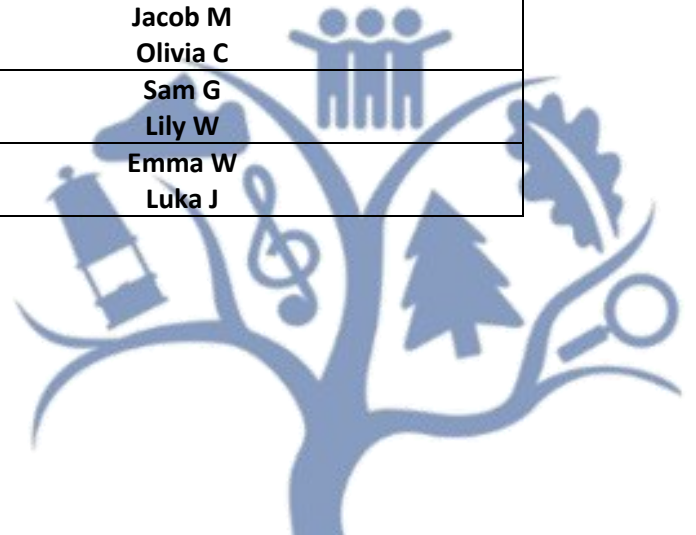


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Stars of the Week

Year Group	Class	Star of the Week
Nursery	NAO	Harlow M James B
Reception	RSC/BG	Alex S Frankie P
	RAM	Maisie L Albie L
One	1AP	Georgina H Reuben D
	1ES	Freya D Jack M
Two	2FM	Irada E Harry F
	2IT	Archie H Dixie P
Three	3MS	Sofia S Jessica B
	3JW	Lexi K Ronin S
Four	4AF	Alice L Lincoln P
	4BK	Bonnie P Bella P
Five	5RN	Thea C Lucas S
	5DF	Evie J Elliot S
Six	6PP	Jacob M Olivia C
	6LM	Sam G Lily W
The Treehouse	TSK TNP	Emma W Luka J



Football News

Girl's Football: On Tuesday, the girl's football team took part in their third round of league fixtures. The first game of the night was against the hosts, Rickleton. The girls started brilliantly, straight after kick off Amelia T got the ball and parted the defence with an amazing pass through to Lily W, who was able to put JFK in the lead in under 30 seconds. Despite playing 6v7, the girls were dominant and carved chance after chance. Midway into the second half, Lily W doubled her tally and our lead - scoring directly from a corner. Mia R and Ella W showed another defensive masterclass, restricting Rickleton to very few touches in our half. Darcy G did really well in goal, confidently claiming all crosses put into her box.

Our second game of the night was against Springwell. Once again, the girls were dominant and started the scoring early. Holly R was able to slot the ball past the goalkeeper into the bottom corner to put us ahead. The girls doubled their lead through Lily W, going into half time 2-0 up. Deep into the second half, Amelia T dribbled past several defenders before confidently finishing past the goalkeeper securing a 3-0 win for JFK.

Taking the maximum number of points and maintaining their unbeaten run, sees the girls sit top of the table going into the midseason break. The league season for the girls will resume in spring but before then we look forward to competing in the Autumn Cup and Futsal league. Well done to everyone who played!

School Football Team: On Thursday, the school football travelled to Rickleton to play three fixtures, with the first being against George Washington. This was a textbook end to end game with both sides having many chances to break the deadlock. Midway into the second half, George Washington broke free and had the best chance of taking the lead but were stopped by an amazing last-ditch tackle by Alfie A. The game finished 0-0.

The second game of the evening saw the team take on the hosts, Rickleton. JFK had a couple of early chances but were unable to take the lead. Midway into the first half, Rickleton were awarded a penalty - which they converted taking a 1-0 lead. JFK didn't let this get to them and showed great determination to get back into the game. Rickleton doubled their lead with minutes remaining, the game ending 2-0 to Rickleton.

The final game of the evening was against Barmston. Both teams started off strong with chances early on. Lennox B went very close, forcing the Barmston goalkeeper to make a couple of good saves. Barmston were awarded a penalty, however, an attacking player encroaching into the box before the ball was kicked resulted in a free kick the other way. In the last minute of the game, a corner met the head of Sam M but went inches wide of the post.

A brilliant effort by all involved. Well done!

