

John F. Kennedy Primary School

The Buzz Newsletter



16th June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a glorious week of weather! Hopefully the beginning of a lovely summer. Thank you to everyone who has been making sure that your child has been coming to school with a water bottle and a hat. It has been very busy in school as we have had Nature Week, which was organised by Miss Newsome. The pupils have enjoyed visits from various organisations and had the opportunity to use our grounds to explore nature further.

Year Six Derwent Hill Residential: Last weekend, our year six pupils had a wonderful time at the Lake District for their end of year residential. The pupils enjoyed completing a range of activities: gorge walking, canoeing, high ropes challenge as well as the big swing. It was lovely to see them encouraging one another as they completed the activities in addition to overcoming fears – the big swing is quite high! I hope you managed to follow their weekend on Facebook; the photographs look fantastic and really capture the excellent time that was had by all. A huge thank you to all the staff who went at the weekend to support the children on this residential because without their dedication, this trip could not have taken place.



Nature Week: What a brilliant week we have had!

Nature week began with a visit from Heather, from a company called Wild Intrigue. The Year 5 children really enjoyed working with her to investigate the wildlife in our school grounds. That afternoon, Year 3 had a visit from the charity - Pawz for thought. The children were very excited to meet a baby gull, a baby kittiwake and a hedgehog. I know the children picked up lots of valuable tips to help protect these creatures.

On Tuesday, Year 4 worked with John from Durham Wildlife Trust to complete a wildlife tag trail which was great fun! They were also busy recording the species that live around our fields. The final visitors to our school, on Thursday, were Kate (from the Hancock Museum) and Fiona and Paul (from the Environmental Records Information office). They brought in sweep nets and other bug collecting equipment to work with groups of children to survey the forest area. KS2 children also benefited from three assemblies about how to enjoy and care for wildlife in our area. A huge thank you to all the organisations that have made our week such a success!

Throughout the week, children across the school have also been checking for evidence of hedgehogs in the school grounds! Using a hedgehog tunnel left in the grounds overnight, children from Years One to Three were delighted to find hedgehog footprints, the next morning, as evidence of our night-time visitors! Year Four will check their results on Monday morning. We can't wait to see what has happened over the weekend.

To support the creatures in our area, Year Two made bottle bird feeders and Year Four made fruit kebabs for the birds. Year Six, have produced some detailed maps to show how we can improve biodiversity on our site. Throughout the week, children across the school have produced fantastic report writing, artwork and design technology projects. There are so many to mention, but I know that Year One really enjoyed their making smoothies and Nursery children created dens as part of their wild challenge.

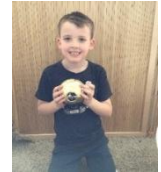
Finally, there have been some excellent entries in our wildlife photo competition! Remember to hand entries in by next Friday. Good luck!

Father's Days Forest Fun: Nursery are extremely excited to celebrate Father's Day in forest school style. It will be great to welcome the children's dads, uncles, grandads, or someone who is special to them! The sessions will run on Wednesday 21st June at 1:30 at 9:45-11am and Thursday 22nd June at 1-2:30pm. All children should have been given an allocated date and time. Please send children into school wearing appropriate forest school wear and comfortable shoes. We can't wait share the fun in forest with our special people.

JFK Superstars: Lessons: This week, we once again have lots of superstars to share with you...



Charlotte (1ES) received a medal last week from gymnastics. She had to do a forward roll on the beam and spin forwards and backwards on the bar. Excellent work, Charlotte!



Oliver C (1ES) won a trophy at football. Oliver got his trophy for training hard, being a good team player and being kind to everyone involved. He likes to play centre forward because he can score goals. Well done, Oliver!

Scarlett from The Treehouse enjoyed her first horse show last weekend. She performed brilliantly and received 6 rosettes! She is very proud of herself and is looking forward to the next one. Well done, Scarlett.



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 is generally now on the yard or field depending on the weather.

Week Commencing 19 th June		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year 4 swimming Year 1	Year 2
Tuesday		Year 6
Wednesday		
Thursday	Year 3	Year 5
Friday	Reception Treehouse swimming	Year 5 swimming (5RN)

Forest School: Please send your child into school dressed appropriately for their session – long sleeves and trousers still need to be worn during the summer (you may wish to send in wellies and a waterproof coat in case of weather changes). 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.

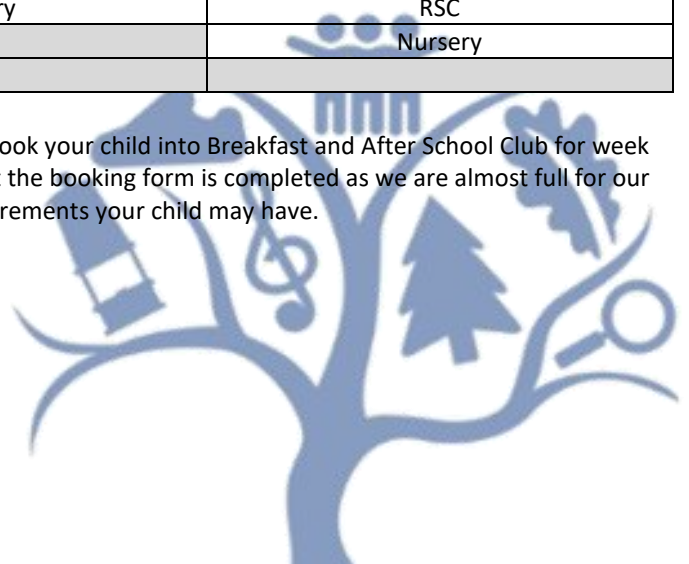
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Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Treehouse	4AF
Tuesday	3MA	1MS
Wednesday	Nursery	RSC
Thursday		Nursery
Friday		

Breakfast and After School Club: Please use the following link to book your child into Breakfast and After School Club for week commencing 19th June – [B & ASC Booking Form](#). It is important that the booking form is completed as we are almost full for our pupil/staff ratio. Please ensure you advise staff of any dietary requirements your child may have.

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	Elsie C Oscar B
Reception	RSC	Jake A Joshua
	RAM	Darcie P Georgina H
One	1ES	Rihannon F Oliver C
	1MS	Peter B Can Y
Two	2MA	Maisie C Blake H-F
	2FM	Isla Y Ava S
Three	3BM	Ernest H Emelia B
	3MA	Mia W Lewis M
Four	4AF	Grace N Adam W
	4IT	Layla L Sam S
Five	5RN	Griffin T Kara E
	5DF	James P Amelia B
Six	6PP	All of the children who attended the Derwent Hill residential.
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The Treehouse	TSK	Dominic and Jayden – A wonderful trip to Derwent Hill!
	TNP	Lily S

