

John F. Kennedy Primary School

The Buzz Newsletter

14th July 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy week it has been in school. We have had a show, a music concert, a summer fayre, a leavers lunch, a sports day, and a class visit to Biddick. This is as well as normal lessons in class.

Oliver: This week, our year 6 pupils performed a show to family and friends. To say I was proud would be an understatement – ‘Oliver’ was amazing! All the children gave 100% across both performances, and judging by the raucous reception at the end, the audience thoroughly enjoyed the show. Huge thanks must go to staff across the school to help the show be a success. However, the final thanks must go to the stars of the show, who performed a show that will live long in the memory. Please see our Facebook page for images of the cast.

Year 6: This week, one of the traditions of school continued, as the year 6 staff team served the pupils a leaver’s lunch in the school hall. As always, the kitchen staff created a lovely selection of food for the children to choose from.

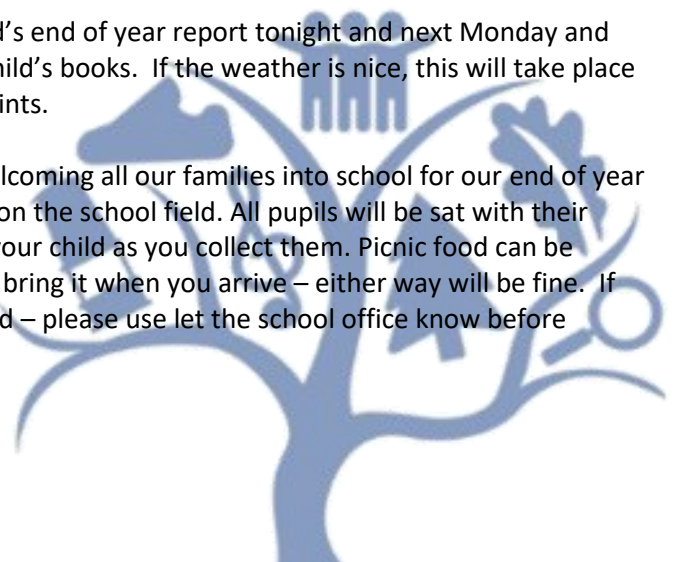
Musical Talent: Well done to all our pupils in KS2, who were able to share their amazing skills in the concert on Wednesday. During the show, we were treated to guitars, brass, woodwind and our year 5 singers. Huge thanks to Mr Smith, Mr Toms, Mrs Fort and Miss Newsome for making it such a success. Unfortunately, due to an unavoidable last-minute cancellation by their music teacher, our strings group were unable to perform, however, they will be back next time.

Summer Fayre: On Thursday, the yard and field was very busy after school, as our summer fayre was in full swing. Everybody enjoyed a variety of stalls and games, which were run by staff and local businesses. The total raised so far is over a staggering £1350 - and we still have more coins to count! This money will be used as we continue to raise funds for our outdoor environment. Look out for photos of the fayre on our Facebook page.

Year 5: On Thursday, our year 5 pupils were invited to Biddick Academy to watch the school production of Shrek. Everybody really enjoyed the show, and Mrs Fort said that it was lovely to see some of our ex-pupils on stage in some of the roles.

Reports/Open Afternoon: You will all have received your child’s end of year report tonight and next Monday and Tuesday, you will have the opportunity to look through your child’s books. If the weather is nice, this will take place on the middle yard and staff will be available to discuss any points.

Family Picnic: Next Wednesday, we are looking forward to welcoming all our families into school for our end of year celebration afternoon picnic. The picnic will begin at 12:30pm on the school field. All pupils will be sat with their class, where they can be collected: we will ask you to sign for your child as you collect them. Picnic food can be brought in by the children on the morning, or you may wish to bring it when you arrive – either way will be fine. If any child would like a school packed lunch, this can be arranged – please use let the school office know before Wednesday.



Shelter in a Box: Following the tragic earthquakes in Turkey at the start of the year, we were approached by The Rotary Club of Washington to see if we would like to support the Shelter Box Disaster Appeal. Our school raised £600 towards this cause, and on Monday the Chairman and President of The Rotary Club of Washington came into school to present us with a 'Certificate of Fundraising Excellence'. Some members of our School Council welcomed them into school to receive the certificate and find out a bit more about the appeal and how the money was used.



PE/Swimming/Forest School: Year 4 will attend their final swimming sessions for this year on Monday 17th July as normal. There will be no forest school or PE next week due to various other activities going on.

Exciting Opportunity: We currently have vacancies in school for Lunchtime Supervisors. If you, or anyone you know, would be interested in joining our school please contact the school office to request an application form.

Washington Community Food Project: This summer, the WCFP will be offering free packed lunches to all local nursery, primary and secondary school children. These lunches may be collected from their main outlet Unit O (opposite Virgin Money) in The Galleries. Collection days will be every Tuesday, Wednesday Thursday or Friday between 12pm & 3pm, throughout the summer holidays.

Raring2go! Sunderland: The summer magazine from Raring2go! Is now available via the following link: <https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/sunderland/summer2023/> It covers events and activities throughout July and August which may be of interest to some of our families.

Reminder: The last day of the school year is Thursday 20th July due to an INSET day on Friday.

Breakfast and After School Club: Please use the following link to book your child into Breakfast and After School Club for week commencing 17th July – [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



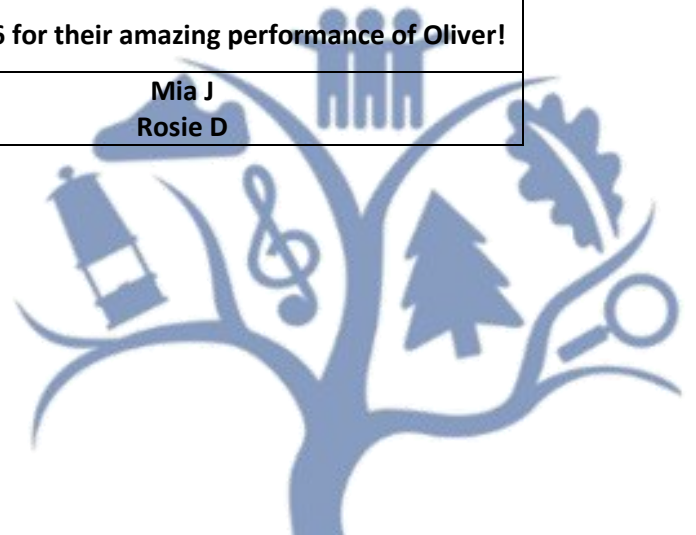


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Stars of the Week

Year Group	Class	Star of the Week
Nursery	NAO	Elliot A Lilli R
Reception	RSC	Cecil R Jack
	RAM	Alana R David S
One	1ES	Travis H Daniel W
	1MS	Lia May B Sorch G
Two	2MA	Lilith P Tilly R
	2FM	Lacey-Mae B Sofia S
Three	3BM	Bobby J Katie C
	3MA	Norah R Teddy C
Four	4AF	Henry A Ella-Mae R
	4IT	Georgia T Ayden T
Five	5RN	Emily T Carter R
	5DF	Jacob M Annabelle R
Six	6PP	All of Year 6 for their amazing performance of Oliver!
	6LM	
The Treehouse	TSK	Mia J Rosie D
	TNP	



JFK SUPERSTARS

This week we have a few JFK Superstars to share with you:

Lucy W, Ben G, Aiden M and Evan M all play for the under 9's cricket team at Washington Cricket Club. This was their 1st season they have played together, and they won a match against Littletown at the weekend. They are coming together as a team really well and give lots of support to each other. I'm looking forward to hearing about more achievements as you continue playing!



Frankie P took part in her first dance show on the stage at The Empire in Sunderland, with Trish and Trina's Dance Studio, at the weekend. All the dancers did amazing throughout the show.

Poppy H has recently passed her a Yellow Award with Washington Gymnastics. This is an amazing achievement Poppy, well done!

