

John F. Kennedy Primary School

The Buzz Newsletter



29th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another great week in school. The pupils have taken part in lots of interesting lessons and completed some good quality work. Year 6 have also had a try at some SAT papers, and I have been very impressed with their scores and results. All the children continue to set the bar very high!

Macmillan Coffee Morning: It was lovely to see family and friends at our coffee morning today. I hope you enjoyed the variety of tasty treats that were donated by pupils in school, we have some very talented bakers in our JFK family! Thank you for your generosity to this very worthy cause, we will confirm the amount raised once this has been counted.



JFK Superstar: Last weekend, Ella-Mae travelled to Birmingham to compete in the NDP finals gymnastics competition. It took place in the main arena and there were thousands of people there. Ella-Mae came 16th in her category for the whole of Great Britain. What an amazing achievement!

School Council: Election fever has been in the air around school over the last week, as each year group have been voting for their council representative. Well done to all the pupils who put themselves forward for the role, and I can't wait to work with the group this year. Thank you to Mr Smith and Mrs Cooper for continuing to organise the school council.

Washington Mind: On Tuesday, our elected school council children from Key Stage 2 and the Treehouse were lucky enough to be invited to explore the garden at Washington Mind with Tom from The Durham Wildlife Trust. The children learned lots about how we can all help our local wildlife to survive and thrive. We can't wait to help develop the garden and this session is the first of many planned across the academic year as we continue to strengthen our link with Washington Mind.

Nursery's Special Visitor: Yesterday, our nursery children found a wounded baby wood pigeon in the outdoor area. The children showed empathy and care towards the small bird, and we decided as a class to ring the RSPCA for some help. We followed the medical advice and kept the bird warm and safe and checked on the bird regularly. At the end of the school day, we contacted PAWS 4 THOUGHT for further assistance. Our nursery children are now aware of what to do if they find poorly wildlife in the local community.



Golf: On Wednesday, several of our pupils from the Treehouse went to Temple Park in South Shields to take part in a golf sports festival. They represented the school well and had a fantastic time learning new skills. The children collected points and some even managed to get a 'hole in one'!

Football: Last night, the league season continued with two games against Wessington and St. Joseph's on a very tricky pitch. Our opening match saw us play St. Joseph's with the team adapting to the difficult pitch, they improved steadily throughout the game with James P scoring with a terrific effort. Defending solidly, the team allowed no opportunities on our own goal while pushing for a second of their own but unfortunately it wasn't to come with the game ending 1-0. Our second and final match saw us play Wessington. The team played terrifically but were continually denied by some inspired goalkeeping. Pushing hard they eventually found the breakthrough with a move finished off by Lennox B. However, with only seconds remaining Wessington were able to score an equaliser, the match ending 1-1 as the unbeaten start to the season continues.

After School Clubs: I have loved walking around school this week at the end of the day and seeing so many children enjoying the clubs organised by our dedicated school staff. It is great to see the wide range of activities being offered this term including singing, playing board games, watching a film and being creative with LEGO.

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 2 nd October		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year 4 swimming 1AP	Year 6
Tuesday	Treehouse	Year 2
Wednesday		Reception
Thursday	Year 3	Year 5 (5RN)
Friday	Treehouse swimming	Year 5 swimming (5DF) Year 4

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 2 nd October		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Treehouse	
Tuesday		
Wednesday		4BK and 4AF
Thursday	2IT	
Friday	1AP	

Health and Safety: Can I please remind all adults that dogs are **not** allowed on the school grounds or fastened onto the school railings. This is for the safety of the school community. Unfortunately, we had to remove some dog poo from our yard this week, which was very disappointing. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Breakfast and After School Club: Please use the following link to book your child into Breakfast and After School Club for week commencing 2nd October – [B & ASC Booking Form](#).

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	Chesca H Hugo BS
Reception	RSC/MA	Ivy D Kayden B
	RAM	Imogen B Emilia F
One	1AP	Eve D Lilly N
	1ES	Emily C Katie H
Two	2FM	Honey D Henry P
	2IT	Sophia C Flynn W
Three	3MS	Jack H Olivia O
	3JW	Daniel C Willow B
Four	4AF	Jack B Heidi D
	4BK	Shyla C Amelie S
Five	5RN	James J Hope D
	5DF	Sam B Lucas S
Six	6PP	Ellie C Hannah L
	6LM	Eva R Griffin T
The Treehouse	TSK TNP	Conroy K Nathan McC

