

John F. Kennedy Primary School

The Buzz Newsletter



21st April 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to see everyone back at school after the Easter holidays, refreshed and eager to learn. With the nicer weather as well, the children have been relaxed during breaks, creating a great atmosphere with their friends.

Reception: This week, reception had an 'eggciting' arrival as ten chicken eggs were delivered to the classroom. The children have been very enthusiastic predicting, observing and journaling the life cycle of the chicks. They numbered the eggs 1-10, and everyone was thrilled that all ten eggs hatched successfully, and egg number five was the winning egg! The children are looking forward to watching them grow and develop.



Treehouse: The pupils have had great fun planting a range of seeds and bulbs this week and they are looking forward to watering them and watching them grow over the next few weeks. Hopefully they will add a spot of colour around the school.

JFK Superstars: This week we have not one, not two, but THREE superstars to share with you:

Our first superstar is Alfie (year 3) who competed in his first ever gymnastics competition over the weekend at Deerness Gymnastics Academy. Alfie came first in his group's category for the floor routine. He has shown real determination over the last 6 months and was over the moon to show off his gold medal to his fellow Raven Valley teammates. Well done, Alfie, I can't wait to hear about more competitions in the future!



Our second superstar is Brooke (year 2) who has also competed in a gymnastics competition on the 1st April. Brooke was amazing, achieving a score of 9.10. She came first out of 18 other competitors from 6 different gymnastics clubs. A fantastic achievement Brooke, well done!

Our third superstar is Eva (year 5) who raised £1047 doing a sponsored "wheelchair laps" event and held a fun day at The Forage. Some of the money raised went towards Easter gifts for a local old people's home and some went towards buying a caravan for The Little Onion club. The caravan will be converted into a class room to support children of all ages. Eva was published in the Sunderland Echo and will also make an appearance on the local news once the caravan conversion is completed.



Nursery: We're very proud of how well our new children have settled in this week. Our existing children have been kind and helped welcome the children in and show them the different areas in the environment. All of the children have enjoyed our new mini beast topic this week, and we've been on a bug hunt to find some creepy crawly friends!

School Council: At their first meeting of the term, the council discussed the parking situation outside the school. The Chairperson of the school council, Gracie, would like to pass on the following message:

“On Tuesday 18th of April, we were made aware, in a school council meeting that a number of people who own a vehicle have been parking on our school’s pavements and grass to collect and drop off their child. Please be mindful that our pavements are for pedestrians to walk on so that they can feel safe while walking outside of our school. We have spoken to a number of people – who are not feeling safe whilst walking to school – which is not right at all. Please spread this news to family members, friends or someone whose child goes to J.F.K Primary so that any parking that could be seen as inconsiderate can stop!”

Strike Action: The National Education Union has declared further strike action, which will take place on Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May. Please refer to my letter issued yesterday for further details as school will only be open to some pupils on these days.

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 24 th April		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year 4 swimming Year 1	Year 2
Tuesday		Year 6
Wednesday		Year 4
Thursday	Year 3	Year 5
Friday	Reception Treehouse swimming	Year 5 swimming (5RN)

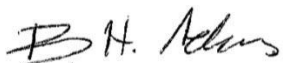
Forest School: Please send your child into school dressed appropriately for their session – long sleeves and trousers, wellies and a waterproof coat if possible. Forest School still takes place when raining, and we don’t want children sitting in class with wet clothes, so it would be useful to provide spare clothing/shoes on the day.

Week Commencing 24 th April		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Treehouse	4IT
Tuesday	3BM	1MS
Wednesday		RSC
Thursday	2MA	Nursery
Friday		

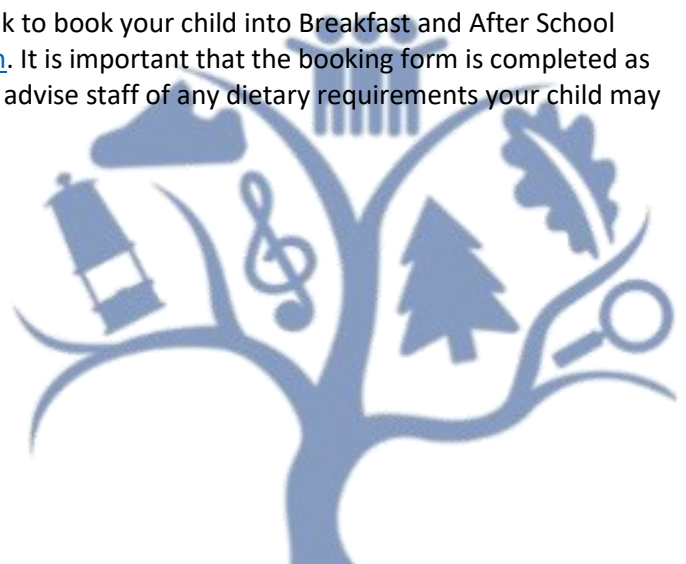
Breakfast and After School Club: Please use the following link to book your child into Breakfast and After School Club for week commencing 24th April – [B & ASC Booking Form](#). It is important that the booking form is completed as we are almost full for our pupil/staff ratio. Please ensure you advise staff of any dietary requirements your child may have.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,



Mr B Adams
Head of School



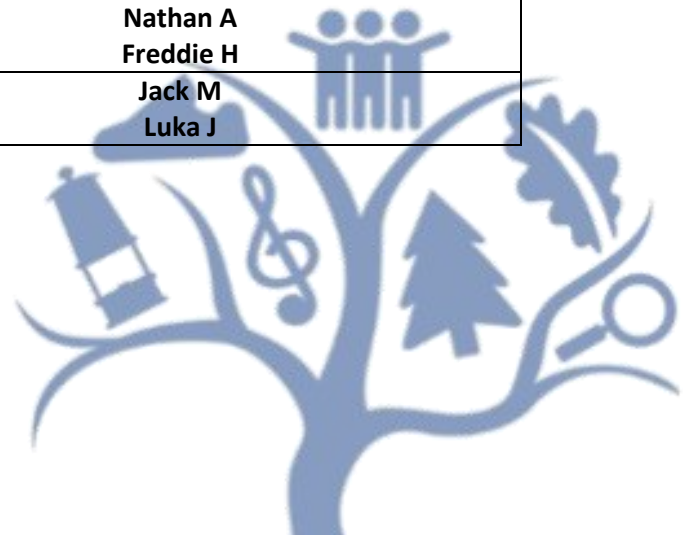


John F. Kennedy
Primary School



Stars of the Week

Year Group	Class	Star of the Week
Nursery	NAO	Noah D Hallie W
Reception	RSC	Teddy M Talia K
	RAM	Frankie B Jude B
One	1ES	Eleanor C Jayden L
	1MS	Bailey P Jodie H
Two	2MA	Lexi K Oliver R
	2FM	Jack H Thea G
Three	3BM	Shyla C Ben G
	3MA	Lucy R Flynn M
Four	4AF	Lucas S Lucy W
	4IT	William H Lilly-Rose M
Five	5RN	Heidi H Jayden S
	5DF	Lily L Jacob M
Six	6PP	Jack C Evelyn M
	6LM	Nathan A Freddie H
The Treehouse	TSK	Jack M
	TNP	Luka J



JFK SPORTS NEWS

School Football Team: It has been a busy week for football with the school football team and the year 4 team both competing this week in cups. Wednesday saw the school team competing in the Alan Grimes' County Cup at St Mary's Primary School. The boys started the evening against the hosts, showing brilliant attitude and determination throughout. Jack C had the best chance of the first half forcing a tremendous save from the St Mary's goalkeeper. The team continued their dominating performance carving out chance after chance but were unable to break the deadlock resulting in a 0-0 draw.

The second game was against Westoe Crown. The first half saw end to end action with both teams having chances. Billy B was able to open the scoring in the second half and quickly doubled his tally moments later. Westoe Crown were able to pull one back and could have equalised if not for a magnificent block by Harry G, the game finishing 2-1.

The final game was against St Margaret's, another end to end game that saw Jay B produce a number of good saves. St Margaret's were able to break through to score but the team didn't back down producing multiple opportunities, including Jack C hitting the crossbar from long range. Unfortunately, this result meant that we did not qualify to the final of the County Cup. We are extremely proud of the team for getting as far as they have and for producing a very high standard of football. Well done to everyone!

Year 4 Football: On Thursday, the year 4 team competed in the Washington Cup at Albany Village Primary School. The team had a spectacular start to the night against the hosts, winning 7-0 with five different goal scorers! Aaron B capitalised on a chance midway through the first half to put us in the lead. Two minutes later, Lennox B danced his way through a number of defenders before calmly slotting past the keeper. Lucas S then picked the ball up just past the half way line, beat his defender and scored a long range effort, giving the team a 3-0 lead going into half time. The second half continued as the first had left off, the team instantly creating chances. Lucas S doubled his tally with a brilliant strike into the top corner. Jenson T, who spent most of the game assisting others, was able to get one himself with a lovely finish past the goalkeeper. Joseph B found himself at the right place at the right time, pouncing on an opportunity to add himself to the scoresheet. With the last chance of the game, a corner from Lennox met the head of Lucas S before bouncing off a defender for an own goal to finish off the 7-0 win. The second game was a much tighter contest with Holley Park with both teams having chances early on. Just before half time, Holley Park were able to break through and score what would be the only goal of the game. The year 4's showed brilliant grit to try and find an equaliser, having the better of the chances in the second half. Lucas S went the closest to scoring but was denied by an excellent save from the Holley Park goalkeeper. Unfortunately, due to other results, the team were unable to progress to the next stage of the competition but they had represented the school extremely well. Well done to everyone who took part!

