

# John F. Kennedy Primary School

## The Buzz Newsletter



23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been another full week in school.

**Year 4 Residential:** Year 4 have had an amazing 2 days at Beamish – who knew you could stay overnight in an empty museum! During their visit, they got the chance to take part in various workshops, visit the entire site, as well as tuck-in to a tea from the chip shop and toast mallows on a campfire. Throughout the visit, the pupils were amazing and were a credit to the school. Huge thanks must go to Miss Fairless for organising the residential alongside all the other staff who gave up their time to make sure the pupils could experience this trip. Please see our school Facebook page for photos of the two days.

**EYFS Sponsored Walk:** Last Friday, EYFS took part in a sponsored walk to raise money for outdoor resources. We were overwhelmed by the number of families that took part in the event and want to say a huge thank you to you all for your support and participation. Even in the unbearable heat, children, parents and carers managed to complete lots of laps of the field and finished off the walk with a well-deserved picnic. We can't wait to total up the money raised, so if you haven't done so already, please can you return sponsorship money school by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. You can either drop it at the school office or give it to your child's class teacher.

**Nursery Father's Day Fun:** It was great to see such a fantastic turnout at both of our sessions this week. It was lovely to spend time with the children and families in the forest. We had lots of fun making water slides, swinging on the hammock and playing hide and seek. We were very impressed with the dens everyone built, it was great to watch the families work together to build them. Thank you for all your support and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

**JFK Sports Awards:** As a result of the continuous high quality of the PE provision within our school, this week we have proudly received two sports awards, to celebrate the exceptional effort of staff and students embracing and involving themselves in the PE curriculum and advocating healthy lifestyles. This year, the children have taken part in sporting festivals, competitions, and taster sessions, in addition to having more opportunities for physical activity in their learning than ever before, thanks to the inclusion of Teach Active in their curriculum. Each of the awards we have received have been developed to give credit to key physical education features, that are not always recognised in performance tables (health and wellbeing of pupils, sport and physical activity opportunities and community involvement) and to celebrate the success of the students in more than academic subjects. Thanks to our combined sporting efforts, we have been honoured to receive the Gold Award as part of the Great Active Sunderland Schools Charter and the Silver Award as part of the Your School Games Mark. We are incredibly proud and are excited to continue to promote healthy and active lifestyles for all our students and families in the future!

**GOLD**  
**active**  
**Sunderland**  
School 2022-23



**Year 6:** Just a reminder that next week, all pupils in year 6 will be completing 3 days transition (Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>) at their chosen secondary school. They should make their way directly to their new school at the start of each school day – they do not need to come to JFK first. We hope all our year 6 pupils enjoy the experience before they transition officially in September.

**Industrial Action:** You may be aware that teaching unions have planned industrial strike action for **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July** and **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July**. We are currently looking at staffing arrangements on these dates to determine what impact this will have on our school. We are also aware that there are some key events due to take place on these dates so these will be moved to an alternative date. We will get further information out to you regarding this, early next week.

**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 or shorts and trainers. It would be advisable to also have a hat/cap to help protect from the summer sun and make sure all pupils have a water bottle. At this time of year, PE is generally now on the yard or field depending on the weather.

Week Commencing 26 <sup>th</sup> June		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year 4 swimming Year 1	Year 2
Tuesday		
Wednesday		Year 4
Thursday	Year 3	Year 5
Friday	Reception Treehouse swimming	Year 5 swimming (5DF)

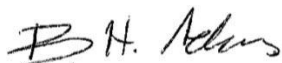
**Forest School:** You will have received a message on ParentPay regarding clothing expectations in the Forest School. This is to protect your child from scrapes on their bare skin. Please send your child into school dressed appropriately for their session – long sleeves and trousers, trainers or wellies 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 26 <sup>th</sup> June		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Treehouse	4IT
Tuesday	3BM	1ES
Wednesday	Nursery	RAM
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 26<sup>th</sup> 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	Jaxon L Oscar B
	RSC	Harry M Sylvia H
Reception	RAM	Jude B Thomas P
	1ES	Poppy L Aiden M
One	1MS	Jessica G Bailey P
	2MA	Joel M Maddison M
Two	2FM	Esme-Rose S Thea G
	3BM	Olivia B Dem-Leigh B
Three	3MA	Rosie B Hunter H
	4AF	All of 4AF
Four	4IT	All of 4IT
	5RN	Lily W Ben E
Five	5DF	Lily L Imogen G
	6PP	Jack B Evelyn M
Six	6LM	Gracie D Matthew S
	TSK TNP	Daniel M Daniel LP
The Treehouse		

