



24<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another busy week in school, with a range of activities, visits, opportunities, and amazing lessons being taught. There has been a lovely buzz around the building.

**Year 5:** On Monday, our pupils visited the Beacon of Light as part of their local history topic about mining. They took part in four activities: a heritage trail, a session with a former coal miner, a sports activity and the history of the SAFC club badge. Everyone enjoyed the visit, (even those who don't support Sunderland!), and on behalf of the school, I must thank the Foundation of Light for organising such a great event. Photos of the trip can be found on our school Facebook page.

**Parent Afternoon:** This week, parents of our Treehouse pupils were invited into school to take part in an afternoon of crafts relating to Easter. Each afternoon, the room has been full of chat and laughter as different activities have been completed. We hope that everyone who attended enjoyed themselves because we know that the staff and pupils certainly did.

**Year 4:** On Thursday, the boys and girls from year 4 had the fantastic opportunity to take part in some football taster sessions delivered by football coach, Gary Sykes, who is head coach at Washington AFC. He was extremely impressed with some of the skills shown and sporting attitude of everyone who was involved! The JFK girls' football team also participated in a session where they developed their skills and teamwork, ready for their next competition. Huge thanks to Gary for offering to work with the children, and also to Mr Smith who organised this in school.

**Football:** It has been an extremely busy week at school for our football teams (and Mr Titmus). So much so, that we have a special spots page this week to share all the wonderful news. I must say a huge congratulations to all pupils who have represented the school this week, but also to all staff, who have given up their time after school to provide these opportunities.

**JFK Superstar:** It has been a few weeks since I last shared great news about a pupil who has achieved something outside of school, but I have to let everyone know about Oscar. He has recently taken part in a 5K run for Bone Cancer Research Trust, where he raised an astonishing £267.50. This is amazing! Well done Oscar!



**Easter:** Next Thursday morning, (or Wednesday afternoon if your child is in year 2), we will be holding an Easter egg competition. All pupils are invited to bring in a hard-boiled egg and any extra decorations they may need for their creations. We will also have a range of materials that the pupils can use. All designs will be judged on Thursday evening and winners will be announced during assembly next Friday. We are all egg-cited to see the egg-cellent designs next week!

**Non-Uniform Day:** Next Friday, as it is the final day of the term, we are inviting all pupils to come to school in non-uniform. There is no donation associated with this.

**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 taking place in the school hall, however, some lessons are now on the yard or field depending on the weather.

Week Commencing 27 <sup>th</sup> March		
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. For Health and Safety reasons, earrings should not be worn, or if needed,

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Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Treehouse	3MA
Tuesday		4AF
Wednesday	Year 1 Forest Day – All Creature Great & Small Topic	
Thursday	2MA	
Friday	RSC	Year 6

**Easter Raffle:** We have 2 fabulous Easter prize hampers for our next raffle. Tickets cost £1.00 and the raffle will be drawn on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March. Please see the Payment Items section in ParentPay to enter the draw.



**Parking:** I know I keep mentioning this issue in the Buzz, but some cars are still parked outside the school on a morning or afternoon that either block the school gates or restrict the view around the crossing. I'm concerned that an accident is waiting to happen. We have contacted the necessary organisations and I am taking the issue to the school council to make it a school priority.

**HAF Easter Project:** Leisure United Washington Hub are working in partnership with Together For Children to help provide opportunities for children in the area looking for somewhere to go over the Easter Holidays. Session will be held at Washington Hub (NE37 3HR) on 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> of April 10am till 3pm. Please contact them on 0191 814 3367 if you are interested.

**Breakfast and After School Club:** Please use the following link to book your child into Breakfast and After School Club for week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> March – [B & ASC Booking Form](#). It is important that the booking form is completed each week as we are almost full for our pupil/staff ratio.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Mr B Adams  
Head of School





**John F. Kennedy**  
Primary School

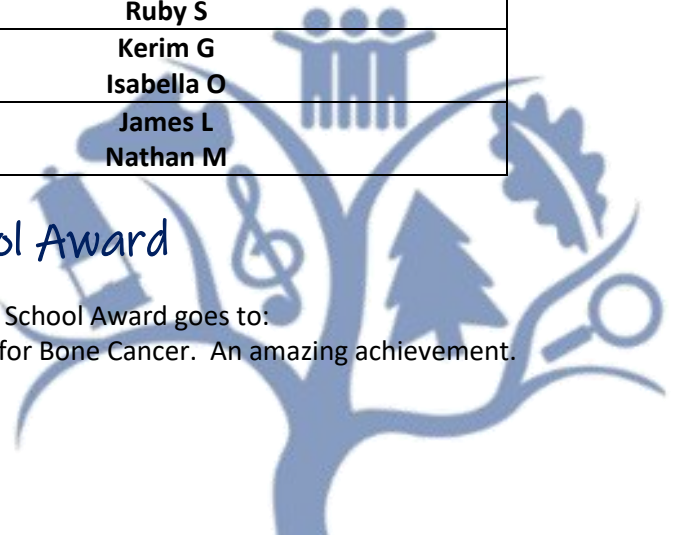


# Stars of the Week

Year Group	Class	Star of the Week
Nursery	NLM	Logan S Asher S
	RSC	Emily C Sean W
Reception	RAM	Ashton A David S
	1ES	Louie H Freddie M
One	1MS	Nina A Harrison G
	2MA	Brooke M Keira M
Two	2FM	Thea G Jackson B-M
	3BM	Katie C Amelia S
Three	3MA	Callum L Calvin T
	4AF	Joseph B Isabelle H
Four	4IT	Charlie F James J
	5RN	Evelina Y Henry C
Five	5DF	Imogen G Zak H
	6PP	Emily C Ruby S
Six	6LM	Kerim G Isabella O
	TSK TNP	James L Nathan M
The Treehouse		

## Head of School Award

This week, Mr. Adams' Head of School Award goes to:  
Oscar B in year 3 for his excellent fundraising effort for Bone Cancer. An amazing achievement.



# JFK SPORTS

It was an incredibly busy week for football, with three different competitions taking place for two different teams.

The week started with the school football team taking part in the Alan Grimes County Cup against some of the top teams from across Durham and Sunderland. As a result, the level of competition was high and the team needed to play their best if they wanted to move forward towards the semi-finals. Our first game was against St Godric's from Durham. It started incredibly well, with the team flying into a strong 2-0 lead with goals from Billy B and Finley W. Our second game was against Howeletch Lane from Peterlee. It was a terrific team performance that saw the team win comfortably by 3 goals to nil. Billy B scoring 2 including a terrific flick over his shoulder and Finley W grabbing the third. The team went in to their final game against St. Benet's knowing a win would secure qualification for the next round. A positive start saw the team build up an early lead and through teamwork and desire they continued to push hard winning their final game 3-0 again. The goals this time scored by Billy B again with one and Jack C with the other two. After such a fantastic night of football, the school team has qualified for the semi-finals which will be held on Wednesday the 19th April.

Tuesday saw another competition and a brand-new team play. A newly selected year 4 team participated in their own County Cup at Rickleton against four other teams from Washington. The night started well with the team taking a 1-0 victory over Holley Park, with Lucas S scoring his first goal for the school. Our next match was against Biddick, again the standard of football, teamwork and enthusiasm was high with Lucas S scoring the winner in a 1-0 victory. Our third game was against Rickleton and unfortunately, as much as the team pushed for a goal, they could not find one and Rickleton snatched a 1-0 victory themselves. This meant going into the final game, the team needed to win to have any chance of qualifying for the next round. A fantastic all-round performance saw a comfortable 3-0 win with goals from Lucas (2) and Aaron B. This result proved vital, as who qualified was so tight. Both JFK and Biddick had the same amount of goals scored, goals conceded and goal difference so it was eventually decided by the result between both teams with JFK narrowly scraping through thanks to their wonderful 1-0 win over Biddick.

Finally, the league continued on Thursday with games against Barmston, Rickleton and St. Bede's. The first game of the night saw a comfortable 2-0 victory with Billy B scoring both of the goals. Our second game looked destined to be decided by the weather, with a gust of wind moving the ball viciously in the air and away from the keeper giving Rickleton the lead. However, the boys refused to give up and hit back at the beginning of the second half with a terrifically worked team goal with quick passing and sharp movement ended in a terrific finish by Finley W. The final score was 1-1. The final game of the evening saw the team come up against a tough opposition in St. Bede's. Determined to win, the team pushed hard but could not find the breakthrough in the first half and were indebted to a terrific save from Jay B in goal, tipping an effort onto the crossbar. Jack C took advantage of the great goalkeeping by going on a dazzling run through midfield culminating in a terrific finish under the St. Bede's keeper. More terrific defending followed with the team refusing to concede. JFK eventually winning 1-0. With the season approaching the end, the team are well positioned to push on towards the summit.

Lexi K (year 2) was one of our lucky winners of tickets see the Sunderland Ladies Football Team play on Sunday at Eppleton Football Club. Lexi's mam kindly shared some feedback and photos from the day:

"Lexi absolutely LOVED watching Sunderland women play. Thank you for giving her the opportunity to win the tickets and having the amazing experience that it was. She thoroughly enjoyed herself and even met some of the players, grabbing some signatures too!"

