

John F. Kennedy Primary School

The Buzz Newsletter

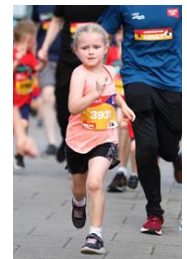


15th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy week we have had in school. There has been lots of amazing work produced by all pupils and I know that teachers are so pleased with how well everyone has continued to settle in to the new school year.

JFK Superstars: Well done to Jorgie (year 2) who ran the mini Great North Run at the weekend – all the way without stopping! What a fantastic achievement.



Washington Carnival: Tomorrow the school will be taking part in the annual parade as part of the festival. The parade sets off from Usworth Gardeners Club at 9.40am, and will go through Concord, before arriving at Albany Park around 10.00am. All pupils and parents are welcome to attend and help parade our school designed miners banner, so it would be great to see you there.

EYFS Opening Morning: On Saturday 14th October, we will be hosting an EYFS opening morning from 10:00am – 12:00pm. This is an opportunity for parents and carers, who have children starting reception in September 2024 or have children turning 3 this academic year, to visit our EYFS provision and see all the wonderful learning that happens at JFK. Our next nursery intake will be January 2024 and April 2024. If you have family or friends with children starting reception next September or have children looking for a nursery place, then please spread the word!

Football: Last night, the football season began with the Autumn Cup held at Biddick Academy. The new school team, including seven children making their school debut, began their campaign with a match against Albany. Throughout the game, the team showed an improvement and took a deserved 1-0 lead with a great finish from Sam M after some terrific team build up play. Our second game was Fatfield and the team showed an immediate improvement and dominated throughout. Alfie A scoring his first school goal to seal another 1-0 victory and ensure the team qualified for the semi-final. Playing Rickleton, they continued to show a growing understanding of how to play as a team, however, it wasn't to be, with Rickleton, the eventual winners of the cup, scoring a late goal to win 1-0. Both Mr Titmus and Mr Smith were very proud of the team and look forward to a promising league season which begins next week.

Spooky Stories! Sunderland City Council have an exciting opportunity to aspiring young authors this autumn. They are inviting pupils to write their own short story inspired by things that go bump in the night! There is a 500-word limit, plenty of prizes up for grabs and it's free to enter.

The winners in each category get an invite to a celebratory event with their parents that will be held on Thursday, 19 October at The Peacock in Sunderland City Centre, where their stories will be read by actors from The Atlas Theatre Group. They will also get to meet the judges. All the winning stories will feature on the Sunderland Libraries 'Borrow Box' too. The deadline for submitting your story is Monday, 9th October.

Information about the competition - <https://www.sunderlandbid.co.uk/sunderland-spooky-stories>

Submission form for competition: - <https://www.sunderlandbid.co.uk/form/sunderland-spooky-stories-2023>

Good luck, and please bring in your stories to share with your class and teacher!

Date for your Diary: I know that diary dates were sent out last week, however, I would like to make you aware of another date. The school will be closed on Friday 26th January 2024 to all children as this is a staff INSET.

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

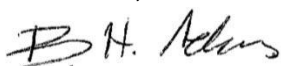
Forest School: Please send your child into school dressed appropriately for their session – long sleeves and trousers, wellies and a waterproof coat if possible. Forest School still takes place when raining, and we don't want children sitting in class with wet clothes, so it would be useful to provide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

Week Commencing 18 th September		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday	2JH	
Friday	1ES	

Breakfast and After School Club: Please use the following link to book your child into Breakfast and After School Club for week commencing 18th September – [B & ASC Booking Form](#). It is important that the booking form is completed on a weekly basis. 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
Reception	RSC/MA	Darcie-Mai G Owyn L
	RAM	Klayton R Elijah J
One	1AP	Bobby M Jude B
	1ES	Deborah B Sean W
Two	2FM	Bailey P Jessica G
	2JH	Jack B Jorgie T
Three	3MS	Ada G Ava S
	3JW	Imogen H Joe E
Four	4AF	Niamh C Flynn M
	4BK	Riley A Alice D
Five	5RN	Emmy H William H
	5DF	Grace N Jenson T
Six	6PP	James P Holly R
	6LM	Alfie M Alfie A
The Treehouse	TSK	Richard B
	TNP	Georgia P

