

John F. Kennedy Primary School

The Buzz Newsletter



10th February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had another busy week in school, and the sun has been shining!

Year 4: On Tuesday, our Forest School transformed into the Viking Age, as the pupils experienced activities based on this era. Throughout the day, they created jewellery, used Viking runes to write messages, whittled wood to form battle weapons, and they even tasted traditional recipes cooked over a fire. All the pupils thoroughly enjoyed the day, and huge thanks must go to the staff for organising the day to enhance our history curriculum. Below are a few photos of the day, however, there are a lot more to be seen on the school Facebook page.



Year 3: On Thursday, the pupils had a visit from Ryder Architecture as part of their art curriculum based around the architect Hundertwasser. He was famous for his use of bright colours, decorations, distorted lines and the desire to be in harmony with nature. The workshop involved the children creating their own versions of the school building in a similar style using junk modelling. The final creations were amazing, and our year 3 pupils are so creative with their designs. Please look on Facebook for images of the final buildings.

Playtimes: As we continue to enhance our playtimes, it has been lovely to watch the pupils use the netball posts on both yards to create small games or to practice their shooting skills during their breaks. We have some budding netball and basketball stars. Over the next few weeks, we will build on this with further equipment, and to teach the pupils some of the more traditional playground games.

Parent Meetings: Thank you to all the parents who attended information meetings regarding year 6 SATs or year 4 Times Table Checks. We hope you found them useful, not only in the information given about the statutory assessments and how they will be organised in school, but also with suggestions on how to support your child. If anyone was unable to attend the meetings, the slides will be sent out via ParentPay. If anyone has any questions relating to these, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Parents Evening: Just a reminder that this term's parents evening sessions will be held on Monday 13th and Wednesday 15th February. You will have the chance to talk to your child's class teacher as well as have a look through their books. There are still appointments available, so if you haven't signed up already, please use the following link to book a place for your face-to-face meeting: <http://johnfkennedy.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Due to Parents Evenings next week, unfortunately there will be no clubs organised by staff after school. These clubs will begin again after half-term.

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 13 th February		
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: The following classes are having their session next week. There is no session for year 4 next week.

Week Commencing 13 th February		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Treehouse	3BM
Tuesday	Nursery	6LM
Wednesday		6PP
Thursday	2FM & 2MA	RSC
Friday		1MS

Please send your child into school dressed appropriately for these sessions – long sleeves and trousers, wellies and a waterproof coat if possible. For Health and Safety reasons, earrings should not be worn, or if needed, they must be covered up during these lessons. 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 on the day, including spare shoes.

Chinese New Year Winner: Following our Chinese New Year celebration in January we are thrilled to announce that Thea T from year 4 was a winner of a lucky golden ticket which was put forward into a star prize draw across Sunderland – and she won! Well done Thea and enjoy your prize!

Parking: Can I once again remind all adults to park responsibly outside school at the start and end of the day. This week, it has been brought to my attention that paths and drives have been blocked, as well as cars parking in front of the school gates – even though there are cones positioned to prevent this. Can I also ask that if you are picking your child up from After School Club that you do not enter the school yard with your car, regardless of the time, as there could be children leaving clubs or staff in the area. Thank you for your ongoing support with this.

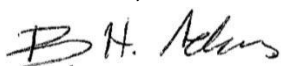
Year 2 Infantasia Trip: Just a reminder that year 2 will be taking part in Infantasia next Tuesday afternoon at Rickleton Primary School. Can all parents make sure that the children are in school uniform for this event. They sound amazing and will be a credit to our school when they perform.

Non-Uniform Day: We have been approached by The Washington Rotary Club to help raise funds to send Shelter Boxes to Turkey to help in the areas which have suffered most from the recent earthquakes. As we usually have a non-uniform day on the last day of term, we thought this would be a good opportunity to fundraise. If you would like to donate, please send this into school with your child on non-uniform day next Friday (17th February).

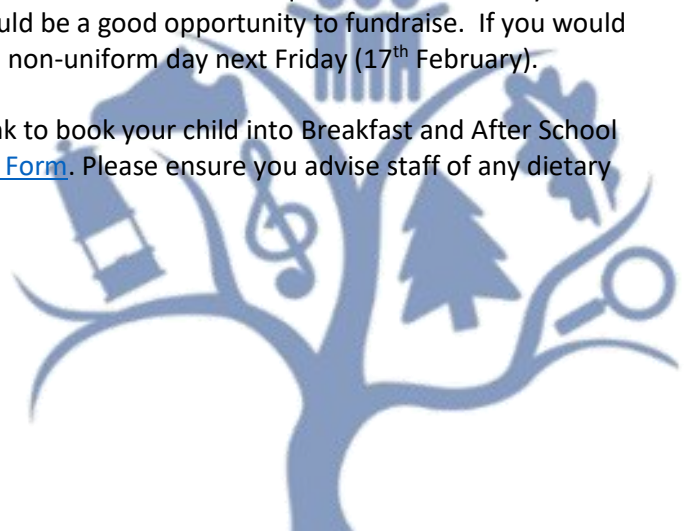
Breakfast and After School Club: Please use the following link to book your child into Breakfast and After School Club for week commencing 13th February – [B & ASC Booking Form](#). Please ensure you advise staff of any dietary requirements your child may have.

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	NLM	Harrison F Isabella W
Reception	RSC	Lennox b Maxi C
	RAM	Lilly N Eve D
One	1ES	Eleanor C Jack B
	1MS	Irada E Henry P
Two	2MA	Blake H-F Miles M
	2FM	Tyler R Esme-Rose S
Three	3BM	Ernest H Scarlett R
	3MA	Lev K Hunter H
Four	4AF	Evie J Elliot S
	4IT	Charlie F Thea C
Five	5RN	Ben E Emily T
	5DF	Scarlett W Olivia R
Six	6PP	Layla G Albie Mc
	6LM	Leo A Isabella O
The Treehouse	TSK	Conroy K
	TNP	Nathan Mc

Head of School Award

This week, Mr. Adams' Head of School Award goes to: Hunter H in year 3 for being so kind towards a new member of his class.

