

# John F. Kennedy Primary School

## The Buzz Newsletter



Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to see everyone back at school after the Easter holidays, refreshed and eager to learn.

**Year 2 Haemophilia Day:** On Wednesday, Year 2 celebrated Haemophilia Awareness Day. Throughout the day, they learned about what this very rare blood disorder is and completed a range of activities to raise awareness and celebrate. The children enjoyed learning about Haemophilia and were very lucky to receive a special (and tasty!) Haemophilia Awareness biscuit as an extra special treat. Thanks to Ceejay (2FM) for bringing them to school!



**Reception:** On Thursday, our reception pupils had their first balance bike training on the school yard. They were able to ride the bikes safely, with both feet off the floor across a set distance. Over the next few weeks, they will continue to build on these skills and their confidence.

**JFK Superstars:** A huge well done to Theo (year 6) who has successfully completed his “Junior Leadership” training at Taekwondo recently – and has been recruited as Junior Leader and will work alongside Taekwondo instructors to support other children to develop their martial arts skills. I know Theo’s parents are immensely proud of him for this achievement as he has worked so hard through a selection process, practising Taekwondo patterns, and techniques – which also resulted in him progressing to a green belt. I look forward to hearing about Theo’s Leadership role more as the year goes on!



We are very proud of James, who last night attended his first ever Ninja Training Session. He listened, joined in and waited for his turn. He loved it so much he kept shouting ‘I am really good at this!’ We are looking forward to hearing how it goes. Well done James.



**Attendance:** Thank you for the feedback we received regarding celebrating attendance in school before Easter, whether this was positive or constructive. We are prioritising attendance this term, as the Department for Education do expect all children to achieve 96% attendance. As a school, we realise that this may not be possible for a wide number of reasons, however, we will continue to acknowledge pupils who achieve this figure or are improving their attendance.

This week, our overall attendance is 94.28% and the classes with the best attendance are 2MA with 99.26%, followed closely by RSC/MO with 99.13%.

**Flamenco Dance Workshop:** On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, as part of our celebrations for Spanish Language Day, the children will take part in a flamenco dance workshop ran by a qualified dance instructor. To support this activity, we are asking for a £1 voluntary donation per child via ParentPay. Gracias! Pupils are also being encouraged to wear red or yellow for the day.

**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. At this time of year we aim to have PE outside on the yard or field if the weather is suitable, however we do still ask that children have a jumper or jacket with them as there is still a chill in the air.

Please note, there is no swimming for year 4 next week.

Week Commencing 22 <sup>nd</sup> April		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year 1	Year 6
Tuesday	Treehouse	Year 2
Wednesday		Reception
Thursday	Year 3	5RN
Friday		Year 4 5DF Swimming

**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 22 <sup>nd</sup> April		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	3MS	
Tuesday		
Wednesday	Treehouse	2MA
Thursday		RAM
Friday	1AP	5DF Swimming

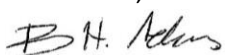
**Back on the Rack:** Washington Mind are holding a “back on the rack” preloved event on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April between 1.00pm – 3.00pm. This is a free entry event, and an opportunity to grab some bargains. There is also an option to sell your own preloved items by purchasing a table for £10 – please contact Washington Mind for further details.

**Fostering:** Foster with North East is England's first regional support hub for foster carers, combining 12 Local Authorities from all over the North East of England. They are looking for people with different experiences and backgrounds to care for babies, children and young people who are just as individual as our carers. Whether it's fostering for a night, a week, a month a year or more, you can shape a child's life and future for the better. As a foster carer myself, being able to support children regardless of their previous background or what they may be going through is so rewarding. If you think you could share your home to shape the future of children and young people in the North East, they would love to hear from you. Please contact Foster with North East on 0800 9177771, or email [contact@fosterwithnortheast.org.uk](mailto:contact@fosterwithnortheast.org.uk)

Further information can also be found on their website: [www.fosterwithnortheast.org.uk](http://www.fosterwithnortheast.org.uk)

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,



Mr B Adams  
Head of School





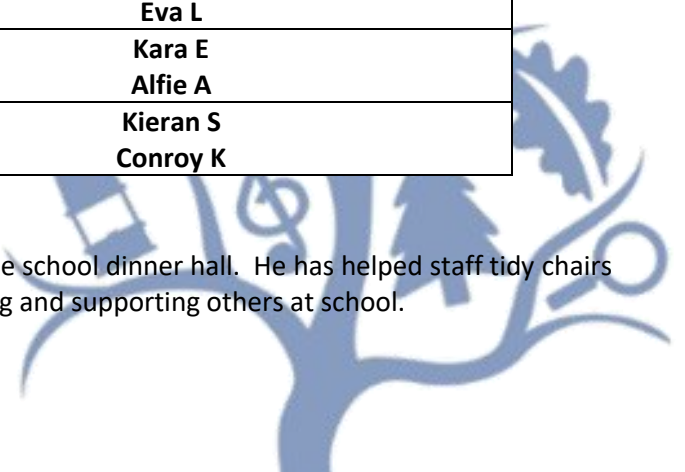
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# Stars of the Week

Year Group	Class	Star of the Week
Nursery	NAO	Poppy N Noah C
Reception	RSC/MO	Olivia C Alex S
	RAM	Kyra Mae N Aurelia B
One	1AP	Elliott H Bobby M
	1ES	Kaiden S Leon TM
Two	2FM	Henry P Harrison G
	2MA	Harry R Dixie P
Three	3MS	Pheobe A Jacob K
	3JW	Sophie J-H Lexi K
Four	4AF	Emily-May M Elliott D
	4BK	James B Riley L
Five	5RN	Lucas S Hope D
	5DF	Lleyton P Emilie O
Six	6PP	Imogen G Eva L
	6LM	Kara E Alfie A
The Treehouse	TSK	Kieran S
	TNP	Conroy K

**Head of School Award:** Jackson MB has been a great help in the school dinner hall. He has helped staff tidy chairs and tables without being asked. Thank you Jackson for thinking and supporting others at school.



# Football News

On Thursday evening, the year four football team took part in the first round of the Year 4 Trophy at Rickleton. Their first game of the competition saw them take on Marlborough. This was a dominant performance from start to finish for the JFK team, with Marlborough struggling to get out of their own half throughout. Dain L had the best chance of the first half, his effort going inches past the post. At the start of the second half, Jude C was able to rifle home the opener from outside of the box. Jude C was able to quickly double his tally minutes later, seeing his free kick sail into the top corner. In the final moments of the game, a shot ricocheted off a Marlborough defender resulting in an own goal and securing the 3-0 victory.

The second game of the evening saw the team take on Our Lady Queen of Peace. This was another fantastic performance where JFK outworked the opposition in every area of the pitch. Jude C certainly had his shooting boots on today, opening the scoring with a lovely effort slotted past the keeper. Jacob L covered every blade of grass on the pitch throughout the game and he earned his reward, bursting into the box before his left footed strike found the bottom corner of the goal. JFK continued the high intensity throughout the second half and continued to make chance after chance. Our Lady were unable to clear the ball from a corner resulting in the ball bouncing in the box, Freddie B was able to get his toe on the end of the ball to poke it into the bottom corner. JFK winning the game 3-0.

Our final game of the night was against the hosts, Rickleton. JFK started as they had left off, Jude C opened the scoring within the first two minutes drilling a fabulous left footed strike past the opposition keeper. Just after the half time break, Rickleton were able to find an equaliser. JFK did not put their heads down and rallied after the goal, taking complete control of the game. Olivia B and Jacob L did well in the build-up before finding Jude C who was able to twist and turn before his strike on goal put JFK 2-1 up. Brilliant defending in the final minutes from the entire team saw out the result, JFK finishing with three wins from three games.

The fantastic showing from the team secured qualification for the final of the Year 4 Trophy in May. Well done to everyone who played!

