

# John F. Kennedy Primary School

## The Buzz Newsletter



9<sup>th</sup> June 2023

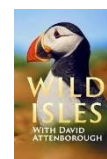
Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope everyone had a lovely half-term holiday. At school, everyone has had a great first week back, with lots of excellent work being completed across the school.

**Year 6:** As the pupils begin their transition to their next school, both classes have started to take part in French lessons by members of Biddick Academy. All the pupils were engaged learning about common phrases in French and are already looking forward to their forthcoming sessions.

It has also been lovely to hear year six singing some of the songs from their production of 'Oliver', especially the pupils who have been singing solos in front of their friends. The acting has also begun, with certain scenes. Even after only 1 week, I am so excited to see the final play. Details of the performances are on the diary dates at the end of the Buzz.

**Nature Week:** If any parents or carers watched the David Attenborough series 'Wild Isles', then you will agree with us at JFK that the UK's nature is amazing. But our precious wildlife and wild places are at risk, as sadly the UK is one of the most nature-depleted countries in the world. Following the success of the programme, schools have been called upon to play a key role in saving our wild isles by celebrating our wildlife and by inspiring the next generation of nature champions! I am pleased to announce that JFK will be participating in the Schools for Nature Week which takes place nationwide beginning 12<sup>th</sup> June. There are many of exciting events planned for the week, including visits from many different wildlife charities and organisations.



One of the charities supporting our week are PAWS for thought. Year 3 are going to be very excited on Monday, when they will be visited by some hedgehogs! The charity would love Year 3 children to voluntarily donate a tin of meat-based dog/cat food or an old towel/blanket to help the rescued hedgehogs looked after by PAWZ.



**JFK Superstar:** This week we have lots of JFK Superstars!

Lennox & Lucas (both from year 4) won awards for their football team Washington United Gold U9's over the half term. Lennox was awarded the "Manager's Player" award and Lucas was awarded the "Player's Player" award.



Isla (reception) completed the Children's Race for Life during the school holidays with her dad. She raised a huge £165 for charity! We are very proud of you, Isla. Well done!



**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 12 <sup>th</sup> June		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year 4 swimming Year 1	Year 2
Tuesday		
Wednesday		Year 4
Thursday	Year 3	Year 5 and Year 6
Friday	Reception Treehouse swimming	Year 5 swimming (5DF)

**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 12 <sup>th</sup> June		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday		4IT
Tuesday		1MS
Wednesday	Nursery	RSC and RAM
Thursday		Nursery
Friday		Year 6 (Both classes)

**Father's Day Raffle:** We have two fabulous Father's Day hampers available to win in our latest raffle. Tickets can now be purchased via the Payment Item section on Parent Pay.



**Nursery and Reception:** Reminder that on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 1:30pm, nursery and reception will be taking part in a sponsored walk to raise money for outdoor equipment. Children and their grown-ups are challenged to walk as many laps of the school field as they can in 30 minutes. After the walk, you are invited to share a picnic on the school field. We will also have games and sports activities for children and families to get involved with. Please can we ask that all sponsorship money raised is returned to school on later than Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

**Breakfast and After School Club:** Please use the following link to book your child into Breakfast and After School Club for week commencing 12<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



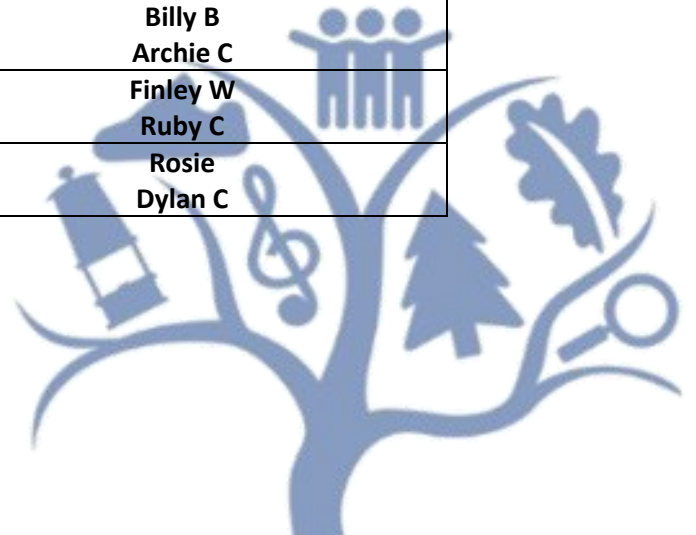


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# Stars of the Week

	Class	Star of the Week
Nursery	NAO	Harrison F Clara T
	RSC	Harlow D Max F
Reception	RAM	Ashton A Rory S
	1ES	Sophia C Craig R
One	1MS	Harper G Harry B
	2MA	Kiera W Joseph W
Two	2FM	Lilly H Thomas H
	3BM	Oliver H Sophia H
Three	3MA	Alice L Oscar B
	4AF	Elliot S Jenson T
Four	4IT	Mohammed D Eva F
	5RN	Isla W Carter R
Five	5DF	Holly R Macie B
	6PP	Billy B Archie C
Six	6LM	Finley W Ruby C
	TSK TNP	Rosie Dylan C
The Treehouse		



# JFK Diary Dates

Date	Event	Year Group(s)
12.06.23	Nature workshop	Year 5
12.06.23	PAWZ for thought hedgehog workshop	Year 3
13.06.23	Durham Wildlife Trust Workshop	Year 4
15.06.23	Hancock Museum workshop	Year 5
16.06.23	Sponsored walk (sports activities at the end of the walk)	Nursery and Reception
21.06.23	Father's Day Forest School 9:45am – 11:00am	Nursery
21.06.23 – 22.06.23	Beamish Residential	Year 4
22.06.23	Father's Day Forest School 1:00pm – 2:30pm	Nursery
26.06.23	Nursery 23-24 Intake meeting 4:00pm – 4:45pm	New Nursery
27.06.23 – 29.06.23	Transition to Secondary Schools	Year 6
28.06.23	Local walk for geography	Year 2
29.06.23	Nursery 23-24 Intake Stay and Play 4.00pm – 4.45pm	New Nursery
03.03.07	Nursery 23-24 Intake Stay and Play 4.00pm – 4.45pm	New Nursery
04.07.23	4 <sup>th</sup> July Celebrations at Washington Old Hall - am	Selection of Year 6
04.07.23	Big Sing at Sunderland Empire – pm	Years 4 & 5
04.07.23	Change 4 Life Workshop – am	Years 3, 4 & 5
04.07.23	Sports Day and Picnic 1.30pm – 2.30pm	EY & KS1 from Treehouse
05.07.23	Change 4 Life Workshop – am	Year 3
05.07.23	Sports Day 1.30pm – 3.00pm	Reception
05.07.23	School Summer Fayre 3:30pm – 5:00pm	Whole School
06.07.23	Sports Day 9:30am – 11:00am	Years 1 & 2
06.07.23	Sports Day and Picnic 1:30pm – 2:30pm	KS2 from Treehouse
07.07.23	Sports Day 9:30am – 11:00am	Years 3 & 4
07.07.23	Sports Day 1:30pm – 3:00pm	Years 5 & 6
12.07.23	Music Concert 9:30am	KS2
12.07.23	Oliver Production 2:00pm	Year 6
13.07.23	Oliver Production 9:30am	Year 6
14.07.23	Singing Assembly for Parents 2:00pm	KS1
14.07.23	Reports Sent Home to Parents	Whole School
17.07.23	Open Afternoon 1:30pm – 3:20pm	Whole School
18.07.23	Open Afternoon 1:30pm – 3:20pm	Whole School
19.07.23	School Picnic 12:30pm	Whole School
21.07.23	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED	Whole School
21.07.23	School Closes for Summer Holiday	Whole School

