

John F. Kennedy Primary School

The Buzz Newsletter



Friday 19th May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

After last week, it has been lovely to focus my attention around school and see all the pupils in class and being outside in the glorious weather. I have also enjoyed listening to the first attempts from year 6 as they begin to learn the songs for their end of year show – it's been impressive.

York Residential: Our year 5 pupils have had a great 3 days in York, visiting many of the attractions that the city has to offer. If you haven't had a chance to look at the photos on Facebook, I would recommend doing so: everyone looks so happy and enjoying the different activities. I was in constant contact with the staff and they have all said how amazing the children were throughout the trip. On behalf of the school, I must thank the staff who organised and accompanied the pupils by giving up their own time to ensure that as a school, we continue to create memories for everybody – it is appreciated.



Year 3 Parent Morning: On Thursday, Year 3 had a fantastic parent craft morning. The children and their adults worked to produce some amazing Roman shields and other interesting armour. We all had a great time and produced some impressive pieces of Roman armour! All the children were very excited to take them home and show off their finished pieces. Thank you to everyone that came along.



Crazy Hair Day: Next Friday (26th May), we would like all the pupils to come to school in non-uniform, with their hair being as crazy as possible. This is to help with our preparations for our annual Summer Fayre later in the term. Instead of asking for a money donation, we would like all Early Years and KS1 pupils to bring in some chocolate (packet/bar etc), and our KS2 and Treehouse pupils to bring in a bottle (alcohol/sauce/water etc).

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 22/05/23		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year 4 swimming Year 1	Year 2
Tuesday		
Wednesday		Year 4
Thursday	Year 3	Year 5 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.

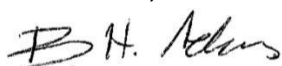
Week Commencing 22/05/23		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Treehouse	4IT
Tuesday	3MA	1MS
Wednesday	Nursery	RSC
Thursday	2MA	Nursery
Friday		

Water Bottles: Just a polite reminder to send your child in with a water bottle so they can stay hydrated throughout the day especially as we go into the warmer weather.

Breakfast and After School Club: Please use the following link to book your child into Breakfast and After School Club for week commencing 22nd May – [B & ASC Booking Form](#). It is essential that the booking form is completed before 8am Monday morning. We are almost full for our pupil/staff ratio on breakfast club therefore any short notice requests. 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



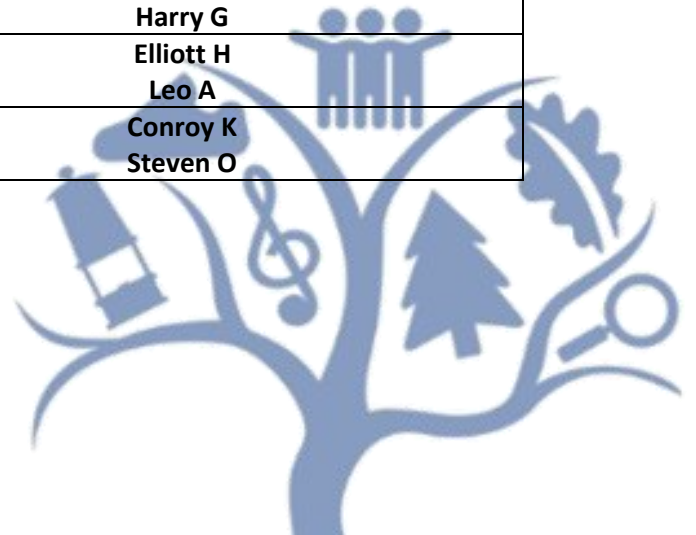


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Stars of the Week

Year Group	Class	Star of the Week
Nursery	NAO	Elijah J Tuba I
Reception	RSC	Freya D Albie B
	RAM	Bobby M Arthur S
One	1ES	Ethan McK Stanley R Scarlett G
	1MS	Evelyn M Lia-May B
Two	2MA	Ronin S Tilly R
	2FM	Jacob K Phoebe A
Three	3BM	Amelie S Alice D Alfie Y
	3MA	Flynn M Niamh C
Four	4AF	Alfred R Melody D
	4IT	Harley F Mia R
Five	5RN	The whole class – York residential
	5DF	The whole class – York residential
Six	6PP	Poppy T Harry G
	6LM	Elliott H Leo A
The Treehouse	TSK	Conroy K
	TNP	Steven O



JFK SPORTS NEWS

Year 4 Football: On Wednesday, the year 4 team took part in the finals of the County Cup. The first game of the night was against St Mary's from Sunderland. This was a very tense game, with both teams playing end to end football creating chance after chance. JFK took the lead through Lennox B, however, St Mary's equalised just before half time. The second half was much like the first with both teams going close. On the stroke of full time, St Mary's were able to break the deadlock with a well-placed shot, with the game finishing 2-1 to St Mary's.

The second game was against Easington Colliery. JFK were dominant in this game and were the team most likely to score, forcing good saves from the opposition keeper. Henry A was brilliant at communicating with his defenders and spotting the potential dangers. Lucas S and Lennox B both had chances to score in the second half but were kept out with the game finishing 0-0.

The final game was against Shincliffe, who the team had previously beat in the last round of the County Cup. This game was very entertaining to watch, with both teams showcasing high standards of football. Shincliffe were able to take the lead, however, JFK showed brilliant resilience and determination. First, a fantastic strike from Lucas S shot past the goalkeeper to bring the score level and then moments later it was 2-1 with another goal for Lennox B, his second of the night. As the minutes were ticking away, Shincliffe were able to equalise to make it 2-2 with a very good finish from a tight angle.

With the final result being 2-2, the year 4 team had finished third overall in the County Cup – a result all players should be extremely proud about with JFK never getting this far into the competition before! Well done to everyone who played.

School Football Team: On Thursday evening, the school football team competed in the finals of the Columbia Cup. The team kicked off the finals against George Washington. This was a dominating performance, which saw most of the game being played in the opposition's half, the team creating chance after chance. Billy B had a chance to open the scoring but was denied by the goalkeeper, who was able to tip it onto the crossbar. Despite being on top, the team were unable to break the deadlock with the game ending 0-0.

The second game was against a very strong Lambton team, who currently sit top of the league. The team defended extremely well, even having to deal with an indirect free kick right in front of the JFK goal. Jay B made a number of good saves to keep the team in it. In the dying minutes of the game, Jack C brilliantly kept the ball in play before beating two defenders on the wing. Instead of taking a shot at goal himself, he squared it to Finley M, who was able to slot it into the open goal. Lambton tried to get back into the game but were unable to break down the JFK defence, resulting in a 1-0 win.

The final game of the night was against the hosts, Rickleton. Early in the game, Jay B was once again called upon, tipping a long-range effort over the bar. As the game went on, JFK continued to create the better of the chances. A short corner resulted in Jack C dancing past his defender and calmly slotting the ball past the Rickleton goalkeeper, giving the team a 1-0 lead. The defensive effort shown all night continued in the final minutes of the game, with Rickleton unable to get past the halfway line. As the final whistle blew, the team were quick to realise that they had won their second piece of silverware this season. This is the first time since 2016 that JFK have won the competition and only the second time in the cup's history!

A huge well done to everyone who played in the Columbia Cup, dominating performances throughout the competition which they should be very proud of.

