

John F. Kennedy Primary School

The Buzz Newsletter



22nd September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

All our pupils are now fully settled into their new classes and the work being produced is impressive in all year groups. The standard has been set for a great year! It was lovely to see year 6 parents attend an information meeting last night in the school hall; I hope the information the staff discussed has helped ease any worries you may have around such an important year for your child. Next week, can I just remind year 1 parents that a phonics information meeting is being held on Tuesday at 4.00pm.

Keeping Washington Tidy: On Tuesday, we were joined by two members of the local group 'Keeping Washington Tidy'. They held sessions with Key Stage 1 & 2 and The Treehouse to share information with the children about what happens when you drop litter. Many children were surprised to learn that litter can be harmful to the wildlife. Some of the children then had the opportunity to see who could pick up the most litter wearing special volunteer hi-vis jackets and using litter pickers. It was lovely to see how enthusiastic all the children were to keep Washington tidy.



JFK Superstars: George (year 2) plays for U7's for Washington FC. On Saturday George was awarded 'Player of the Match' for good team effort and trying hard. He even scored a hat trick – helping his team win 6-1! Here is George celebrating with fellow team member Oliver (year 2).



Washington Carnival: Last Saturday, some of the JFK community took part in the parade through Concord, proudly carrying the miner's banner. Thank you to everyone who came to represent the school, we hope you enjoyed the opportunity.

Football: Last night, the league season began with three fixtures against St. John Boste, St. Bedes and Albany with four more players making their school debuts. First up was St. John Boste with the team showing an intent to lay down an early season marker with Lennox B scoring the first goal with an excellent finish. As the game progressed, we pushed for a second with Mason C scoring on his debut, a great goal with his left foot to seal a comfortable 2-0 win. Next, we played St. Bedes in what was a tough encounter, with both teams carving out chances to score but for some great goalkeeping on both sides, Cole F working hard to keep his clean sheet. It ended 0-0. Finally, it was time to play Albany. The team completely dominated from start to finish but could not find a goal, however, their teamwork and determination to keep going was great to see but unfortunately the game finished 0-0. An unbeaten start to the season and a great platform to build on in the weeks ahead.

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 25 th September		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year 4 swimming Year 1	Year 6
Tuesday		Year 2
Wednesday		Reception
Thursday	Year 3	Year 5 (5DF)
Friday	Treehouse swimming	Year 5 swimming (5RN) 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 25 th September		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Treehouse	
Tuesday		
Wednesday		4BK and 4AF
Thursday	2FM	
Friday		6LM and 6PP

Macmillan Coffee Morning: Next Friday, we will be holding our annual coffee morning to help raise awareness of cancer. We would like to invite all family and friends to come along, have a chance to relax with friends and enjoy a sweet treat and hot drink. Unfortunately, we are unable to have pupils join you in the hall as there just isn't enough room in the school hall. Children will have an opportunity to choose a cake later in the day for a small donation. If anyone can help support this worthwhile national event and donate any cakes or treats, these can be brought into school on Thursday or Friday of next week.

Celebrating Global Tastes: The school meals service is holding a "Celebrating Global Tastes" promotional day on Thursday 5th October. The menu will be:

Chinese chicken curry with rice & sweetcorn
American burger in a bun with fries & baked beans
Italian meatballs with spaghetti & sweetcorn
Followed by American cookie & ice cream or fresh fruit salad

We like to encourage all children to have a school meal on these days as it's a fantastic opportunity to try something different. If your child does not normally have school dinners but would like one on this date please click [here](#) to complete the form.

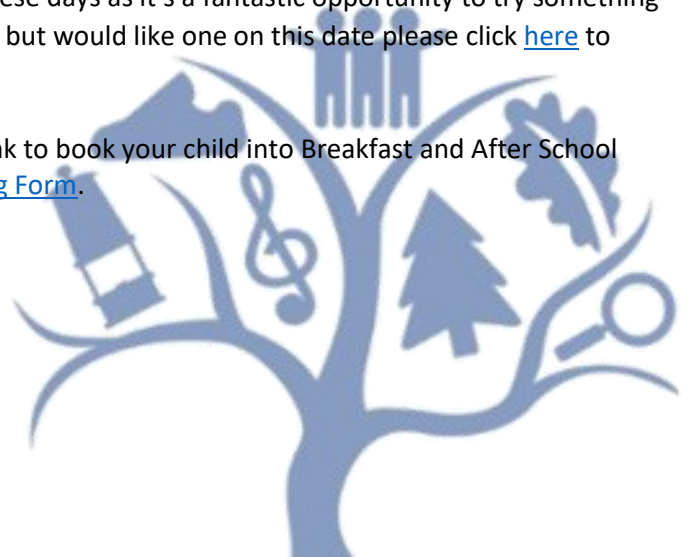
Breakfast and After School Club: Please use the following link to book your child into Breakfast and After School Club for week commencing 25th September– [B & ASC Booking Form](#).

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	Harrison M Poppy N
Reception	RSC/MA	Dezi C Yahya H
	RAM	Bella P Elliott A
One	1AP	Alana R Khadija D
	1ES	Jake A Freya T
Two	2FM	Olivia Joseph
	2JH	Eleanor Oliver
Three	3MS	Carson S Jacob K
	3JW	Seth A Tilly R
Four	4AF	Dane L Lucy R
	4BK	Bobby J Jacob L
Five	5RN	Eva F Charlie F
	5DF	Alfred R Lucy W
Six	6PP	Theo B Maggie C
	6LM	Isla W Henry C
The Treehouse	TSK TNP	Elijah M Lily S

