

John F. Kennedy Primary School

The Buzz Newsletter



26th May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe we have reached the end of another half-term, and that when we return after the holidays, there will only be 7 weeks left of the school year. I'm sure time is beginning to speed up! As we have had a glorious week of weather, many of the classes have taken the opportunity to be outside on the school field. The pile of tyres has become very popular, along with the den building area.

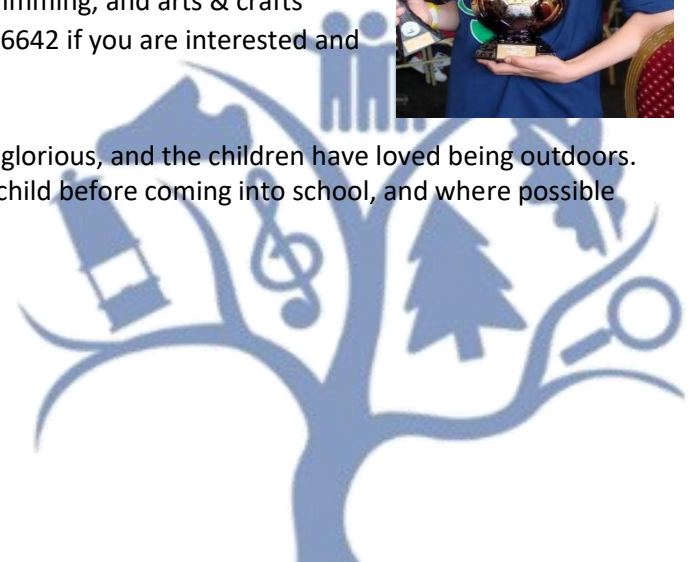
Mad Hair Day: I have really enjoyed seeing all the strange hairstyles today – pupils (and adults) are so creative. On behalf of the school fundraising team, I must thank everybody who sent in a donation of either chocolate or a bottle, which will be used in our summer fayre later this term. Your generosity is appreciated. Please have a look at our school Facebook page for some of the crazy hair creations from today.



JFK Super Star: It has been a few weeks since we last celebrated the amazing talents of our pupils. It was lovely to hear that Joseph (year 4) was recently awarded 'Manager's Player of the Year' award for his Washington under 9's yellow football team. Well done, Joseph!

Half Term HAF Programme: Washington Leisure Centre are holding a FREE Holiday and Food Programme next week (Tuesday 30th May to Thursday 1st June 10am–2pm) for children aged 5–11 years. There will be sporting activities, swimming, and arts & crafts activities. Please call Washington Leisure Centre on 0191 4166642 if you are interested and to enquire if your child qualifies for a space.

Warm Weather Reminder: The weather this week has been glorious, and the children have loved being outdoors. Can we kindly remind all parents to apply sunscreen to their child before coming into school, and where possible send your child in with a sunhat.



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 5 th June		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year 4 swimming Year 1	Year 2
Tuesday		Year 6
Wednesday		Year 4
Thursday	Year 3	Year 5
Friday	Reception Treehouse swimming	Year 5 swimming (5RN)

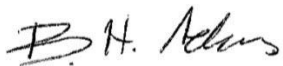
Forest School: Please send your child into school dressed appropriately for their session – long sleeves and trousers must be worn even during the summer term. We also recommend sending wellies and a waterproof coat if possible as the weather can change during the day. Forest School still takes place 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 5 th June		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Treehouse	4AF
Tuesday	3BM	1ES
Wednesday	Nursery	RAM
Thursday	2FM	Nursery
Friday		

Breakfast and After School Club: Please use the following link to book your child into Breakfast and After School Club for week commencing 5th 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 half-term holiday.
I look forward to seeing everybody on Monday 5th June.

Best wishes,



Mr B Adams
Head of School



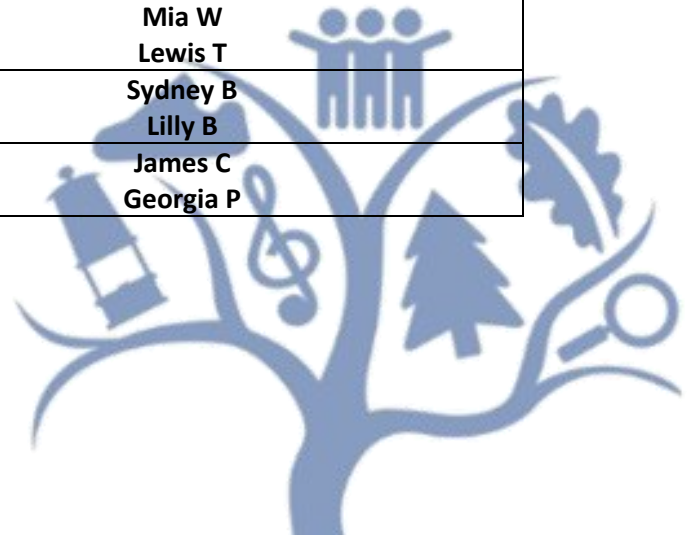


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Stars of the Week

Year Group	Class	Star of the Week
Nursery	NAO	Penny R Edward D
Reception	RSC	Emily C Freya T
	RAM	Imogen H Georgina H
One	1ES	Archie H Jorgie T
	1MS	Ethan F-L Patrycja S
Two	2MA	Blake H-F Maisie C
	2FM	Lily-Rose M Jason F
Three	3BM	Mia S Henry L
	3MA	Sophia HH Norah R
Four	4AF	Grace M Aiden R
	4IT	Emmy H Ernest S
Five	5RN	Jessica C Alfie M
	5DF	Orla T Scarlett W
Six	6PP	Mia W Lewis T
	6LM	Sydney B Lilly B
The Treehouse	TSK	James C
	TNP	Georgia P



JFK SPORTS NEWS

It has been a very busy final week for the football.

On Thursday night, the year 5 team competed in the Year 5 Trophy at Biddick Academy. The first game of the night was against George Washington. Despite an early chance from the opposition, JFK grew into the game and showcased good passing play and communication. The best chance came late in the game with a corner from Sam M connecting with Charlie S before being cleared off the line. Although they created the better of the chances, the team were unable to break the deadlock resulting in a 0-0 draw. The second game of the night was against Biddick. Amelia T had the best chance in this game to open the scoring for JFK, finding herself at the edge of the box forcing a good save from the goalkeeper. Biddick were able to break forward in the dying minutes of the game to go 1-0 up, which ended up being the only goal of the game. The final game of the night was against Lambton. Once again, JFK showed good passing ability and were utilising the width of the pitch, however, the winning goal went to Lambton. Following the goal, Cole F made a number of good saves to keep it 1-0. Unfortunately, this result meant that JFK did not qualify from their group for the next round. Well done to everyone that played on Thursday showing brilliant determination throughout!

This week also saw the school football team conclude their final two games of the league campaign. On Monday, we were the hosts for the game against Our Lady. The school team started very strongly and were untouchable for the first minutes of the game with the visitors unable to win the ball due to impressive passing and moving. Billy B opened the scoring and was soon celebrating his second, giving the team a 2-0 lead. An impressive display all around saw the team close out the win and saw us take the top spot in the league with one game remaining.

Our final game of the league season was away to Usworth Colliery. The team were very excited for this one and eager to seal the title. During the opening minutes of the first half, Usworth were very much on top. Jay B was forced to make a number of excellent saves including a one v one, which he tipped off the post. As the first half was coming to a close, Finley W slotted the ball past the goalkeeper and into the far corner of the goal to give JFK the 1-0 lead into half time. The team were fuelled by this and started the second half with the same intensity that they had finished the first with. Within minutes of the restart, Billy B powered home an effort to double the lead. Usworth tried to break through, but every time were denied by the defending of Connor B, Layton H and Matthew M, who were very composed throughout the second half. A corner from Jack C found the head of Harry G, who drove his header into the net, giving JFK their third goal of the game. That was not the end, however, as in the final minutes of the game Jack C turned from provider to finisher, getting himself on to the scoresheet and wrapping up the 4-0 win.

As the final whistle blew, the team knew that they had done what they had set out to do. An unbeaten season, only a handful of goals conceded and a fantastic treble having already secured the Autumn Cup and Columbia Cup earlier in the season.

A huge congratulations to everyone that played this season and a special thank you to the parents who week after week were able to come to the games.

