

John F. Kennedy Primary School

The Buzz Newsletter



3rd November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back. I hope everyone had a good half-term holiday (even with the miserable weather). It has been great to see all the pupils back and hit the ground running with an excellent week of work.

Halloween: All the pupils enjoyed the various activities carried out during Halloween. Not only did the pupils have the chance to attend a disco, but across the school, they had the chance to try apple bobbing, create life size mummies, carve pumpkins, make and eat pumpkin soup and study Dracula and Whitby. I do have to say that the range of costumes on Tuesday was amazing – it was almost like walking around a movie set! Huge thanks to all the staff in school for making sure the pupils had an enjoyable day.

Judo: This week, children from Reception to Year 5 were lucky enough to take part in an energetic and exciting free judo taster session, thanks to FIJ Judo School. All the children were enthusiastic and eager to try a new sport in school. Everyone engaged in the sessions well, watching demonstrations carefully and copying the moves as precisely as possible with a partner. The children carried out each skill they were shown safely so that they could expertly practise a small sample of throwing, grappling and body-striking techniques. Unfortunately, the judo instructor needed to attend a family emergency and was unable to deliver sessions to all Year 5 and Year 6 children, however, to the delight of those who missed out, he has promised to return soon.



Year 6: Today, the pupils led an excellent assembly to parents and family members. Not only did they talk about key events of WWII, but they also shared some of their amazing topic homework and work completed during lessons. I was so proud of each and every one of them. Across the academic year, each year group will be leading their own assembly, so please keep watching for who will be next.

Attendance: This week, our attendance is 93.16%. The class with the best attendance this week is 3JW with 97.04%.

House Points: The house to take the first weekly win this half term is Swan. Congratulations!

Parents Evening: 1ES and 2IT parents will have the chance to look through books and speak to their child's teacher over the coming weeks – an invite for these will be sent out to these classes shortly.

JFK Superstar: Calvin S (year 4) plays for two different football teams – Washington AFC Lions U9s and Washington AFC Jaguars U9s. The Jaguars played in a tournament on Sunday 22nd October and got through to the semi-finals, resulting in a loss at penalties. However, the team worked so hard and put in a great effort. Calvin was then awarded ‘Player of the Tournament’ for his team which is a fantastic achievement. Well done, Calvin!



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 may still be held on the yard or field depending on the weather.

Week Commencing 6 th November		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year 4 swimming Year 1	Year 6
Tuesday	Treehouse	Year 2
Wednesday	Nursery	Reception
Thursday	Year 3	Year 5 (5RN)
Friday	Treehouse swimming	Year 5 swimming (5DF) Year 4

Forest School: Please send your child into school dressed appropriately for their session – long sleeves, 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 supply spare clothing/shoes on the day.

Week Commencing 6 th November		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday		
Tuesday		RSC/BG
Wednesday		
Thursday	2IT and 2FM	Nursery
Friday	1ES	

Remembrance Day: The school will be selling poppies next week. If you would like your child to purchase one, then please send some change in for them to donate to the charity.

Breakfast and After School Club: Please use the following link to book your child into Breakfast and After School Club for week commencing 6th November – [B & ASC Booking Form](#). It is important that the booking form is completed every week. Please ensure you advise staff of any dietary requirements your child may have.

Have a lovely weekend. If you are going out to enjoy a firework display, have fun and stay safe.

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	Beau H Aida S
Reception	RSC/BG	Harrison F Isabella W
	RAM	Elsie C Chloe W
One	1AP	Ollie C Poppy R
	1ES	Lennox B Royalty O
Two	2FM	Grace L Flynn H
	2IT	Max A Milly S
Three	3MS	Pheobe A Joshua R
	3JW	Sophie J-H Jacob B-M
Four	4AF	Elliott D Calvin S
	4BK	Riley L James B
Five	5RN	James J Amelia A
	5DF	Mathew T Dallas W
Six	6PP	Eva L Grace D
	6LM	Louie M Evelinka Y
The Treehouse	TSK	Steven O
	TNP	James L

