

John F. Kennedy Primary School

The Buzz Newsletter



16th February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Infantasia: On Monday, our year 2 pupils visited Rickleton Primary School to participate in Infantasia - an annual singing activity organised by Sunderland Music Hub.

They had a spot during the visit to entertain the other primary schools – our year 2 sung 'Don't Worry be Happy' and the 'Giggle' song. They were also great audience members, cheering on and joining in with familiar songs sung by other local schools.



Washington Mind: Our school council members visited Washington Mind on Tuesday. As it is National Nest Box Week, they worked well as a team to make some bird boxes. Tom, from Durham Wildlife Trust. The children are really looking forward to putting up the boxes in Forest School when we return after the holidays!



Parents Evening: Thank you to everyone who managed to attend the two evenings in school this week. I hope you found it useful and informative to look at your child's books and speak to the teacher about their progress. As a school, we will continue our open-door policy, and if you ever need to speak to a teacher, this may be possible either at the start or end of the school day. However, if this is not convenient, then a meeting can be arranged by contacting the school office.

Football: On Thursday, the girls' football team took part in the final of the Futsal competition. Their first game was against Wessington - a team they had met in the group stage round. After a couple of minutes, the girls found themselves 2-0 down through two really good finishes by the opposition. Despite it not being the start they wanted, they showed fantastic fighting spirit and made chance after chance. Holly R was able to bring it back to 2-1 with a fantastic low range effort finding the far post. Moments later the score was level, courtesy of an Amelia T penalty. Darcy G made a number of saves towards the end, the game finishing 2-2.

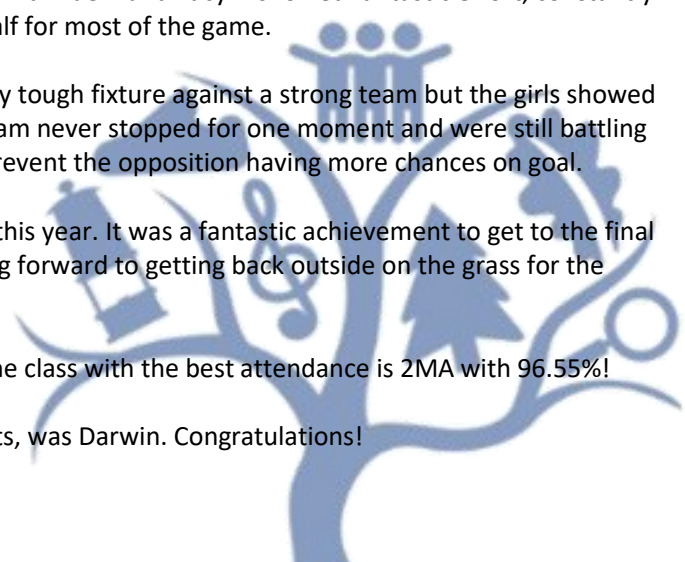
The second game of the evening was against George Washington. Once again, the opposition made the most of the early chances to take the lead, however, the girls' team were able to weather the storm and grew into the game as it went on. Amelia T battled her way to the near post to equalise the game. Ella Mae R and Lucy H showed fantastic effort, constantly putting opponents under pressure and keeping it in the other half for most of the game.

The final game of the night was against Rickleton. This was a very tough fixture against a strong team but the girls showed a great attitude throughout. Despite losing the game 0-4, the team never stopped for one moment and were still battling until the final whistle. Ella W produced a number of tackles to prevent the opposition having more chances on goal.

Well done to everyone who took part in the Futsal competition this year. It was a fantastic achievement to get to the final and the team were able to secure 3rd place. The team are looking forward to getting back outside on the grass for the remainder of the league campaign. Well done!

Attendance: This week, our overall attendance is 86.47% and the class with the best attendance is 2MA with 96.55%!

House Points: The winning house this week, with the most points, was Darwin. Congratulations!



World Book Day: On Thursday 7th March, we will be celebrating this annual event, and this year's theme will be around feelings and emotions. During World Book Day, and the days that follow, all children from nursery to year 6 will be exploring books that highlight and promote the different kinds of emotions that children can experience. This links closely to our PSHE curriculum and our school focus on children's mental health and wellbeing. To help us celebrate, we would like to see children coming into school dressed as an emotion or feeling of their choice – examples of these were sent out via ParentPay and on Facebook, most of which involve little or no cost.

Each child is receiving their £1.00 book voucher today, so that they can either exchange for one of the free World Book Day titles, or to help towards to costs of another book.

WCFP: This half term, Washington Community Food Project are once again offering free packed lunches to all school aged children (accompanied by an adult). Families do not need to be in receipt of food parcels or any benefits to take advantage of this, and children can get a packed lunch every day between 20-23rd February should they wish.

Multiplication Check Meeting: Year 4 parents/carers are invited to an information meeting regarding the multiplication checks, which will be carried out in June, on Monday 26th February at 3:30pm.

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. At this time of year, PE is generally in the hall however depending on the weather we may still have opportunities to go on the yard or field so please ensure your child has a jumper or jacket with them.

Week Commencing 26 th February		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year 4 swimming Year 1	Year 6
Tuesday		Year 2
Wednesday	RAM	RSC
Thursday	Year 3	5RN
Friday	Nursery	5DF Swimming

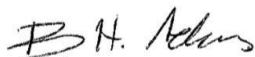
Forest School: Please send your child into school dressed appropriately for their session – long sleeves and trousers, wellies and a waterproof coat if possible. Forest School still takes place when raining, and we don't want children sitting in class with wet clothes, so it would be useful to provide spare clothing/shoes on the day.

Week Commencing 26 th February		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	3JW	RSC
Tuesday		Year 4
Wednesday		2MA
Thursday		RAM
Friday	1AP	Nursery

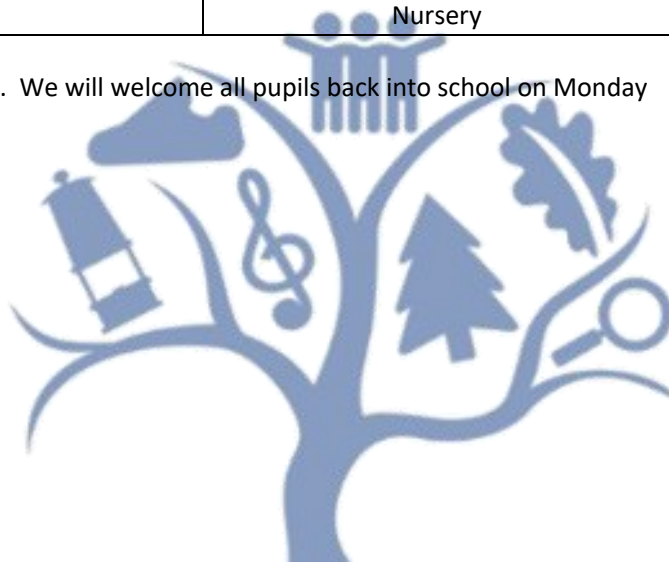
Reminder: School closes today for the spring half-term holidays. We will welcome all pupils back into school on Monday 26th February.

Have a lovely half-term holiday.

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	Bobby Y Oliver D
Reception	RSC/BG	Jerry C Kayden B
	RAM	Elsie C Alex S
One	1AP	Ayda D Frankie B
	1ES	Max F Luna S
Two	2FM	Lia-May B Harry B
	2IT	Milly S Daniel W
Three	3MS	Lilly H Thea G
	3JW	Ronin S Eva G
Four	4AF	Emily-Ma M Ted C
	4BK	Bella P Freddie B
Five	5RN	William H Ayda R
	5DF	Mason C Lucas S
Six	6PP	Jacob M Elynn A
	6LM	Isla W Leon C
The Treehouse	TSK	Dylan A
	TNP	Conroy K

