



Your Weekly Head Teacher Newsletter Friday 1st December 2017

Dear Parents, Carers, Children and Friends of West Jesmond,

Northern Power House Partnership

Mr Wallis-Clarke journeyed to London on Tuesday to join colleagues from the Northern Power House Partnership education group to launch a wider Northern Power House cross party parliamentary group. The group will focus on raising education standards, improving rail and other transport infrastructure, increasing productivity and exploring further devolution deals for the region. Again it's great to see that West Jesmond is taking part in discussions of a regional and national significance.



Athletics action

On Tuesday 21st November, 14 athletes from West Jesmond took part in the national Sports hall Athletics championships. Each team member participated in a track race, a relay and 2 field events and there were some great performances from all of our athletes. We are looking forward to hearing the final results in a week's time.



West Jesmond was represented by Isabel, Anna, Kay, Theo, William, Alfie, Ewan, Lenja, Neha, James, Jack, Freddie, Ellie, Jonthan, Katie and Alayna.

Ouseburn Basketball Festival

This week 10 children took part in the Ouseburn Basketball Festival run by Heaton Manor and the Newcastle Eagles. It was an excellent afternoon with some very competitive basketball matches. The team won 4 of their six matches finishing third out of the 7 teams who took part. Well done Alexander, Finlay, James, Alfie, Katie, Haesten, Theo, Freya, Jonathan and Blythe.



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Braving the winter weather

Well done to all the members of Mr Cook's Running Club, who braved the icy temperatures, rain and occasional snow during Tuesday's session. It's great to know we're not only developing the children's athletic ability, but also resilience and determination. Perhaps we've a future champion cross country or fell runner in the making?!

Eco Group planting

Eco group had a fantastic time on Friday afternoon planting daffodils and crocuses in Brandling Park! We can't wait to go back in Spring to see how the area is transformed. A big thank you to Newcastle City Council Enviro Schools for inviting us along!



'Hosanna in egg-shellsis'

This week Miss Jordan and our Eco Group have been busily working on our entry for the St Hilda's Christmas tree competition on Saturday. The 'Festival of Decorated Christmas Trees' event is open to the public to go and admire the trees and vote for their favourite on Saturday 2nd December from 11am to 4:30pm. There is also a carol service at 5pm.

Please vote for our tree - 'Hosanna in egg-shellsis' 🎄🎄🎄

Teaching School update

This week Mrs McVittie and Mr Martin interviewed and selected candidates for next year's School Direct Initial Teaching training intake. It's nice to see such talented fresh faced people wanting to join the teaching profession. Part of our work as a Teaching School is also to collaborate with other Teaching Schools, in the city and regionally, to plan and deliver strategic support to schools. On Monday, Mr Martin joined colleagues from Sacred Heart Girls' School; Churchhill Community College; the CEM centre at Durham University; representatives from the North East Teaching School Partnership; Newcastle City Council and the Department of Education, in the next stage of planning an application to the Department of Education's Strategic School Improvement fund, with a view to improving outcomes in mathematics across the region.



School Book Fair

Our School Book Fair starts on Tuesday after school in the undercroft. This is a brilliant way to help us to raise funds to buy new books whilst also taking home a lovely book for yourselves! Please visit us on the yard after school Tuesday-Friday next week and next Sunday at the Christmas Fair 🎄



Young Achievers



Lily Y4M	Achieving her pen licence
Ben Y1YR	Team work trophy
Isabelle Y3C	1000m Rainbow Swimming Badge
Ismael Y3C	Level 8 Lexia Superstar Award x 2
Dan Y5B	Excellent persuasive writing
Daisy Y5B	Excellent persuasive writing
Tahsin Y5B	Excellent persuasive writing
Lizzie Y2J	Brilliant art work
Nicholas Y2J	Brilliant art work
Rahaf Y2J	Brilliant art work
Levi Y3OB	Brilliant art work
Joseph Y4S	Rugby Player of the Week for Novocastrians
Hephzibah Y5M	Wonderful behaviour
Gabriel Y2S	Red belt at Jujitsu
Niamh Y4F	Yellow belt at Jujitsu
Martha Y1O	Stage 4 Swimming Award
James Y2J	20m Swimming Award
Freya Y3L	Fantastic Mr Benn story
Rona Y3L	25mm Swimming Award
Tillie Y4M	Bronze Gymnastics Award
Heidi R1	25m Swimming Award
Shaun Y3L	25m Swimming Award
Robin Y3L	Excellent Mr Benn Poster

Friends Update

We desperately need your second hand books and DVDs for the second hand book and DVD stall at the School Christmas Fair. This is an excellent opportunity to have a good clear out! Please drop off any books or DVDs at the school office next week. We would be extremely grateful for any donations.

And don't forget to come to the Christmas Fair on **Sunday 10th December**. There will be loads of fun things for everyone to do, plenty of food and lots of shopping opportunities.

Thank you very much!
The Friends

With best wishes for the week ahead,

Dominic Martin
Head of School

