



West
Jesmond
Primary School

Head Teacher Newsletter

Friday 23rd March 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Sport Relief Runs

Thank you very much to everyone, who very kindly donated towards our collection today for Sport Relief. It looks like we'll be able to send off a substantial donation to this wonderful charity. Both children running on the yard and those who completed the near mile circuit on the Town Moor did exceptionally well in their run this morning.



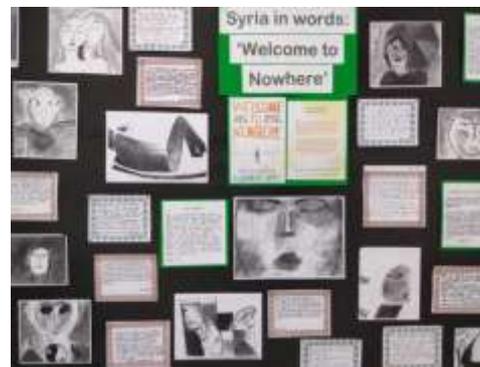
'Eggciting' New arrivals in Year 2

Children in Year 2 were delighted to see the arrival of the hen eggs and incubator last week, but even more excited to see the white eggs hatch overnight during the week to reveal several fluffy yellow chicks in each classroom!



School Improvement Partner Visit

This week we had our termly School Improvement Partner visit from Margaret Armstrong. Mrs Armstrong works primarily with the senior team to quality assure our judgements about school, ensuring we are the best we can possibly be. During her visit she accompanied Mrs McVittie and myself on a walk around school in which we dropped in to every year group to see both children and teachers at work together. We also spent a good deal of time looking at displays of children's work as well as discussing some recent developments in professional learning for staff. I'm glad to say Mrs Armstrong was very impressed, particularly with the breadth of curriculum on offer across the school and the quality of children's work around the building. Singled out in particular, was Year 6's work about the culture and conflict in Syria through the book 'Welcome to Nowhere'. Their written work and accompanying art are simply stunning!



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Sine Nomine International Touring Choir



As you may or may not know Mr Wallis-Clarke sings in an international touring choir Sine Nomine. The choir performs a wide variety of repertoire and holds just four concert weekends each year.

On Saturday 21st April the choir is coming to St Gabriel's Church in Heaton to perform. The concert starts at 7pm. Tickets are available from the school office if anyone would like to attend. Further information is available at <http://www.sinenom.com/concerts.php>

Annual Egg Competition

To mark the end of the Spring term we will be holding our annual 'Decorate an Egg Competition' next Thursday 29th March.



The theme this year is superheroes. Children need to create and name their own superhero egg, adding a few ideas, written down by themselves or an adult, about the special powers their hero has and how these powers help others. Both the decorating of an egg, symbolic of new beginnings, and the creation of a superhero that helps others, seem appropriate reminders of Easter and the death

and resurrection of Jesus who did so much in his life to challenge the prejudice, intolerance and injustice he saw around him.

Eggs should arrive on Thursday morning ready to be displayed outside the hall. Any eggs not taken home at the end of the day will be thrown away, so to avoid tears and disappointment, please ensure your child has a suitable container to take the egg home at the end of the day.

I have been reliably informed that the judges will be looking for originality and eggs clearly made and decorated by children! 😊😊

Fundraising Thank you

Thank you very much to everybody who has already contributed towards my fundraising effort for the secret garden project. We're already half way towards the £1000 I'd like to raise for my 70k run. If you haven't already made a contribution but would like to do so please visit our fundraising page at:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/west-jesmondprimarysecretgarden>

Mental Health Group Survey

There is also still plenty of time to contribute to our mental health survey. Please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/H7VPG5S>

We really appreciate you taking the time to share your ideas with us to help ensure West Jesmond Primary is place where mental health for children, families and staff is always top of our agenda.

City Hall Singing Concert

Just a quick reminder that Monday sees the hosting of the annual Ouseburn Learning Trust City Hall singing event. There is still time to buy tickets via Sims Agora.



Esme R2	25m Swimming Award
Ariana R2	Ducking Level 1 Swimming Award
Stella Y3C	Level 5 Learn to Swim Award
Addy Y3C	Level 5 Learn to Swim Award
Mohammed Y4M	Level 1 Learn to Swim Award
Freddie Y2S	Level 4 Learn to Swim Award
George Y2J	Achieving 250 Dojo Points
Araleea Y5M	Making a beautiful hand knitted scarf
Cassius R3	Puffin Swimming Award
Jensen R1	Level 2 Learn to Swim Award
Kwame Y1O	20m Swimming Award
Nat Y3L	Painted an amazing acrylic Koala Bear picture
Eva Y3OB	Writing some beautiful poetry
Matthew R1	10m Swimming Award
Scarlett Y1W	Excellent Handwriting
Adrian Y2J	25m Swimming Award
Wilf Y4M	50m Swimming Award

As this will be the last weekly newsletter of the term, I'd like to wish everyone an enjoyable and restful Easter break.

Dominic Martin
Head of School