



February 14th 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Valentine's Day! I hope you all have a wonderful half-term holiday. I wanted to say a huge thank you for all the lovely letters, emails and conversations I have had with parents following my announcement to leave West Jesmond last week. It has been a very busy week with West Jesmond's Got Talent and I wanted to say a huge thank you to all the staff and parents that helped to make this another wonderful success. I have included some pictures that are on Facebook as a small sample of the wonderful talent we have in our school.

Thrive Practitioner Success

Huge congratulations to Miss Jordan and Miss Rennison who have completed their professional training and been accredited as Thrive practitioners. This is a special nationally accredited programme that we use to support children that we identify as needing some additional learning and emotional needs alongside developing our whole school approach to care and behaviour management. The course is extremely demanding and completing this on top of a full time job is not easy; it is a real testament to their dedication and commitment.

West Jesmond's Got Talent



Wednesday night proved once again that West Jesmond HAS Got Talent! Some of the performers showcased their acts to the rest of the school in assembly yesterday to their enthusiastic friends.

A big thanks to Mr Rimmer, Mrs Adair and Mr Stuart for organising another fantastic event!



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STEM Week

When we return for next half term, we are starting with STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Week. We have some very exciting projects and visitors planned for the children which will be revealed in Monday's assembly. Over half term and STEM Week we have a number of family STEM challenges for you and an exciting homework competition – details are in this week's Letters to Parents. Please bring the outcomes into school to share in class or post to our Facebook or Twitter Feeds. We'd like to thank Mincoffs Solicitors for sponsoring our week again!

READING BUDDY REQUEST

Vali and Ivy from Reception and Mr Jones had the very important job of road testing our new Reading Buddies' sofa this week. It comes highly recommended by all of them!

A huge thanks to The Friends of West Jesmond for funding this and also to Mrs Sanderson for negotiating such a great deal (It's not just any sofa...)!

If you would like to become a Reading Buddy please email Mrs Sanderson via hello@westjesmond.newcastle.sch.uk



ECO TOP TIP!



Zoe Y6M: Check your labels and choose food with lower air miles! Did you know you can also off set your carbon emissions from flying by planting trees? Many airlines offer this option when you buy your ticket!

Half-Term Holiday

Please make sure that you have noted in your family calendars that school will close on Friday 14th February at 3.20 pm for the Spring term holiday. We re-open on Monday 24th February at 8.45 am. There are no teacher training days linked to this break.

With my very best wishes for the week ahead,

Gary Wallis-Clarke

Young Achievers	
Stella 1W	Stage 1 Swimming Award
Lucy 1B	50m Swimming Award
Zinedine 1C	French Certificate
Amelia 1C	Tap Dancing Certificate
Rahaf 4C	Grade 3 Arabic Certificate
Esme 2S	100m Swimming Award
Isla 1B	Level 6 Gymnastics Award
Malu 1B	Level 7 Gymnastics Award
Ethan 4C	100m Swimming Award
Lucas R1	25m Swimming Award
Fionn 4C	3.85km Night Run Medal
Fynn 2S	Stage 4 Swimming Award
Amelie 2S	Star Player of Week in Rugby
Anouk 3L	Fantastic Painting of an Apple Tree!
Nancy 3L	Distinction in Dance Certificate
Will 4E	Tennis Medal
Yuqi 2E	Stage 1 Swimming Award
Harith 4F	100 Dojo Points Certificate
Levi 6S	Fantastic Writing!
Emma 4C	100m Swimming Award
Rose R1	Badge 6 Gymnastics Award
Molly 3L	Irish Dancing Trophy
Alhanoof 1B	Completed 1 st La Jolie Ronde Spanish Course
Eva 1B	Completed 1 st La Jolie Ronde Spanish Course
Dylan 1B	Completed 1 st La Jolie Ronde Spanish Course
Yasmin 1B	Completed 1 st La Jolie Ronde Spanish Course
Ruiyu 1B	Completed 1 st La Jolie Ronde Spanish Course
Eliphe 1B	Completed 1 st La Jolie Ronde Spanish Course
Toby 1C	Completed 1 st La Jolie Ronde Spanish Course
Cecile 1C	Completed 1 st La Jolie Ronde Spanish Course
Audrey 1C	Completed 1 st La Jolie Ronde Spanish Course
Amelie 1C	Completed 1 st La Jolie Ronde Spanish Course
Zinedine 1C	Completed 1 st La Jolie Ronde Spanish Course
Ayse 1C	Completed 1 st La Jolie Ronde Spanish Course
Grace 4F	Completed 3 rd French Course
Gabriel 4F	Completed 3 rd French Course
Francesca 4F	Completed 3 rd French Course
Serenna 4F	Completed 3 rd French Course
James 4E	Completed 3 rd French Course
Sofia 4C	Completed 3 rd French Course
AJ 4C	Completed 3 rd French Course
Evie 2E	Completed 2 nd Spanish Course
Lotte 2E	Completed 2 nd Spanish Course
Halle 2E	Completed 2 nd Spanish Course
Esme 2S	Completed 2 nd Spanish Course
Ariana 2S	Completed 2 nd Spanish Course
Freddie 4F	Stage 7 Swimming Award and Volume 1 Hebrew Certificate
Zinedine 1C	Trophy for Winning 4 Games of Football