



The West Jesmond Family Newsletter 8 Spring Term 2024



Welcome to our Spring Term Week 8 Newsletter.

Careers Week and Special Visitors

It has been another very busy week at West Jesmond! Over the last few days, we have been holding our annual Careers Week. We have welcomed a large number of special visitors in to inspire and enthuse our children, including enterprise workshops across our year groups. We are very thankful to all of our parents and friends who have supported the week and have given up time to speak to our children and to our great Aspirations Lead, Mrs Oades, for creating this very exciting timetable of events.

The Mayor Visits West Jesmond

On Tuesday, we had a special visit from the North of Tyne Mayor, Jamie Driscoll. This morning, as part of our WJPS Careers Week. Jamie told us all about his fascinating role as the Mayor and what the important issues are to him and the North East at the moment. School Council and Eco Reps then got the chance to ask Jamie lots of other questions, in our Q and A session, after the assembly.



Year 1 were very excited about a visit from Tom. The children loved learning about his job as a speechwriter for the North of Tyne Mayor! We learnt all about the different skills you may need to be a speech writer such as speaking, listening, reading and writing! We think we may have some mini speechwriters in the making!



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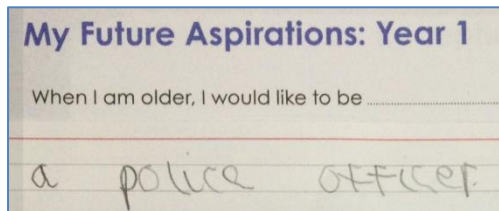
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Year 4 had a really inspiring visit from Sergeant Jessica Brooke on Tuesday morning. She told us lots about all the aspects of her job as a police officer and how she helps to keep us all safe. Thank you Jessica, we really enjoyed your visit!



Year 1 also had a visit from the police. They even let us sit inside their car. However, sadly this year the Headteacher was not handcuffed and arrested by them!



Steph, who works as a historian came in to tell Year 2 all about her role, which involves teaching students, writing books and researching history. She also told us all about the skills you would need for her job. Steph let us handle Roman artefacts and we also had fun trying to guess the mystery objects she brought in!



Year 3 would like to thank their visitor, Doctor Maria Bokhari. She works in a hospital as a doctor who specialises in blood. Doctor Bokhari shared some of the jobs she has to do in hospital and the children discovered why doctors take and monitor your blood.



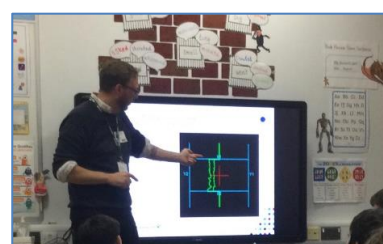
Reception had a visit from Rob Young who is a Software Engineer. Rob told us all about the differences between software and hardware and what he does in his job. Thank you so much Rob- we loved your visit!

Another Year 4 visitor was Simon Benson, who is a naval architect and engineer. He talked to us all about 'Flipflop!', an incredible project in Kenya, where a stool he brought in to show us, and even a 24m boat, have been created entirely out of plastic rubbish and flip-flops! Thank you Simon- we loved hearing all about your amazing work!



Year 3 were lucky enough to be visited by two professionals who talked to us about their jobs. Helen Ingham is a voice therapist and showed the children how they use their voices and taught us exercises to help our vocal chords.

Steve Manley talked to us about his job as a Clinical Scientist at the NHS explaining how he uses lots of subjects that we learn in school to help him create computer models of patients' insides to help plan the best way to treat them.



Space Academy Badge Winners

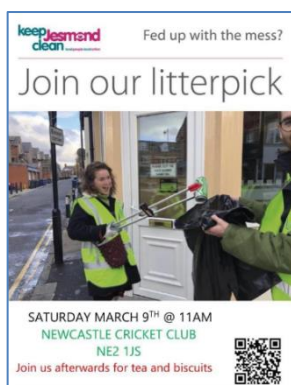
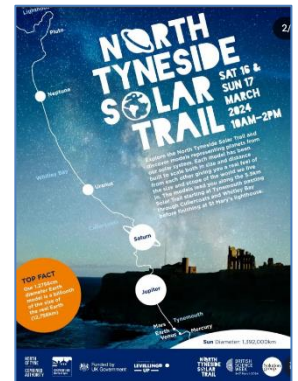
We were blown away by the creativity and quality of our STEM Week Space Academy badge homework competition. As many as possible will be on our STEM display. Thanks to Mincoffs Solicitors for sponsoring and judging our competitions. Here are some lucky winners.



Solar Trail

We know that a number of children were really enthused by Space during STEM Week. On March 16th and 17th, there is a special Solar Trail along the coast in North Tyneside. We thought some of our budding astronauts, astrologers and researchers would be interested in visiting. Please let us know if you go!

<https://northtynesidesolartrail.co.uk/>



Jesmond Litter pick

There is a Jesmond litter pick this Saturday morning for any of our families who have the time to join in with this great community effort. If you want to be involved, meet at the Newcastle Cricket Club at 11am.

Jobs at West Jesmond - We Need You!

We are looking for parents, grandparents, carers and friends who would like to join our dinnertime or out of school Club teams. We can offer part time roles with a range of hours to suit you and your family. If you are interested in finding out more and the opportunity to work with our great children, please speak to the school office.

Comic Relief Friday 15th

You will have all received a letter about Comic Relief on Friday 15th March. School Council would like to invite children to come in to school in their pyjamas/onesies or wear red for a suggested minimum donation of £1. We would also like to invite children to do 'something funny for money' and bring in an age appropriate joke to share with their class, either attached somewhere to themselves on their person or brought in separately on paper.

Help to shape and further improve our school at the Parent Partnership Meeting 20th March: All Invited

Thank you if you have already signed up for our Parent Partnership meeting via Weduc. There is still time for more parents to join this chance to share ideas about how to further improve our school.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Matt Ward (Headteacher)

Dates for Your Diary

The Week Ahead


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| ❖ Tuesday 12 th & Thursday 14 th March | Parent Consultation Evenings |
| ❖ Tuesday 12 th March | Reception Visit to the Laing Gallery |
| ❖ Wednesday 13 th March | Year 4 Fire Safety Workshop |
| ❖ Friday 15 th March | Comic Relief and Comic relief Cake Stall! |

Further ahead

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| ❖ Monday 18 th March 9am | Year 3 Parents' Workshop |
| ❖ Tuesday 19 th March (2pm) | Year 4 Parents' Workshop |
| ❖ Wednesday 20 th March | Parent Partnership Meeting |
| ❖ Thursday 21 st March | Dance Club to Dance Festival |
| ❖ Tuesday 26 th March | Year 6 Shakespeare Performance Northern Stage |
| ❖ Thursday 28 th March | Break up for Easter Holidays |
| ❖ Monday 15 th April | Start of the Summer Term |
| ❖ Sunday 17 th May | Children's Cancer Run |
| ❖ Wednesday 22 nd May | School Choir and Djembe Band Jesmond Festival |
| ❖ Friday May 24 th | School Closed: OLT Training Day |
| ❖ Monday 3 rd June | Back to school |
| ❖ Wednesday 3 rd July | Year 4 Scottish Opera Performance |
| ❖ Monday 8 th July | Sports Day Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 |
| ❖ Friday 19 th July | End of Term |















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