

Dear Parents and Carers of children at West Jesmond,

I am extremely proud to inform you that following an interview on Tuesday, **Mr Dominic Martin has been offered and accepted the position of Head Teacher at Benton Park Primary school.** I am personally delighted that he did so well at the interview and is ready to take on his own school now, but will also continue to work closely with us in the future as the leader of a school in the Ouseburn Learning Trust.

On a personal level I wanted to share with you all that Mr Martin has been with me all the way through our school improvement journey and though I will miss him greatly, I do feel the timing is right for him to fly our nest and embrace the new challenges this job will bring. He has brought so much to our school in the time he has been Deputy Head Teacher and Head of School. We will all miss his passion for education and running; his love of Star Wars; his thoughtfulness and compassion; his humour and his understanding.

He will start his new job ready for the new academic year in September and so will leave West Jesmond at the end of term on July 19th 2019.

Our last OFSTED in 2015 praised the strength and reputation of our school to create outstanding school leaders for the future and we have gone on to enhance our reputation and success in this area with this next important appointment.

We have a stable and large Senior Leadership Team already in place in the school and we have plans in place to ensure we are ready for the new school year in September. I believe this could provide some excellent opportunities for our current leaders to step up and embrace new challenges whilst being guided and fully-supported by myself and the Governing Body.



I want to assure all parents that I am very happy in my role at West Jesmond as the official Head Teacher and Executive Head Teacher and am certainly not considering any move or change of career at this point in time or for the foreseeable future. This will provide the stability needed whilst we make some minor re-adjustments to our leadership structure.

Mr Martin has told the children this morning in assembly about his new job and we are all very excited for him. I am sure you may want to communicate with him over the last half-term either on the yard or by email to wish him well for the future.

Congratulation too, to **Lara, Ailsa and Sachi from Y2 who gained Distinctions in the Primary Engineer Leaders Award competition.** They all designed eco inventions of the future and had to explain how they worked. All of Y2 will be receiving certificates for their great designs but Lara, Ailsa and Sachi's designs will be on display at the University of Sunderland on June 8th. Anyone is welcome to go and see these, and designs from other schools, but please sign up at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-north-east-leaders-awards-2019-public-exhibition-tickets-59518200540>

A range of **musicians from West Jesmond performed this morning at the local library as part of the Community Festival.** The audience were treated to a wonderful concert under the expert direction of Mrs Hague our Director of Music.



We had half the choir perform, along with the string orchestra, violin, guitar and harp solos, recorder group and clarinet duets. It was wonderful to be asked again to be part of this important community event in Jesmond.

Lastly, just a quick reminder that group class photos for Year 6 and Year 2, coinciding with the end of KS2 and KS1, will take place on Monday 3rd June. Smartest uniform at the ready!

Please see this week's **Young Achievers** on the next page.

With my very best wishes to you all – have a lovely half term.

G Wallis-Clarke

Gary Wallis-Clarke
Executive Head Teacher



Young Achievers	
Jessica Y2H	2x Rugby Trophies
Eva Y1W	Level 3 Lexia Superstar
James Y1O	Fantastic writing
Ethan R1	Excellent jobs
Dylan R1	Excellent jobs
Henry R2	Excellent writing and creating
Harry R2	Completed Greggs Cancer Run
Sudabeh y2S	25M Swimming Award
Halle Y1W	Badge 5 Gymnastics
Amelie Y1B	200M Swimming Award
Meg Y1B	50M Swimming Award
Benjamin Y1B	Completed Greggs Cancer Run
Esme Y1B	Completed Greggs Cancer Run
Phoebe Y1B	Completed Greggs Cancer Run
Max Y1B	Completed Greggs Cancer Run
Iris Y1B	Completed Greggs Cancer Run
Ariana Y1B	Completed Greggs Cancer Run
Tara Y1B	Tennis Excellence
Jack Y3L	Completed Greggs Cancer Run and Distinction in Grade 2 Piano
Maisie Y3L	Completed Greggs Cancer Run
Rahaf Y3F	Passed Arabic Test
Raz Y5R	Level F Kumon Certificate
Oula Y5R	Level 13 Lexia Superstar
Thomas Y5R	Level 15 Lexia Superstar
Traianos Y5R	Level 13 and Level 14 Lexia Superstar
Ethan R1	Completed Greggs Cancer Run
Lucy R1	Completed Greggs Cancer Run
Emily Y1O	Level 7 Gymnastics
Kayden Y1O	Level 5 Lexia Superstar
Charlie Y3L	Excellent effort and participation in Spanish
Lea Y3C	Excellent effort and participation in Spanish
Maisie Y3F	Excellent effort and participation in Spanish
Yousif Y4C	Excellent effort and participation in Spanish
Ravi Y4S	Excellent effort and participation in Spanish
Annabella Y4J	Excellent effort and participation in Spanish
Martha Y4J	Excellent effort and participation in Spanish
Lina Y5R	Excellent effort and participation in Spanish
Joseph Y5G	Excellent effort and participation in Spanish
Sofia Y5M	Excellent effort and participation in Spanish
Sarina R3	50M Swimming Award
Thomas R3	Puffin Swimming Award
Dylan T R1	Fantastic writing
Yusra R3	Little Tiger Cubs Certificate
Freddie Y2S	Award for Under 7's Northern FC Rugby
Ben Y2S	Award for Under 7's Northern FC Rugby
Aaron Y2S	Chess Champion – Regional Megafinal Certificate
Levi Y5M	Practising Shakespeare lines brilliantly
Mohammed R1	Brilliant writing
Annabelle Y2H	Completed Greggs Cancer Run
Katarina Y2H	Completed Greggs Cancer Run
Adam Y2H	Completed Greggs Cancer Run
Sachi Y2H	Completed Greggs Cancer Run
Kwame Y2H	Completed Greggs Cancer Run
Anouk Y2H	Completed Greggs Cancer Run
Jessica Y2H	Completed Greggs Cancer Run

Chloe Y1W	Ice Skating, 2 years ahead in Kumon English and Swimming Award
Freya Y1B	Level 3 Lexia Superstar
Alfie Y1B	Level 5 Lexia Superstar
All of Y5 Auditionees	Fantastic Auditions For Shakespeare 2019