



The West Jesmond Family Newsletter 7 Spring Term 2024



Welcome to our Spring Term Week 7 Newsletter.

STEM Week 2024 - We have lift off!

The half term blasted off to a very exciting start as we all joined in with the whole school STEM week all about Space. On Monday, we held a special whole school Space Academy STEM Week launch assembly. Following the launch, the school has been full of experiments, exploration and space related discoveries. We hope your children have been telling you all about the activities that have been taking place. Thank you to Professor Jones and our STEM leads for creating this great week. Here are just a few of the things we have been doing to answer our Big Questions.

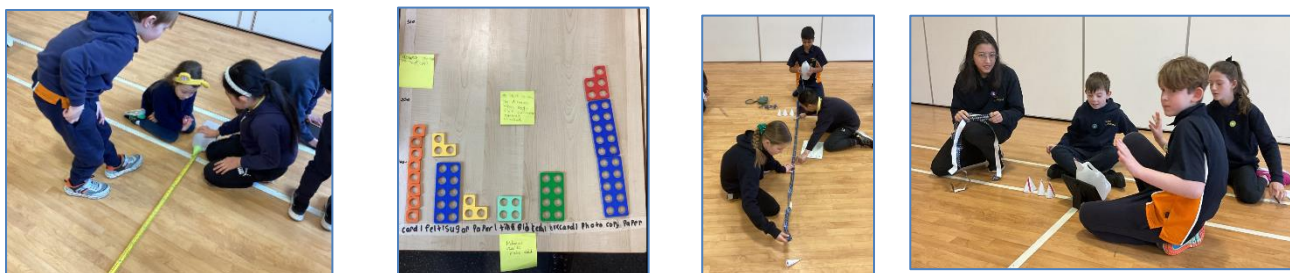
Planetarium Visits

Through the week, every child has visited the Great North Museum Planetarium to decide, "If we are aliens". We are very grateful to our friends at the Museum and the Planetarium for allowing us all to visit and we also want to thank all of you and the Friends of West Jesmond for funding this great experience for every child in school.



Rocket Engineers

All year groups have been designing experiments to investigate how far rockets can travel. They have explored a range of design options, looked at trajectory and materials and considered how to fairly measure results.



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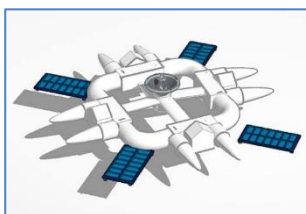
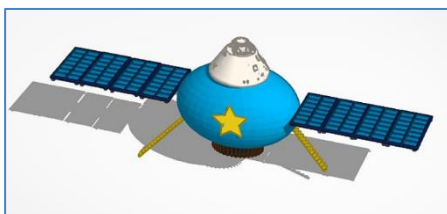
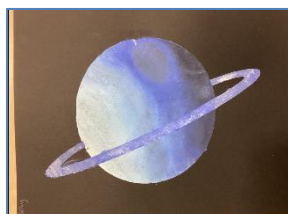
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Year 5 had a special space workshop at the Great North Museum and on their return to school, they investigated what would happen if a meteor hit the Moon. They explored whether the size of a meteorite or the type of surface would affect the crater that was made.



Year 6 have been using Computer-Aided Design to create our own space station prototypes and have also produced some 'out-of-this-world' artistic representations of the planet Uranus in art lessons.



STEM WEEK Homework: Wow!

We have been overwhelmed by the response to our STEM Week Homework challenge. There are hundreds of designs for the West Jesmond Space Academy Badge. Thank you to every child who has created a design. It will be very hard for our judges, Mincoffs Solicitors, to select the most creative in each year group!

Can we also say thank you to those children and parents have brought in fascinating space related information and objects for home!

Help to shape and further improve our school at the [Parent Partnership Meeting 20th March: All Invited](#)

Following on from our Autumn Parent Partnership Group, we would like to invite the current parent group and anyone other parents and carers who would like to join our spring meeting. Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday 20th March at 2.30pm and finish at 3.10pm in time for pick up. For those families who did not attend the last meeting and are considering joining us, please be assured this is a very informal and relaxed environment where we simply share a hot drink and have the opportunity to talk about all things West Jesmond. Everyone is welcome and all ideas and comments are valued. In the meeting, we will review the topics and actions from the last meetings and review events in the school year. We will also set a focus for the summer meeting. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our next meeting. If you are able to attend, please sign up in the Bookings section of Weduc.

Careers Week 2024

Next week we are holding our annual Careers Week. Mrs Oades has created a busy programme of activities to inform and inspire our children as they learn more about some of the many opportunities they might be interested in as they grow older. During the week, our many visitors will talk to children about how their interests, education and passions helped them to develop their careers. Thank you to all of the parents and friends who have volunteered to come in during the week.

Football Team Cup Quarterfinal

Our Year 5/6 football team narrowly lost their Newcastle Schools' cup quarter final 2-1 to a last minute goal on Thursday. The team played amazingly well and were unlucky to go out of the competition. We are very proud of all of them.

Parent Consultations Reminder

Please make sure that you have signed up for the parent consultations that are taking place on March 12th and 14th (12th and 13th for Mr Edward's Class). A letter has gone to all parents with the details of the times and how to sign up. If you have any difficulties with signing up for an appointment, please contact the school office.

World book Day and Comic Relief Red nose Day

Look out for a letters with details about two events over the next two weeks.

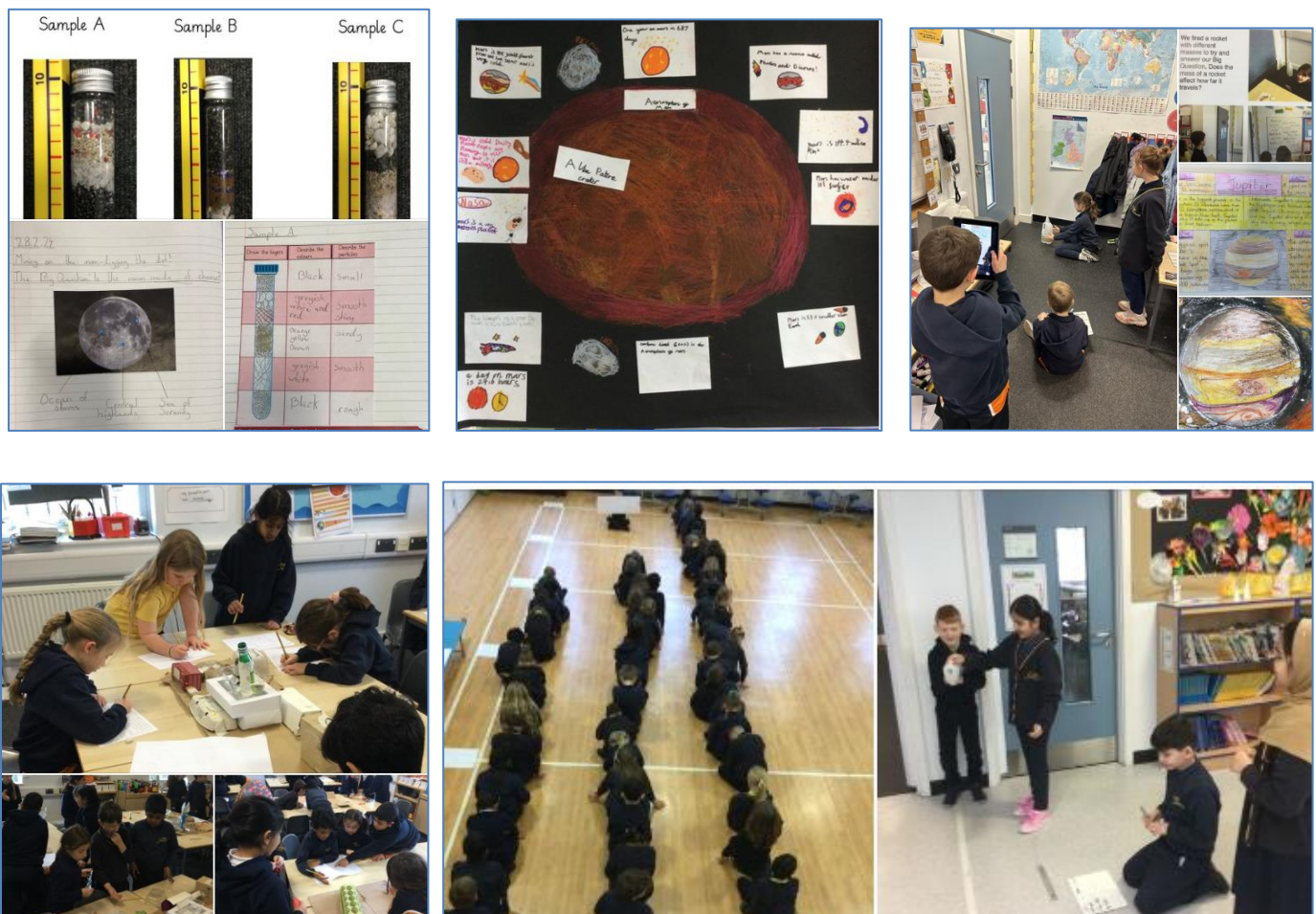
We will be marking World Book Day on Thursday 7th talking about stories and books and a special Bookmark Challenge.

We will be raising money for Comic Relief this year on Friday 15th March through some fun activities in school.



Have a lovely weekend (on earth or beyond the stars) everyone!

Matt Ward (Headteacher)



Dates for Your Diary

The Week Ahead

❖ Monday 4th – Friday 8th March

Careers Week

Year 5 Enterprise Day

❖ Tuesday 5th March

Visit to school from The North of Tyne Mayor

Year 3 Enterprise Day

Year 5 Online Safety Workshop

❖ Wednesday 6th March

Year 6 Enterprise Day

❖ Thursday 7th March

Year 2 Enterprise Day

❖ Friday 8th March

Year 4 Enterprise Day

Cake Stall Class 2D

Friends of WJPS Bingo Night

Further ahead

❖ Tuesday 12th & Thursday 14th March

Parent Consultation Evenings

❖ Tuesday 12th March

Reception Visit to the Laing Gallery

❖ Friday 15th March

Comic Relief

❖ Monday 18th March 9am

Year 3 Parents' Workshop

❖ Tuesday 19th March (2pm)

Year 4 Parents' Workshop

❖ Tuesday 26th March

Year 6 Shakespeare Performance Northern Stage

❖ Thursday 28th March

Break up for Easter Holidays

❖ Monday 15th April

Start of the Summer Term

❖ Sunday 17th May

Children's Cancer Run

❖ Wednesday 22nd May


School Choir and Djembe Band Jesmond Festival

❖ Friday May 24th

School Closed: OLT Training Day













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
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