



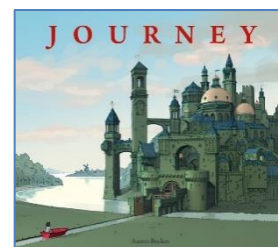
West Jesmond Primary Newsletter 26th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Take One Book Week



Next week we will be taking the whole school on a magical journey exploring fantastic worlds and letting our imaginations be free to explore, create and wonder. We end the term by basing our learning in English on the book **Journey by Aaron Becker**. This exciting text will lead us to floating magical castles and underwater adventures in fantastical coral reefs and will allow us to soar in the sky on magic carpets and hot air balloons. At a time



when the boundaries on our lives are more restricted than usual, there is an added reason to talk with our children about the unique power of books to take them to such a great range of places, times and lives. Please ask your children which magical world they would like to enter and why?

Comic Relief

Wow! Thank you so much for your support for Red Nose Day last week. We really enjoyed all the jokes and talking with our children about the causes Comic Relief support. Despite the current situation and the difficulties some of our families are facing, West Jesmond families donated an incredible £795.



Important Covid Testing Information

Please remember that if your child exhibits any Covid symptoms, you need to book Covid test. Usually, this will involve going to a test centre for a PCR test. If you are unable to get to a test centre speak to the school and we can arrange to drop off a PCR test that you will then send off. The Lateral Flow Tests (LFTs or LFDs) that families can obtain to do twice weekly tests, or that secondary age children are using, are to check for asymptomatic cases and are not the same as the PCR tests used when there are symptoms.

A home LFD test is not enough to end self-isolation for symptomatic children. A child with any symptoms cannot return to school after taking one of the home kit LFD tests and must book a PCR test and wait to hear the result.

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A virtual visit to the museum



Reception children enjoyed a fantastic virtual dinosaur visit to the Great North Museum this week. The brilliant team from the museum led us through a dinosaur experience via Zoom. There was dinosaur making, dinosaur games and a huge amount of stomping and roaring! A flock of mighty pteranodons then took to the skies of the Reception classrooms.



Outdoor Opportunities

Thank you to one of our parents who has kindly sent in information about the Derwent Reservoir Sailing Club. The club is offering some sail training for non-member juniors aged 9-14 in April depending on Covid restrictions. The link to the details and to book on the website is <https://www.drsc.co.uk/event/junior-learn-to-sail-7>

We hope this spring and summer, with a possible easing of restrictions, that all of our children get the chance to seize outdoor opportunities and we are very happy to share ideas from you at home.



West Jesmond Radio Star!

Some of you may have heard West Jesmond's very own Hamta live on national radio this week! Hamta was a quizzing star live across the country on Capital Radio. She kept her cool and gave lots of great answers and very kindly gave a big shout out to school and to her classteacher, Mr Rimmer!

Nowruz

Can we wish happiness and hope for the year ahead to all of our families who are celebrating Nowruz the Persian New Year this week at the start of spring. At this difficult time when we cannot get together physically, we hope you are able to connect with families and friends and enjoy marking the turn of the year.



Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Matt Ward (Headteacher)

Dates For Your Diary

- Week 29th March - 1st April: **Take One Book:** A week long whole school project based on an exciting shared text
- Thursday 1st April: **Break up for Easter Holidays**
- Monday 19th April: **Return to school for the Summer Term**