



The West Jesmond Family Newsletter 1 Summer Term 2023

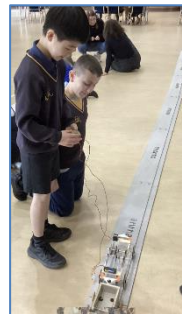
Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome back everyone to a very busy Summer Term!

Champion Engineers!

We would like to start with some very exciting news about another success for West Jesmond children.

On Tuesday, Yohan and Hamza from Year 6 were named as winners of the Primary Engineer Rail Project at the Discovery Museum. In Design & Technology, the Year Six children had been tasked with building trains, where they developed structural and electrical engineering skills as part of a national project. Yohan and Hamza's train was chosen to represent West Jesmond at the celebration event this week along with representatives of other local schools that participated in the project. Their train was assessed on its structural integrity, how well they had constructed it, how well it could travel in a straight line and how well it managed to pull a series of carriages. The boys were also given a 15 minute interview to discuss their design and construction process, and the judges commented on how precise and well-assembled their train was. Well done, Yohan and Hamza!



The West Jesmond International Evening 2023 Coffee Morning What would you like to share?

We are looking forward to the International Evening on Thursday 25th May. The evening is a chance to celebrate the incredible diversity of our school. We are inviting as many of our families as possible to contribute during the evening in a celebration of our varied and shared cultures stretching from Newcastle and the North East to countries and regions all over the world.

We are holding a coffee morning next Tuesday at morning drop off time to share ideas, answer questions and to tell you more about the event. We hope to see lots of you there. If you can't attend, but are interested in helping to make our event special, please contact the school office.



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Parent Partnership Meeting Monday 24th April

A reminder that our next meeting will be on Monday 24th April at 2.00pm in the music studio and finish at 3.00pm in time for pick up. For this meeting we would like to focus on transition between year groups. It would be lovely to hear from you and have the opportunity to work together on building a more successful school community. 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.

Year 1 Flying High

This week to complete their topic on 'First Flight', Year 1 had a very exciting visitor. Lee is a pilot for Easy Jet and told us all about his job. We loved seeing the inside of an aeroplane and asking him lots of questions.



Our West Jesmond Author

Our fantastic author West Jesmond author, Steph Bellwood, has had her latest book published. This is the second in a series looking at some rather notorious women in history. Steph's previous historically based book has been extremely popular with our children and we are looking forward to sharing these exciting new tales with them!



No Nuts Please



Can we remind all parents that we are a nut free school. Due to the risk to the health of children who may have intolerances or allergies we ask that no nuts or products including nuts, such as spreads, are sent in as a part of packed lunches. Thank you.

Strike Partial Closures

Please ensure you received and read the letter sent out yesterday setting out the arrangements for the two potential teacher strike days on Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May.

Eid Mubarak

Eid Mubarak to all of our families who will be celebrating Eid today and over this weekend. We hope you have a very enjoyable time. We look forward to hearing all about it next week.



Matt Ward (Headteacher)

Year 6 Shakespeare Theatre Review

We wanted to share with you this fantastic review of our Year 6 production of Twelfth Night performed at the Northern Stage just before Easter.

"IF MUSIC BE THE FOOD OF LOVE, PLAY ON"

Twelfth Night
by West Jesmond Primary School
at Northern Stage, 29th March 2023
appraised by Duncan Riches

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate you, West Jesmond Primary School for your marvellous interpretation of Twelfth Night as part of the Spring 22/23 Shakespeare Schools Festival. It was a great night at the theatre, and I'd like to take this time here to mention a few things that I really loved!

This was the funniest Twelfth Night I have seen in a long time! Your work as an ensemble, your characterisation, your physical comedy, it was all on point. You all had such good concentration during your rehearsals, which made it all run smoothly. Speaking of tech, the music choice for the opening sequence with the shipwreck was excellent. It was full of danger and set up the story so well, showing the dramatic separation of Viola and Sebastian.

You made every character so unique and took real ownership of your interpretations. I loved how cocky and cool Orsino was, in contrast to the more mellow Olivia; Viola was placid and nothing really fazed her, and you could tell Sebastian was her brother in their similar characteristics. The really boisterous Sir Toby with the slightly more timid yet up-for-a-laugh Sir Andrew was an excellent pairing, especially with the worldly wise and cunning Maria. Malvolio really shone, showing the boisterous and 'no nonsense' attitude they have for silliness, but also the devotion for Olivia. Also the teddy was a real laugh out loud moment!

Added to this were the pitch perfect ensemble who created the environments the characters found themselves in, such as the garden, all the guards and servants. I loved Orsino's two 'secret service' agents. The narration was so well delivered and felt very conversational. It made the performance really come alive and the energy never dropped.

This was a funny and playful Twelfth Night from a dedicated cast.

We're thrilled to back in a theatre with you again this year and have been so impressed by your commitment, bravery and resilience. We hope that you and your teachers are very proud of what you have achieved.

Looking forward to seeing West Jesmond Primary School in the next Festival!

**"A FUNNY AND PLAYFUL TWELFTH
NIGHT FROM A DEDICATED CAST."**



Dates for Your Diary

- ❖ Year 4 M) Museum Visits Monday 24th April
- ❖ Cross Country Tournament Monday 24th April
- ❖ Panathlon Tournament Monday 24th April
- ❖ Information Coffee Morning for International Evening Tuesday 25th April 9am
- ❖ Possible Strike Days Thursday 27th April/Tuesday 2nd May
- ❖ School Allotment Open Day Sunday 7th May
- ❖ Additional Bank Holiday Monday 8th May
- ❖ KS2 SATs Week 9 -12th May
- ❖ Children's Cancer Run Sunday 14th May
- ❖ Jesmond Festival: Choir and Djembe band at Jesmond Library Friday 19th May
- ❖ West Jesmond International Evening Thursday 25th May 6-8pm
- ❖ School Closed for Teacher Training Day Friday 26th May
- ❖ Half Term Holiday Begins Friday 26th May
- ❖ Return to School Monday 5th June
- ❖ Year 4 Countryside Day (Wooler) Thursday 8th June
- ❖ Non-Uniform Day Summer Fair donations Friday 9th June
- ❖ Friends' School Summer Fair Sunday 11th June
- ❖ Scottish Opera performance Year 4 Thursday 15th June
- ❖ Year 6 Graduation Wednesday 19th July 5pm
- ❖ End of Term Friday 21st July



Friends' Cake Stalls

- ❖ 28.4.23 R3
- ❖ 5.5.23 Y2W
- ❖ 12.5.23 Y6R