



The West Jesmond Family Newsletter 5 Spring Term 2024



Welcome to our Week 5 Newsletter. Well done everyone for splashing to school today. Thank you to those parents who kept cars away from the school to make it easier for parents and children to enter around the puddles. The pond...lake of Jesmond that has settled on the corner of Tankerville Road makes it even more important to avoid parking near the school. We will be speaking with the council and those responsible for the roads to try and get the drainage improved in that area.

Children's Mental Health Week & Zones of Regulations at West Jesmond

Last week we talked about our work across school on developing conversations about self-regulation and understanding feelings through the Zones of Regulation. We hope your children have been talking with you about the Zones of Regulation discussions we have been having. Our assemblies over Children's Mental Health Week have focused on the vocabulary we can use to help us talk about how we are feeling.



Storytelling Evening

Thank you to everyone who came back to school on a wet and cold evening for a very busy and very popular Story Telling Evening. We hope you enjoyed the stories and books that were shared. I know the staff really enjoyed reading them to such enthusiastic audiences!



International School Award

We were very pleased to be awarded our International School Award from the British Council this Week. The award is for the 'school's dedication to fostering an international dimension to education' and 'as a testament to the school's active engagement in promoting linguistic and cultural diversity.' Special credit for the award goes to our Languages Lead, Mrs Pocock and our EAL and Bilingual Lead, Mrs Groot.



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Year 4 Visit to Buddhist Centre and Reception visit St Hilda's Church

A very important part of our learning in RE (Religious Education) comes through visiting places of worship of different faiths. These visits give our children the chance to develop a deeper understanding of the different beliefs people hold and our understanding of each other. This week, Year 4 went to the Modern Buddhist Centre in South Gosforth to help us answer our big question in RE this half term: Can the Buddha's teachings make the world a better place? We had a fascinating talk from a practising Buddhist, learning all about the Buddha and his life and teachings, whilst looking at the amazing shrine that lay in front of us. We were also all given a fantastic introduction to meditation, which many of us found very calming and relaxing.



Reception met with Reverend Olly at St Hilda's Church. They were given a tour of the school and told about lots of the important features of this Christian place of worship.



This week, we spoke with some of our Year 6 children about RE and asked them why we study it? They told us ***'It is important to understand how other people think and live and about the things that are special to them.'*** ***'It is important that we can respect each other's ideas.'***

The New Salad Bar! Well done School Council

This week, School Council are very proud as part of our 'You Said...We Did' approach to pupil voice, to reintroduce the salad bar as part of our lunchtime offerings. It has been a very exciting and popular addition this week to our lunches and we would like to say a huge thank you to Sophie in the kitchen, for being so supportive in helping us to make this happen. THANK YOU Sophie!



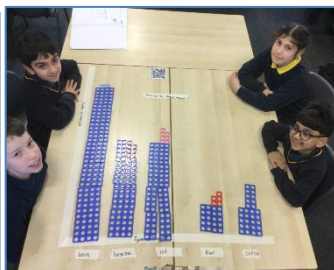
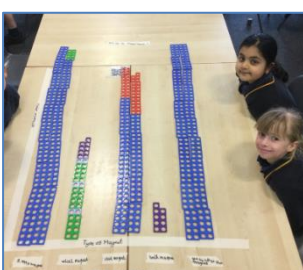
Eggciting News



It is that time of year again where we welcome some special visitors to Year Two and try to fit in as many egg puns as possible! Each Year 2 Class will be carefully observing chicks emerging from their eggs over the next few weeks and learning how to care for them and all about chicks and chickens. This is always a highlight of the year for the children and a chance to bring their scientific studies (literally) to life! Look out for more pictures of our new friends soon!

Year 3 Sharing Learning

Year 3 wanted to share some of their learning this week. In English, they have been writing non-chronological reports about dragons inspired by their class reader, The Land of Roar. They also wanted to show us how they creatively recorded the results of their magnets science experiment using the number resource, Numicon.



Big Question: What has the strongest magnet?

Do complete your magnets from home and school which was the strongest? Use our results.

Type of Magnet	How many Objects
cash Magnet	220
door Magnet	208
Small horseshoe Magnet	110
Stamp Magnet	189
Great horseshoe Magnet	218

Magnets: Barite 4, Iron 1, Steel 1, Silver 1
 Properties: Magnet, Non-Magnet, Magnet, Non-Magnet

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See dragon on page 10 to be a good understanding of the dragon. The dragon is a mythical creature that is said to have the body of a serpent and the head of a lion. It is often depicted breathing fire and is a common symbol of power and strength.

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Well done Netball Team

Our team attended the BEE Netball Tournament at Blue Flames Sports Club last week. They all played very well as a team, showing commitment, dedication and resilience. Well done!



Keeping Clean and Safe in Year 1

This week a local nurse came in to visit our Year 1 classes. She taught us all about personal hygiene and how important it is to wash our bodies, catch our coughs and sneezes in tissues and brush our teeth. She even showed us an exciting experiment all about how soap protects us and how the germs (pepper) do not like clean hands!



A Nut Free School

Can we remind parents that our whole school site is a nut free zone. A number of our children have allergies to nuts and for some the reactions can be very serious. As well as not sending in any foods containing nuts with packed lunches, snacks etc., please can parents be mindful of handing over snacks/bars containing nuts after school. Please help to keep children safe by ensuring no items containing nuts are given to child while anywhere on the school site – thank you for your support.



School Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who has visited the book fair so far. Next Week it is the turn of Years 2, 3, 5 and 6.

- Monday: Year 2 and Year 6
- Tuesday: Year 3 and Year 5



Have a lovely weekend everyone!
Matt Ward (Headteacher)

