



West Jesmond Primary Newsletter 16th July 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are racing towards the end of term and the end of the academic year, but our school is still busy and full of energy! This newsletter will share some of the events in school from a week full of sporting prowess! Please look out next week for letters in which we will be sharing with you the details of our arrangements for the next school year including timings for the school day.

Earlier this week we sent out a letter about Covid mitigation measures after the 19th July. I hope everyone had the chance to read the letter. To briefly recap this important information.

Next week, following local guidance, we will be continuing with all of our precautionary measures in school and we ask parents to continue to support us in these when picking up and dropping off children. The main change is that only children with symptoms (along with their siblings) will be sent home and there will be no isolating of groups or bubbles.

West Jesmond Olympics Week

Thank you to Mr Farooqi and Miss Taylor for organising our Olympic themed Sports Week. It started off slightly aquatic for our younger children on Monday, but since then we have been enjoying dry and warm weather and developing our sporting skills. The West Jesmond children competed in a wide range of events and, as always, were very sporting, encouraging to each other and determined!

That determination was demonstrated during the Children's Cancer Run. We were very impressed with the resilience shown by all our children to keep going and complete the run and the incredible ability of so many at West Jesmond to smile, laugh and talk continuously while running!!



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Well done Harry:

You may have seen our Harry from Year 1 in the local and national news this week. Harry heard about the abuse that footballer Marcus Rashford suffered after the final on Sunday and decided to write him a letter. Harry told Marcus 'don't listen to nasty bullies.' He also awarded him a gold star and told him he would send him his own football trophy!

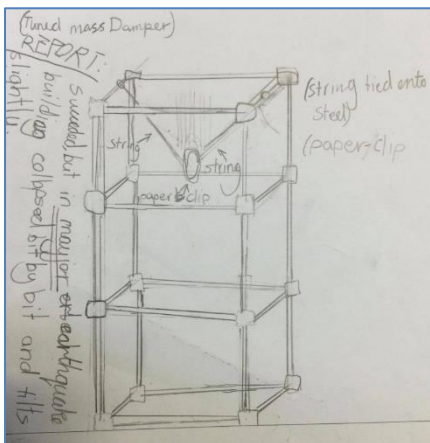
Harry told us that he wanted to 'make people happy and cheer everyone up!'

We are all very proud of Harry who has, I think, reflected the thoughts of many of us this week and shared a message of kindness that our West Jesmond Family will all embrace.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-tyne-57832669>



Creative Constructions



It is important after such a fragmented year that we ensure the learning keeps going right to the end of term. This week in many year groups we have been focussing on an area of the curriculum that was hard to deliver through online learning. Children have been working together to solve design and technology problems and learn new techniques.

Year 3's Humanities Topic this term is Natural Disasters. For their Design and Technology Project they had to be Civil Engineers. The brief was to design and create a structure that could withstand an earthquake. They tested, evaluated and improved their plans to create stronger structures. Two of our designers are pictured putting their structure through a rigorous testing process!



School Uniform

Please note that the last order date for school uniform is Sunday 25th July. Remember our provider is Border Embroideries. Next year, we will continue to ask children to wear their PE kit on the PE day and will be asking them all to wear our new PE top pictured here.

We know that costs for school uniform can add up and we encourage anyone who might struggle financially with the costs to come and speak to us at school to see how we can help.



A huge thank you to our **Friends of West Jesmond Primary** for organising the collection and distribution of second hand uniforms and to everyone who has donated items of clothing.

Have a lovely sunny weekend everyone!

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