



## The West Jesmond Family Newsletter 10 Spring Term 2024

Welcome to our Spring Term Week 10 Newsletter.

### Neurodiversity Celebration Week

We have been celebrating the unique strengths and differences of our children as part of Neurodiversity Celebration Week.

Neurodiversity Celebration Week is about celebrating the strengths and talents of people who think and learn differently. It is also about recognising hard work and determination. In assembly, we talked about different types of neurodiversity and looked at some well-known people in our society who talk about what it means to them and their lives. One of the most important messages we share with all of our children during Neurodiversity Celebration Week, and across the year, is the importance of being kind and accepting of everyone.



### Big Walk and Wheel Challenge 2024: Keep Our Streets Safe!

Thank you to everyone who has walked, scooted, cycled or parked further away from school in the last two weeks. Once again, we have shown that the very large majority of our children and families are choosing more healthy and safe ways of travelling to school. For those who need to drive, please remember to park well away from the school. There remains a small number of drivers who are parking on double yellow lines, turning on the tight roads around school and dropping children off in a dangerous manner. We renew our plea to you to think of the comfort and safety of all of our children. You will all have noticed an increased number of traffic patrols outside of school recently. We are working hard to persuade the Local Authority to enforce greater traffic controls around our school and will continue to push hard on behalf of all of our families, to make the roads safer.



### Comic Relief 2024

Thank you so much to everyone for all their support last Friday for our Comic Relief fundraising. Through your generosity, we raised a fantastic £986.09! Well done to our School Council and Mrs Oades for leading assemblies, baking and buying cakes and encouraging us all to wear red or our pyjamas, share jokes and share our silly selfies.



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## Community Friendships

Our busy School Council went to visit our friends again at Fleming Court. They had a wonderful time chatting, sharing stories, and making some beautiful, tissue paper Spring butterflies together.



## Parent Workshops

This week Year 3, 4 and 1 welcomed our families into school. For our Year 4 parent workshop. We had a wonderful time together being historians, creating our own artefacts and using our fantastic reading skills to gather information about the Greek Gods and Goddesses.



Year 3 and Year 1 looked at areas of reading. In the Year 1 phonics workshop parents and children undertook activities and games to explore learning phonics to support reading.



## Well Done Sports Teams

Well done to our basketball team for their efforts in the schools' tournament this week. The team played exceptionally well, winning four games and losing two and just missing out on the top places! We are incredibly proud of their commitment, dedication and sporting attitude throughout.

The Girls' football team played their last league matches last night. With two very convincing 4-0 wins out of three matches. They have finished the league in an excellent 5<sup>th</sup> place. Mrs Rennison says that it has been an absolute pleasure to coach the team this season and she is immensely proud of the teamwork and resilience they have shown and the bond that they have made over the season.



## It is time to get Egg-cited!

This year we have the egg-citing return of our annual Easter Egg Decorating Competition. Hays Travel have generously agreed to support this cracking competition with two prizes for each class.

We are inviting all children (not parents!) to decorate a hard-boiled egg using their imagination to make the judges smile. There isn't a theme - you can be as creative as you like - no yolk!

There's plenty of time to crack on. We're asking children to bring their creations in on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March so that they can be displayed in school at the end of term with winners announced in assembly on Thursday. Children will be given the opportunity to collect their egg and bring it home on the Thursday. Unfortunately, we won't be able to keep any over the Easter break.

We're looking forward to seeing what ideas the children can hatch. Mr Jones and Mrs Oades

## Seven Stories Holiday Activity Information

Seven Stories are delighted to announce that they are delivering sessions during the Easter holidays, as part of Newcastle's Best Holiday Ever. They will be running sessions at Seven Stories on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April from 10am-1pm and 2pm-5pm. **Your child must be entitled to means tested free school meals** to be able to attend as **places are intended for those most in need**. Children will get to take part in interactive story times, crafts, exploring our magical building and local area, food-making activities and will finish with a hot meal. **Places are limited, please book in advance via our website: <https://sevenstories.org.uk/event/haf-best-spring-ever-2024/>****

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### Dance Club Performance

Dance Club showcased their routine to 'Friend Like Me' from Aladdin at Whitley Bay Playhouse on Thursday. They had a brilliant time watching and supporting other schools from across the city and they put on a superb performance.



### Thank You For Uniform Donations

Thank you everyone for your very generous donations of clothing for the Friends' Uniform Sale and thank you to our Friends of West Jesmond for organising and running the event.



Have a lovely weekend everyone!  
Matt Ward (Headteacher)

