



The West Jesmond Family Newsletter 8 Spring Term 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,

It may not have been the most springlike of weeks, but in school we are bursting with excitement and energy as the days get longer and the restrictions of the last few years are beginning to reduce. We are so pleased to be able to be organising more and more trips, activities and opportunities for our children and hope this newsletter reflects just some of the things that have happened this week.

World Book Day

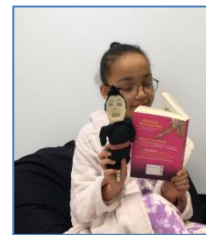
We hope everyone enjoyed World Book Day on Thursday. Several children have already asked if pyjamas can be a regular uniform! In assemblies we talked with children about the pleasure of reading, when we read and the power it has to take us to other countries, worlds, times and, importantly, to help us empathise with different viewpoints.

Across school there was lots of sharing of favourite books and stories, including a mass shared read between Year 2 and Year 5.



Story Spoons

We have really enjoyed seeing the hundreds of story character spoons. We have so many very creative children and staff in our school. At the end of the day, The West Jesmond Outdoor Spoon Museum was created to allow everyone to see and enjoy the designs of other children. As always, thank you for all of your support at home.



Emma Year 3, and her brother Alex in Reception created their own version of 10 little spoons for World Book Day.

Year 3 and Year 4 took part in an interactive lesson and read-aloud of 'Ara the Dream Innovator' by author, Komal Singh. The children asked lots of insightful questions through their iPads using Google forms and because of this, we won a signed copy of the book for school!



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Year 4 Apple Grafting

You will have seen a letter this week asking for Parent Experts. Thank you to everyone from our families and communities who offer their time and expertise to enrich our children's experiences. One of the strengths of our West Jesmond Curriculum is the breadth and depth of understanding we are able to develop through activities led and supported by our parents and community. This week there was a great example of this as our children in Year 4 learnt how apple trees are made by joining the stems of two different types of tree together. We're looking forward to following the progress of our own grafts over the coming year! You can see our grafted apple saplings by visiting the outdoor classroom in St Andrews Cemetery.



More Sporting Success!

There has been even more sporting success for West Jesmond teams this week. So far this year, as we have been able to re-enter competitions, we have reached the finals for girls football, athletics and netball. This week our Under 9's football team was the latest to win their local league. With three wins and two draws they are moving forward to the City Finals in May.



A brilliant afternoon was had by all at the Year 5/6 Netball City Finals! Well done to all our players who showed resilience, teamwork and great sportsmanship. We are very proud of you all. Our Year 5/6 Boys football team were also competing this week and won both their latest league games.



We are very proud of all of our teams, but even more pleased to see the growing numbers of children joining clubs and taking chances to participate in sporting activities. Our new dance and extra Taekwondo sessions filled very quickly and more clubs are on the way! Remember if your child receives free school meals, we will pay for your child's membership of any club for which there is a payment.

School In Action Governor Visit

On Tuesday, we were very pleased to be able to open the school up again for one of our School in Action Governor visits. Members of the school governing body spent a busy morning with us looking at our curriculum. They spoke with leaders about our ambitions for Early Reading and Our Art Curriculum and then watched lessons, talked with children and discussed the learning in books and around the school. We are always very appreciative of the time and energy our governors give to supporting our school improvement and it has been very positive to be able to welcome them back to see first-hand the work across the school.

Children's Cancer Run Newcastle

Everyone should have received a reminder letter this week about the Children's Cancer Run on Sunday 15th May. We hope to have a real big West Jesmond Team of children, parents and staff on the day!



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Dates For Your diary

Next Week

- ❖ Monday 7th March Year 3 Trip to Vindolanda
- ❖ Friday 11th March Nick Brown MP meeting with School Council

Further Ahead

- ❖ Monday 14th & Weds 16th March Parent Consultations
- ❖ 14th – 18th March Enterprise Week (Year 2- 6)
- ❖ Friday 8th April End of Spring Term
- ❖ Monday 25th April Start of Summer Term
- ❖ Friday 27th May Break up for Half Term
- ❖ Monday 6th June School Closed for additional Bank Holiday
- ❖ Tuesday 7th June Start of Summer Term Half Term 2
- ❖ Friday 22nd July End of Summer Term

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

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