



The West Jesmond Family Newsletter 8 Summer Term 2023



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Year 4 Opera

I would like to start the newsletter this week with our tremendous Year 4 Opera performance of The MacCabbra House of Opera on Thursday. We are still talking about the power, drama and sheer exuberance of the production. I know our parents who were in the audience were just as impressed. Our thanks go to all the children and staff involved in the production and to our friends at Scottish Opera for working with us to pull it all together.



Summer Fair

I hope everyone enjoyed our sunny Summer Fair on Sunday. Once again, can we give our thanks to our amazing team of Friends of West Jesmond volunteers who worked so hard to create the great event. We are extremely grateful to everyone who gave up their time, effort and creativity on the day and during the run up. I would also like to thank everyone who came to the fair and were so generous in raising money for our children. We raised a grand total of **£3228!**

Can I personally also thank all those children who demonstrated such a good aim when soaking Mr Jones and Mr Rimmer in the stocks!

Reception Parents' Meeting

It was lovely to see so many of our existing and new parents at the first Reception Welcome Meeting on Wednesday. We look forward to seeing lots more of you on Monday morning for the second meeting. I know many of our new parents are reading the newsletters on the website and want to say a big hello and welcome to you all. Please contact the school office at any time if you have any questions about the start of school for your child.

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STEM Week 2023

Next week, we're really looking forward to our annual STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Week sponsored by Mincoffs Solicitors. This year we will be investigating - Does bread always land butter side down? We'll also be using our Design and Technology skills to bake and create our own bread products. Through the week we will also be meeting scientists and engineers who develop products. Please see Seesaw to enter our **STEMSelfie** - extreme eating competition. From Tuesday, after school each day we will have our **Pocket Money STEM Stall** where children are able to buy STEM related puzzles, toys and investigations. Please bring cash - nothing is more than £3 (more information will be sent on WEDUC). Please check our social media feeds to see highlights of the week.

After School Club Jobs September 2024

We are currently advertising for posts in our After School Club and Breakfast Club. We are looking to appoint a new leader of the club as well as new Breakfast and After School Club assistants. If you are interested and would like to know more about the roles please come and speak to Jacqui Nicholson or Mr Ward.

Friends Quiz Night 30th June

Don't forget to sign up as an individual or as a team for the Quiz night on the 30th June.



Clean Air Day 2023



Our Eco Committee delivered an assembly to inform us all about Clean Air Day on Thursday 15th June. We asked you to join us to cut down the air pollution we cause and use our voices to fight for a cleaner air future. We want to reduce the air pollution around our school by coming to school by walking, cycling or scooting if you can. Or if you do drive to school make sure not to leave your engine on if your car is not running. Help us to make it a Clean Air Day around West Jesmond Primary School every day! Thank you!



Year 6 Chefs

Year 6 were busy last week making tabbouleh as part of our recent work on Syria. We practised safe and hygienic food preparation skills, as well as designing and adapting our own recipes, and then tasting and critiquing it. While not everyone was convinced by the taste of their creation, there have been lots of great ideas for improvements and it was great to taste new flavours!



Playground Before and After School

Can we remind all parents and children about the use of the school yard before and after school. For the safety and comfort of everyone there should be no riding bikes or playing ball games. Please ensure your child does not climb on the secret garden or any fences, secret garden shelters or trellis. Thank you

Sport at West Jesmond

It has been another very busy sporting week at West Jesmond. From our Rugby Tots to Year 6 Pentathletes, the school has been full of competition, energy and great team work.

Sports Festival: Every night after school Ms Rennison has been leading teams taking part in different sports as a part of the West Jesmond Sports Festival. There have been some tired, hot, but very pleased faces!

Modern Pentathlon: On Wednesday afternoon, Year 6 enjoyed a laser shooting session in the hall with a leading coach of the Modern Pentathlon. There was some excellent teamwork and accuracy to be seen!



Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Matt Ward (Headteacher)

Dates for Your Diary

June

- ❖ **West Jesmond STEM WEEK** **Monday 19th to Friday 23rd**
- ❖ **New Reception Parents' Welcome Meeting** **Monday 19th June 9am**
- ❖ **Year 4 Parents' Workshop** **Friday 30th June 2pm**
- ❖ **Friends' Quiz Night** **Friday 30th June**
- ❖ **Year 4 Parents' Workshop** **Friday 30th June 2pm**

July

- ❖ **Year 5 Parents' Workshop** **Wednesday 5th July 2pm**
- ❖ **Choir at Newcastle Sings** **Thursday 6th July**
- ❖ **Reception Trip to St Mary's Lighthouse** **Thursday 6th July**
- ❖ **West Jesmond Green Day** **Friday 7th July**
- ❖ **Years 1, 2 and 3 Sports Day** **Monday 10th July (9.30 – 11.30am)**
- ❖ **Years 4, 5 and 6 Sports Day** **Monday 10th July (1.30 – 3.00pm)**
- ❖ **Reception Sports Day** **Thursday 13th July (9.15am – 11am)**
- ❖ **Year 6 Graduation** **Wednesday 19th July 5pm**
- ❖ **End of Term** **Friday 21st July**