



West Jesmond Primary Newsletter 9 Autumn Term 2021

Dear Children, Parents and Carers,



Listening to our children:

In a school of over 600 children it is very important that we make sure we hear even the quietest of voices and that we do all we can to respond to the suggestions, thoughts and worries of every child. Children are actively encouraged to talk to class teachers, teaching assistants and other adults in school, but we also look for other ways to capture their thoughts. We have posters like this one around school to remind them about what to do if they have concerns. Another way of making sure the West Jesmond Ear is as big as possible is to use **'Worry Boxes'**. These boxes allow children to confidentially share worries which are then sensitively picked up by staff.

At times some children need longer conversations and more in-depth support or a specialised person to talk to. In school we currently have a School Counsellor working with a number of children, as well as two additional members of staff training up to be counsellors. Alongside this support, Jacqui Nicholson uses her base 'The Nest' to talk with children about a wide range of worries including friendships and relationships with others. If you want your child to access any of the additional support, please speak to the class teacher or Mrs Hogan.



More formally the children are able to share their suggestions about how to improve the school through the School Council. (Seen here grilling Mr Ward!)

They share their achievements through the **'You Said – 'We did'** School Council Board.

Pupil Parent Library Reminder:

We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to help manage the library once or twice a week after school on a Monday and/or before school on a Wednesday. Each session would require about 30 minutes of your time. If you are available on either of these days and would like to help, please speak to Mr Snelders. Thank you



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Year 4 Visit to the Great North Museum:

We are so pleased to have the chance for our children to get back out on trips and visits this year. It was very exciting to be back at the fantastic Great North Museum to launch the Ancient Greeks topic. Thank you to the team at the museum for making us welcome and for such an informative and inspiring visit. Thank you also to our parents who helped us on the trip.



Football County Finalists:

We are so proud of our Girls' Football Team who competed at the County Finals this week. They were playing against schools from all over the region. Although they didn't win, they played extremely well and represented West Jesmond fantastically in their performances and in their great attitude.

Here is what the team said about the tournament:

It felt great to be part of a team. Even though we didn't win it was really enjoyable.

We couldn't shake hands, but we elbow bumped as many people as possible!

We have won so many games it is a real accomplishment!

It felt amazing that we got to the County Finals!

No Dogs on site: Please can we remind everyone that, along with all schools in the city, we do not allow parents to bring any dogs on to the site except assistance dogs. Thank you.



Jobs at West Jesmond: We are currently advertising for several posts at school to enhance provision for our children. If you are interested please look in the vacancy section of the school website or speak to the school office. The three posts we are adding to our school are:

- SEN Teaching Assistant
- Breakfast/After School Club Worker
- Midday Staff team member

Uniform Donations: You may have noticed our lovely new orange donation bin at the entrance to After School Club. We are very proud to support the work of Community School Clothing who are now called Clothe and Feed. They are a charity set up and run throughout the North East to support families with a whole host of clothing and equipment. The bin is collected very regularly and taken to the charities headquarters to be laundered and sorted. Anyone can place an order which can be collected from one of the stores, the closest to us being Wallsend, or have them delivered to home.

If you have any spare uniform you wish to donate please pop it straight in the bin. They also collect baby items too. Contact details are info@clotheandfeed.org.uk or 01912267973

Have a lovely weekend everyone
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