



The West Jesmond Family Newsletter 11 Summer Term 2022



Sports Days

I think that for many of us the highlights of this week have been the sports days. Over the last three days, we have seen amazing sporting attitudes, teamwork and resilience from all of our children! It has been particularly inspiring for our children to have so many spectators! Thank you to all the parents who were able to come to cheer the children on!



Green Day



School had a different look to it last Friday as our children and teachers arrived in many shades of green. Learning about environmental issues and climate change is threaded through many areas of our West Jesmond Curriculum and Green Day is a chance to bring many of those themes together and to explore deeper. Each year group had one of our West Jesmond Big Questions.

'How is my health linked to the planet's health?' 'How does litter affect the oceans and our local wildlife?'

'How can we make Jesmond cleaner?' 'Where does our energy come from at West Jesmond?' Activities on the day included visits from parents and people working in our community. Year 6 met with Tim Rippon from Newcastle City Council to learn about renewable energy sources. Tim is currently leading on our solar panels project. We also had a visit from Ali at Sustrans who talked to the children about active journeys to school, Julia Carr from Northumberland Wildlife Trust and Tanya Pretswell from Keep Jesmond Clean. Pictured on the right are Year 1 children keeping themselves healthy on the day with a great Yoga session with Beccy Say. We finished with a whole school assembly on the yard led by the Eco Council and our School Choir.



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Memories and Messages

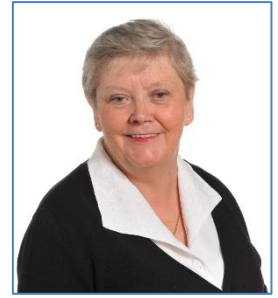
We are inviting current and former children and families to share any memories and messages of our incredible, and sadly retiring, members of staff, Dianne Sanderson and Lindsay Trench. Please share with families and friends who may have left our school.

To share a message of memory for Lindsay use the link

[Lindsay Trench's Kudoboard | Kudoboard](#)

To share a message of memory for Dianne use the link

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Fruits of our Labours!

Children in Year 3 and in Year 4 have been busy all year in the allotment. At this time of year, they are able to pick and enjoy the crops they have been growing. This week it was some very juicy, ripe strawberries! 3C made sure the plants were well watered in the heat and picked lots of fruit and vegetables. They said strawberries and broad beans were delicious!



Sporting Events this Week

Our girls' football team took part in a special Euro Championships tournament this week. You can hopefully see by the photograph that our stars were representing Spain. Olé!



The boys' football team took part in the latest round of the Ouseburn Schools' Championship and, after playing all the other schools in our Trust, they have come top of the league! Well done to another tournament winning West Jesmond team!

Congratulations Jesmond Park Academy

On the week that so many of our children are having their transition days at Jesmond Park Academy, we are all very pleased to read, hot off the press, the school's excellent Ofsted inspection report from an inspection a few weeks ago.

The very positive Ofsted report can be read on their school website and all of us at West Jesmond send our congratulations to our friends at Jesmond Park!



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School Council Foodbank Collection

School Council would like to say a huge thank you to all our wonderful families for the fantastic food bank donations for The People's Kitchen this week. We know they will go a long way towards helping those who need them the most



Enterprise Workshops

Last week, we had our final enterprise workshops with Primary North. Year 6 learned all about 'International Life'. They had a special world quiz and set up a shape business and travel agency planning holidays on a budget and saving a failing business.



'I liked the trading game because it taught us to strategize' Sofia

'I enjoyed it as there were team activities and it was a lot of fun! It also gave you a step into the real world!' Ella

Hot Weather Next Week

The current forecast for Monday and Tuesday next week is for possible temperatures above 30 degrees. We will be taking sensible precautions in school to ensure the children are not overly exposed to the sun on these days, but can we remind parents to send children in with suncream before school, sunhats and water. I think all of us will be looking for our coolest clothes to wear. Children are welcome to come in to school in shorts/PE kits and t-shirts.



Have a lovely weekend everyone!

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