



The West Jesmond Family Newsletter 10 Summer Term 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,

When we talked in school about the things children had missed out on in during the last few years, sporting opportunity was something that stood out. We were determined this year, that alongside all the sport in our PE lessons, we would seize as many opportunities as possible to give our children the chances to take part in the widest range of different physical activities. Clubs, competitions and events that West Jesmond children have taken part in have included; athletics, Boccia, Panathlon, football (girls/boys), cycling, cricket, multi-skills, yoga, netball, basketball, cross-country, dance, fencing, squash and tennis. We want to build on these next year and look for even more opportunities for our younger children. I want to thank all the staff, parents and volunteers for organising these events and giving up their time to run our clubs. I think it is important to say a special thank you to Linzi Taylor, our Sports Mentor, for all she has done to promote sports and to organise our teams and lead events. As you know Linzi is leaving us to start her PGCE course to become a PE teacher – we will all miss her, but know she will be an amazing teacher!

West Jesmond Sporting Champions!

Our first aim in PE and sport is to try to give as many children as possible the chance to participate in sports. However, we are also very proud of the successes we have in competitions. This has been an incredible sporting year for West Jesmond and this week our children achieved two more impressive wins!

Our **cricket team**, who were successful in the Newcastle Schools' championships, moved forward to compete in the regional finals at Stocksfield. In a series of very competitive games, they came out as the winners of this very prestigious competition!



You have heard a lot about our **Girls' Football team** this year. They just keep on winning! This week they triumphed in the city East End Championship and won the Champions of Newcastle Trophy, once again beating their closest competitors this year, Walkergate Primary. We are so proud of how the team have kept up their energy, enthusiasm and a fantastic sporting spirit all year....our only problem is where to store the trophies they keep winning. We think they must be one of West Jesmond's most successful teams ever!

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Year 5 Activity Day

We are keeping up the theme of sports and physical activity in this newsletter. This week Year 5 went to Newburn Sports Centre for their summer activity day. You will see below how children had the chance to try out some new and challenging activities and develop their confidence to test themselves.



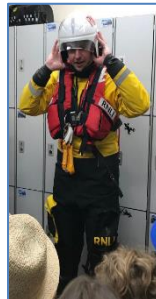
Hatton Gallery Visits

All through this year, our classes have been visiting The Hatton Gallery as part of our Arts curriculum. This week it was the turn of Year 6 to engage in the art projects and develop their skills.



Year Lifeboat Visit

Year 1 have had a fantastic trip to Cullercoats Bay this week to visit the RNLI lifeboat station! We had a very exciting and informative tour of the station (and even got to try on some kit!) then had a talk from the beach lifeguards about water safety. We had some very special surprise visitors who were showing off their tricks in the sea - a pod of dolphins! What a brilliant day out! Thank you to all the parents who came with us to make the day possible!



Newcastle Sings

Our choir brought music to a number of different sites around Newcastle last week. They filled the cathedral with their songs and even impressed a rather large eared character at the Great North Museum!



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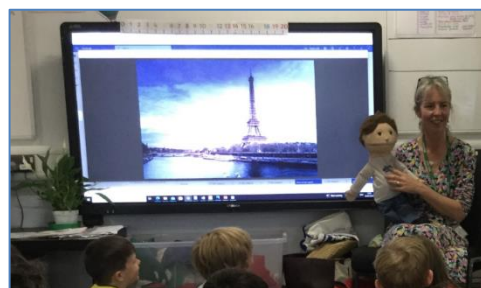
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Reception International Day

Reception had a fantastic end to our topic "My World, Your World" with our International day. The children looked amazing in their beautiful colours and clothing representing their favourite countries. They were all able to share facts and interesting information about their country and we even had food to try from around the world. We celebrated with a carnival full of dances - our favourites were the Samba and Line Dancing! Ruth Gibson from Jesmond Languages popped in too and gave us a French and Spanish lesson. It was an amazing day, full of colour and joy and a true celebration of the cultures we represent as a school from all around the world.



Key Stage 2 Enterprise Workshops

We have been continuing with our Enterprise workshops across Key Stage 2 this week. Here are 3B taking part in their challenge. The children had a budget of £150,000 to design and build a house. Each group, had allocated roles, e.g. builder, project manager..., and the children to go to a shop that was set up for them to buy resources and then build their house.



Playground after School

Please can parents keep close supervision of children playing on the yard before and after school. Some children have been climbing on the roof of the green shelter in the Secret Garden. This is damaging the structure and also putting them at risk. Thank you.



Hot Weather

It looks like the weather will hot next week, especially with our Sports Days. Please can we remind parents to apply sun cream before school and to send children in with water and sunhats.

Uniform for September 2022

We have examples of the school uniform in school for parents who would like to try out sizes. Please come in and speak to the office if you want to have a look.

Remember: If you are family who is eligible for free school meals, please talk to the school office about how we can help out with uniform costs.

Have a lovely sunny weekend everyone!

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Dates for Your Diary

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| ❖ Tuesday 12 th July | Key Stage 2 Sports Day (9.30 -12pm RGS field) |
| ❖ Wednesday 13 th July | Key Stage 1 Sports Day (9.30 -12pm RGS field) |
| ❖ Thursday 14 th July | Reception Sports Day (9.30 -12pm School Yard) |
| ❖ Wednesday 13 th – Friday 15 th July | Year 6 Secondary School Transition Days |
| ❖ Friday 15 th July | Year 6 Leavers Disco |
| ❖ Wednesday 20 th July | Year 6 Graduation Event (5pm) |
| ❖ Friday 22nd July | End of Summer Term |

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