



The West Jesmond Family Newsletter 9 Summer Term 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,

Once again we are celebrating lots of West Jesmond Achievers and achievements this week. This newsletter is able to reflect just a few of them!

On Monday, we were at Newcastle Civic Centre for the **Newcastle Schools' Achievement Awards**. Two of our children were invited up onto the stage in a packed out Banqueting Hall to receive their certificate from Cath McEvoy-Carr, Children, Education, and Skills Director at Newcastle City Council. Each of our award winners has been selected for the incredible dedication, effort and resilience, overcoming challenges to succeed in their education. We are so proud of you both!



Kids Action Through Science (KATs)

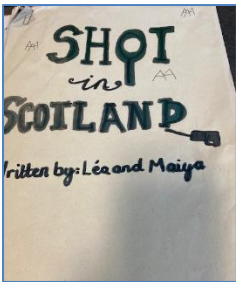


We told you two weeks ago about our work with the University of Newcastle on a very exciting science project. Last week a group of our West Jesmond children had the opportunity to travel to the Farne Islands. As citizen scientists they studied the biodiversity they found – especially the puffins! They took photographs to record their findings. This week they had a great day at Newcastle University as puffin reporters. They even won 5

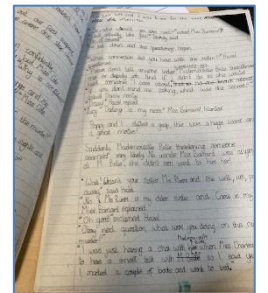
awards for their work! You might spot a face from somewhere else on this newsletter who is having an incredible week!



West Jesmond Authors



We are always really interested to see where children take their enthusiasm for learning forwards and especially the things they achieve out of school. How many of us have at some time tried to write a book, but given up half way through? Not Léa and Maiya! Over some months they have written a fantastic 6 chapter mystery story. Full of twists and turns and villains and heroes! An exhilarating read from two future authors!



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School Council People's Kitchen Appeal

Next week, every morning from Monday 4th July until Friday 8th July, School Council are organising a foodbank donation in school in support of The People's Kitchen. There will be trolleys out every morning next week on the yards for you to place any donations on. In the past, we have had amazing support from our school community for our appeals, so if you are able to donate, please do so. At present the items that they are particularly short of at The People's Kitchen are: *Tinned fruit, tinned meat (not hot dogs), flour, especially self-raising, sugar, tomato puree, tinned tomatoes, passata, instant custard powder and men's gloves.* Thank you very much, School Council and Mrs Oades

Virtual Dance Festival

There were more great achievements from our Dance Club. This year they performed in the Newcastle Virtual Dance Festival this year. Sadly, this year they were not on stage at the City Hall, but they were able to record and share their performance virtually with schools across the city. See their fantastic performance on our Facebook page! Thank you to Brooke from Freelance Dance for choreographing our routine.



Special Civil Rights Visitor

As part of our History topic on American Civil Rights, Year 5 had a VIP virtual visitor this morning when they welcomed into their classrooms the great role model of resistance to injustice-Rosa Parks herself! We listened to the story of her life and where she grew up and the struggle she endured to bring about change.



Sports Roundup

The West Jesmond summer of sporting success continues this week and next week! Our girls have won another tournament and are heading to the next stage finals next week and our cricket team are competing in the Northumberland Finals on Monday!

Bangladesh Flooding Appeal

As you may be aware many, many people in Bangladesh have lost their homes, belongings and livelihoods due to the recent flooding. One of our Year 1 parents, Syeda, is raising money to support those who are suffering.

Many have lost their lives and those that are lucky to be alive have witnessed their entire lives get washed away along with their homes right in front of their eyes. Together we can make a huge difference by providing a little help.

Any amount, no matter how big or small will help to start build their lives up from scratch again. PLEASE DONATE AND SHARE. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me via school

<https://gofund.me/7eabe13c> Syeda Rajib

Green Day

Next Friday is a big West Jesmond Environmental Awareness day. We look forward to seeing as many children and adults as possible dressed in green for the day!

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

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Dates for Your Diary

The Week Ahead

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| ❖ Monday 4 th July | Year 5 Newburn Activity Day
Cricket finals |
| ❖ Tuesday 5 th July | The Big Sing (Choir)
Year 1 RNLI trip |
| ❖ Wednesday July 6 th | Year 3 Enterprise Day |
| ❖ Thursday 7 th July | Year 5 Enterprise Day |
| ❖ Friday 8th July | Green Day |

Further Ahead

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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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