



# West Jesmond Primary School



## The West Jesmond Family Newsletter 9 Spring Term 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,

Can we start the Newsletter with a plea to reunite an umbrella with an extremely kind West Jesmond child and their family? A lovely message arrived in school telling us about a very kind act from one of our children. A member of the public stopped to care for a man who had fallen near Grandstand Road and was waiting for an ambulance. As they were waiting in the rain, one of you stepped in to help.

***'It was pouring and one of your pupils who was passing in a car stopped and ran over to give us their umbrella, such a selfless act as they would know I had no way of returning it. We were so grateful to be able to keep the elderly gentleman dry. I'd love to return the umbrella and also to pass on my thanks.'***

We are very proud of our child and family who did this and we are pleased to say that the umbrella has been dropped off at school. So if it yours please come in and claim it!

### Parent Consultations Reminder

Remember Parent Consultations are next week on **Monday 14th March** and **Wednesday 16th March**. Please make sure you have signed up for your appointment via Weduc.

### New Clubs

Several more new clubs have started over the last two weeks, including Art clubs for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2, Dance Club, an additional Taekwondo Club, Multi-skills and Year 5 Rugby Squad training. If your child is interested in any of our clubs or wants to go on a waiting list for one that has already started please speak to the school office.

Rhonda who is running our Key Stage 1 Art Club wanted to share some lovely images of spring that the children have produced.



### Volunteer Parent Experts

Thank you so much to everyone who has offered to be a Volunteer Parent Expert. This is where parents and grandparents can offer to share their expertise with the children to help support and extend the experiences we can offer. The response we have had so far has been fantastic, with parents offering to talk to the children on a wide variety of subjects. The range of what you are offering is so exciting and we can't wait to be in touch! Please continue to contact the school if you want to be involved.

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## International Women's Day

During the week of International Women's Day, the Big Assembly Question was **'How do we make sure everyone is treated fairly?'** In our assemblies we looked at issues of fairness for all. In some of them we focussed on the local suffragette, Emily Davidson and the role she played in the struggle for equality. If you are in Morpeth, you might want to visit her statue!

Our Year 4 girls took part in a mass FA football session led by Ms Taylor and Mr Hopkins on International Women's Day called **#LetGirlsPlay**. Thousands of girls across the country took part in the biggest ever mass football event for girls!



## Computing Education Quality Mark

We were very proud this week that West Jesmond Primary School has been awarded the prestigious Computing Quality Mark. This is a fantastic achievement that recognises the hard work of all staff in driving forwards our ambitious computing curriculum and encouraging our children to be positive 'Digital Citizens'.



## Balance Bike Derby

We are always looking for new sporting activities to interest our children. This week for the first time we took part in the Year 1 Balance Bike Derby! Mr Jones, Ms Masri and the team had a great time and we were proud of each one of them for their effort, in what is a brand new sport for us!



## Year 3 Trip to Vindolanda

Year 3 had a very enjoyable and interesting trip to the Roman Army Museum and Vindolanda this week. The pictures show some of the many interesting parts of these great Roman sites the children were able to visit and learn from. Thank you to all the parents who came with us on the trip.

## Wearing the new kit with pride!

Wearing one of our brand new team sports kits, our Year 5/6 girls football team went on to further success this week. In a tight game against Dame Allan's School they drew 1-1 in the 40 minutes fixture. We ended up playing extra time and it went to golden goal. Fortunately, we scored first which means the girls are through to the finals of the league!



## Sport Relief Newcastle to Brighton Run!

Friday 18th March is Red Nose Day for Sport Relief. On the day, we would like to invite children to come in to school in their favourite sports wear or PE kit for a suggested minimum donation of £1. (Please remember wearing the kit and/or donating is totally voluntary.) During the day on Friday 18th, each class will be walking, jogging or running half a mile around the yard, in an attempt to cover the distance from our school to Brighton. Brighton is a walking distance of 330 miles away from West Jesmond Primary School and is the furthest point south we can get to, working on the basis that all 660 of us in school that day take part and do our half mile for Sport Relief!

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## World Kindness Day

Thank you to everyone who sent in such fabulous pictures, cards, poems, stories, crafts and jewellery for World Kindness Day which we took along to Fleming Court Care Home. Some of our friends there asked us to share photographs of them with your gifts. They wanted to tell you that the gifts have all helped to put a smile on lots of the residents' faces and made them feel really special.



## Preparing for Spring Allotment

Year 3 were busy this week planting seeds, digging and preparing the soil at the start of the growing season. There was even time for some pond dipping.



## Dates For Your diary

### Next Week

- ❖ Monday 14<sup>th</sup> & Weds 16<sup>th</sup> March Parent Consultations
- ❖ 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> March Enterprise Week (Year 2- 6)
- ❖ Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March Sport Relief

### Further Ahead

- ❖ Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April End of Spring Term
- ❖ Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April Start of Summer Term
- ❖ Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April Drama Club Romeo and Juliet Performance at Northern Stage
- ❖ Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April Year 4 trip to Vindolanda
- ❖ Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May Children's Cancer Run
- ❖ Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May Break up for Half Term
- ❖ Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June School Closed for additional Bank Holiday
- ❖ Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June Start of Summer Term Half Term 2
- ❖ Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July End of Summer Term

Have a lovely weekend,

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