



The West Jesmond Family Newsletter 7 Summer Term 2022



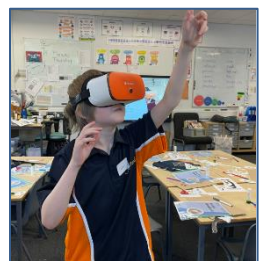
Dear Parents and Carers,

The Last Aliens Opera

There were many great moments this week at West Jesmond, but for sheer enjoyment and exuberance, the Year 4 and Scottish Opera performance of The Last Aliens on Thursday stood out! During the pandemic we managed to maintain our exciting links with the Scottish Opera and last year the children created a great virtual show. However, we were so pleased to have our parents and friends in the audience this year to enjoy a superb performance from our children. After practising their songs with Mrs Anderson over the last few months, they worked with professional actors from Scottish Opera today and lifted the roof with a fantastic show!



Kids Action Through Science (KATs)



A group of our children have joined in with a very exciting Kids Action Through Science (KATS) project with Newcastle University this half term. We have been learning about how to be citizen scientists and exploring themes of biodiversity. The focus of the project are the risks to puffins. This week the children used virtual reality to learn more about these great seabirds and next week some of the children will be travelling to the Farne Islands to get an even closer look!



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Health Careers Event

Another big highlight of the week was the Year 5 and Year 6 Health Careers Event. This informative, fun and inspiring opportunity was supported by our Jesmond Park Careers Champions and made possible by our amazing parent volunteers – our huge thanks to all of you who took part! We also want to thank Mrs Oades who, once again, put in enormous effort, passion and creativity to organise this great event!

This is what our children thought:



I think the Health Careers Fair was amazing! We got to experience so many things, including casts and injections (on a dummy!) Aaron



It taught me about jobs that I didn't know even know exist! Jana



I thought it was useful because I learned about university and it was very fun learning too! Sudabeh

The most exciting part was when we got to go in a real ambulance! Amelie



I enjoyed the careers fair because my dad was there and his part was my favourite! Ailsa



There were lots of exciting jobs...my favourite was the surgeon! Faraneh

I was inspired by all the amazing careers that were shown and I was fascinated and consider having one of those careers! Becca



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Special Arts Visitor

On Wednesday we had a special visit from Dr Liam Malloy from the University of Nottingham who came to research The Arts in Primary schools. He is visiting 60 schools across the country who have been recommended for their excellent work in developing the curriculum in these areas. Our children enjoyed impressing him with their skills and knowledge about The Arts and our Art Lead Mr Hopkins was very proud of our children sharing their experiences from their time at West Jesmond.

Quad Kids Athletics

Well done to our Year 3 and 4 athletics team who took part in the Quad Kids Athletics tournament. The children took part in a series of athletics challenges and amassed an incredible 1200 points coming 4th place in the overall event!

Cricket Team: Next stop County Finals

The West Jesmond year of sporting success just keeps on going! This week we took three teams to the city cricket championships. All three teams did extremely well and our A Team won the tournament and now proceed to the county finals at Stocksfield in a few weeks time!



Year 5 Parents' Workshop

Thank you to all the parents who have attended the drop in events over the last two weeks! This week lots of our Year 1 and Year 5 parents and carers came to school to join in with activities and have a chance to look at some of the children's learning.



Have a lovely sunny weekend everyone! We hope the weather stays fine for our Year 6 residential visit to Hawkhurst next week!

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(Please see dates for your diary on the next page!)

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Dates for Your Diary

Next Week

- ❖ Monday 20th – Weds 22nd June Year 6 Hawkhurst Residential
- ❖ Monday 20th (5pm) & Weds 22nd (9.30am) New Reception Parents' Welcome Meetings
- ❖ Tuesday 21st June Year 2 Parents' Workshop
- ❖ Thursday 23rd June Year 4 Parents' Workshop

Further Ahead

- ❖ Friday 1st July Newcastle Sings (Choir)
- ❖ Tuesday 5th July The Big Sing (Choir)
- ❖ Wednesday July 6th Year 3 Enterprise Day
- ❖ Thursday 7th July Year 5 Enterprise Day
- ❖ **Friday 8th July** **Green Day**
- ❖ Tuesday 12th July Key Stage 2 Sports Day (9.30 -12pm RGS field)
- ❖ Wednesday 13th July Key Stage 1 Sports Day (9.30 -12pm RGS field)
- ❖ Thursday 14th July Reception Sports Day (9.30 -12pm School Yard)
- ❖ Wednesday 13th – Friday 15th July Year 6 Secondary School Transition Days
- ❖ Friday 15th July Year 6 Leavers Disco
- ❖ Wednesday 20th July Year 6 Graduation Event (5pm)
- ❖ **Friday 22nd July** **End of Summer Term**

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