

# Head of School Newsletter

Spring Term – 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018



## Weekly update:

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Children,

This week was a very exciting week for our Year 1 children as they had an opportunity to go to Greenwich and visit the Dinosaurs!



On Monday, our Year 5 children went to Sloane Square to Cadogan Hall for the Battle of Britain concert as part of their topic and music enrichment.

ParentPay: Can all parents please check and clear any outstanding payments on ParentPay. Club allocation for next term will need all payments to be up-to-date.

Throughout the week, the children learnt about International Women's Day and Mothering Sunday. We would like to wish all out mothers a fabulous Mother's day.

Next week, we will be celebrating book week at JKPS. Please see information about the week and dress up day on Friday, from Miss Jo below.

On Friday, we had to say farewell to Mr Lewis (Reception teacher) who will be moving to Manchester to support a close family member. On behalf of the staff, children and parents, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Lewis for all his hard work and positive contributions to JKPS.



Thank you for your continuous support,  
Miss Marta Correia  
Head of School

## Parents' Evening at JKPS:

As a result of parent feedback via the parent council, regarding information about children's progress at school, we would like to ensure that all parents have the following information:

### Details of parents' evening:

**Parents evening will be taking place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March between 3:30pm – 8pm; by appointment only.**

Your child will have taken home a slip containing confirmation of the 10 minutes appointment on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February (Please check your child's bag just in case).

### What to expect from Parents' Evening:

- Parents will have the opportunity to speak to the class teacher about how their child is progressing at school – we encourage parents to look at children's books from the start of the year until now to get a better idea about their progress.
- Parents will also be able to expect an update on attainment: whether your child is on track to:
  - Meet their end-of-year targets (based on their baseline attainment)
  - Meet the expected standard for their year group
  - Meet the greater depth standard for their year group
- Each child will have a Target Summary sheet stating the attainment of the child at present and what their end-of-year target is. The teachers will also be providing parents with specific objectives in order to support at home.
- Parents will also get an update about any additional support or interventions your child is receiving at school and why they are in receipt of this.
- Miss Marta and the SENCO will also be available to meet with parents and careers.

## Urgent Medical Request from JKPS Parent:

Unfortunately, a parent from Judith Kerr is now looking for a bone marrow transplant.

This is the website where people can register:

<https://www.anthonynolan.org/8-ways-you-could-save-life/donate-your-stem-cells>

Pregnant women can sign up to donate cord blood / their placenta.

This really doesn't hurt anybody but can save someone's life. We urge everyone to look this up and find out more about this procedure, as it might not only save a life in our school community, but in the wider society too.

## School website:

**JUDITH KERR PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
Bilingual education for everyone



We are now recruiting for September. If you know anyone who is interested in joining our team, please refer them to our 'work at JKPS' section on the school website for details. We also have an active waiting list for in-year vacancies that come up. If you know anyone who is interested in joining this amazing school, please ask them to contact the school via the website portal or send an email to [admin@jkps-cfbt.org](mailto:admin@jkps-cfbt.org)

### Book Week: Message from Miss Jo

Book week starts next week (12<sup>th</sup> March); we are looking forward to seeing the children's potato characters.

Hopefully, your child has acquired many sponsors and will be bringing home German books for the read-thon. So start reading!

Your child will be sent home with a book voucher and a pamphlet; you will have an opportunity to spend the vouchers at the book fair on Thursday and Friday afterschool (look out for the cake sale on Friday).

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup>, all children will be allowed to dress up as their favourite book character. The challenge is to dress up as a German book character or to translate their favourite book title into German and dress up as that. We have asked the children to bring in their book to share. If they haven't got one, they can be creative and draw their book cover in German! Don't forget the £1 donation for school literacy fund, larger donations accepted.

All proceeds of these events will go to purchasing more German and guided reading books for the school. Thanks for your support.

### Music: Message from Miss Nemiah

Year 5 trip to Cadogan Hall, Chelsea

A huge well done to the Year 5 children for their involvement with the premiere performance of the work 'Battle of Britain – Our Finest Hour'.

It was wonderful to sing with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and listen to the story of two people involved in the war – Charles (a pilot) and Mary (a radar operator). Overall, it was a very enjoyable day for all involved.



## Mathletics: Message from Mr Nigel:



The list of children achieving certificates grows ever longer as a result of increased participation. As a result, we will be celebrating all the children at school and naming the top three achievers for this week on the newsletter:

1st - Jonathan in Y5 with 5010 points  
2nd - Calvin in 2G with 4550 points  
3rd - Magali in Y5 with 4540

Well done children!

## Uniform:

Our children are always commended by visitors on how well-kept they are and how proud they are of their uniform.

Please can you continue to support us by ensuring that your child always wears their school jumper or cardigan, school shoes and a full PE kit for physical education. Our uniform policy is on our school website should you need to access this. If you need support with any aspect of your child's education, please see Miss Marta.

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## What have we been learning this week?

**Year 1:** Year 1 have had great fun this week as they went on their amazing trip to the Dinosaurs In The Wild on Tuesday. In English they have been re-telling the story of Cave baby and in Maths they have been recapping number bonds to 10, 20 and looking at the patterns between the two. In Science this week they learnt which animals and dinosaurs are Carnivores, Omnivores and Herbivores. Also, this week has been extra special as they learnt about International Women's Day and loved learning about Mother's Day!

**Year 2:** In Year Two this week, the children have been progressing to the next step of telling the time: quarter to and quarter past the hour times, as well as telling the time to the nearest five minutes on analogue and digital times. Mastering this important life skill can be challenging, but the children should be extremely proud of the progress they have made. Well done to all.

**Year 3:** This week in Year 3 we have started learning about famous scientists and explorers. We thought about some of the plants in our local area and talked about where they originally came from or if they are native plants to the UK. We looked at the lives of some of the botanists responsible for bringing some of them to the UK. We then started talking about Marie Curie, one of the most famous women scientists. Did you know that Marie Curie was the first person to win two Nobel prizes? What did she win them for?

## What have we been learning this week?

**Year 4:** This week in Year 4 we have confidently used the column method to add and subtract 4 digit numbers, including decimals. In writing we have written some amazing character descriptions of Grendel, from the story Beowulf. The children are really enjoying reading this myth.

**Year 5:** Year 5's trip to Cadogan Hall on Monday was a great success. They sang beautifully during the Battle of Britain performance, remembering all their cues and were exceptionally well behaved throughout the show. Likewise, their behaviour to and from the show was exemplary and was commented on by members of the public. I am very proud of how well they represented Judith Kerr Primary School and I am sure that you will be too.

**Year 6:** This week in Year six we have finished reading Origami Yoda.

We held our old debate with the motion: Can Origami Yoda foretell the future? The children were for and against; and then we voted. What do you think the conclusion was?



### Spring Choral Concert

Y123 and Y456 Choirs have been working very hard in preparation for the Spring Choral Concert with Miss Nemiah. This will be taking place at school on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2:40pm. Tickets are free, but attendees will need a ticket to be granted entry as spaces are limited. We will be collecting donations on the day towards our music fund.

## Achievement:



Well done to all the children who have been awarded a certificate this week. Your work has been spotted and valued by your teachers. Thank you!

## Safeguarding:

Please can parents continue to support the safety at school by:

- Ensuring that no visitors are granted access to the school in any circumstance. All visitors must press the buzzer so that the office staff know to expect them.
- Ensuring children are always supervised after pick up
- Ensuring that once children have been collected, everyone leaves the premises quickly so that clubs can use the premises.

To ensure all safeguarding procedures are followed, if you need to speak to the class teacher at pick up, please ensure this is done once all the children in the class have been dismissed.

We thank you for your understanding and collaboration.

Well done to Leila in Year 5 for achieving 100 reads!



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## Who is celebrating a birthday at JKPS in March?

We would like to wish the following staff and children a wonderful birthday:

Mr Patrick, Miss Julia, Finn H, Anton W, Yannick, Ollie P, Stella, Jasmine-Joy, Katie, Leo K, Rishi, Calvin, Dominic, Eden, Thomas C, Sophia T, Oliver B, Matthew F, Sophie-Thea, Betty, Simon B

## Weekly Attendance:

RB 98.4%	RG 96.09%	1B 98.26%	1G 91.67%
2B 93.04%	2G 93.98%	3B 99.05%	3G 93.81%
4B 96.96%	4G 96.52%	Y5 92.27%	Y6 91%

Congratulations to 3B for getting this week's top attendance. You can pick your reward with your class teacher!

## Weekly Punctuality:

RB 98.8%	RG 97.39%	1B 98.26%	1G 94.58%
2B 98.7%	2G 98.4%	3B 98.57%	3G 98.57%
4B 99.13%	4G 97.39%	Y5 98.18%	Y6 98.5%

Congratulations to 4B! The JKPS Tiger will visit your class' reading corner next week!