

Head of School Newsletter

Summer Term – 4th May 2018



Weekly update:

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Children;

The sun is finally out and didn't we all have fun this week on our brand new climbing frame. The children have been having heaps of fun outdoors on the new timber trail. Similarly, the games marked on the concrete have been a true success: Miss Marta can no longer hold meetings in her office during lunch play due to all the laughter and excitement outdoors!

Once more, many thanks to all of the parents for making this possible. The Friends of JKPS are now working on new projects to improve other aspects of the curriculum including the IT resources.

Our Year 5s were super eager to return to school and share their fabulous residential stories with the rest of the school. On Monday, led by Miss Tara, the class gave a presentation describing all the fun and learning they had at the farm. This showed that the teachers had just as much fun as the children did, joining in with their activities which included sliding on mud, feeding animals, making a camp-fire and making their own dinner!

On Friday, Year 2 went to Jags where they took part in fun athletic activities. The children have been working very hard as their SATs are approaching and participating in sport activities with other schools will be a very rewarding experience for them.

Likewise, Year 6 have also been working extremely hard for their end of primary qualifications. The children are soon to sit their SATs and German qualifications. As a result of their hard work, with the support from the Friends of JKPS, Year 6 will have a celebration day at the end of the assessment week where they will be going to the cinema together as a class followed by a busy sport-filled afternoon.

On Wednesday, we were visited by senior leaders of other CST primary and secondary schools, who were extremely impressed by the quality of work and the level of creativity in the curriculum. This has been a result of a lot of team-work and pupil voice, listening to what interests the children and ensuring that the curriculum at JKPS is definitely broad and balanced.

We wish everyone a lovely long-weekend, we look forward to seeing you back at school on Tuesday 8th May after the bank holiday on Monday.

Best regards,

Marta Correia

Let's celebrate!



Outdoor fun: Our timber trail in action!

Coming soon: The Art of Science - a JKPS Exhibition exploring art in science. Thursday, 23rd May.

Below is an example from Year 3: A child's hand. Intrigued? Visit our exhibition! Get involved: speak to Mr Patrick and Miss Georgina



On **Friday 18th May**, JKPS will be celebrating **London History Day**, an initiative developed by the Mayor of London. To celebrate this day, children are encouraged to come to school dressed as their favourite Londoner (either living or deceased). The children will also be learning about a range of creative, inspirational people and events that contributed to the development of our capital city.



Achievement:



Congratulations to our stars, writers, mathematicians and German stars of the week! Keep up the great work!



I would like to say a special well done to Oli in Reception for swimming 200 metres (without stopping) last weekend at the Swimathon for charity: Cancer Research UK and Marie Curie. With the support from Reception families, in particular RB, Oli raised £170. Well done Oli, thank you for your great effort and doing something extraordinary that will make a difference!



Well done to these Year 3 children for their 100 reads! Great effort keep it up!

Absence from school:

New application form for term-time absence requests:



Application for Pupil Term Time Leave

Parents/ Carers must ask permission for their child to be absent during term time, and it is the Head Teacher's discretion to decide whether or not the absence will be authorised. The head teacher may authorise leave during term time for exceptional circumstances (please refer to our Attendance and Punctuality Policy on the school website). If leave is taken without permission, or no application is made, parents/carers risk being issued with a Penalty Notice or being prosecuted upon their return. Parents/ Carers wishing to apply for their child to be absent during term-time, should complete and submit this form for authorisation, at least two weeks before the proposed leave.

Parent/ Carer section	
Child's surname:	Child's first name:
Date of birth:	Year/ Class:
Full name of parent/ carer completing this form:	
Child's address including postcode:	
Reason for request:	
Departure and return date:	
Would your child miss any National tests or examinations?	Yes / No (please circle)
Is your child's attendance above 95% since the start of the year?	Yes / No (please circle)
Has your child had term-time leave since the beginning of the academic year? (If so, please include dates, reasons and number of days leave below)	Yes / No (please circle)

School section	(i) Approved _____ school days	(ii) Not approved _____ school days
Holidays in term time / term time absence		
Reasons:		
Date parent/ carer informed of approval/non-approval of absence – School admin		
Head teacher's signature		Date

These forms can be obtained from the school office. Requests must be submitted two weeks in advance. Please refer to our **Attendance and Punctuality Policy** on our school website for further guidance.

Attendance: This week:

We are now only going to report on our weekly collective figure for attendance. Our school target is 96.5% and the national average is 96%.

This week, our collective attendance was: **96.37% WELL DONE EVERYONE!** Our attendance figure from the start of the year is: 96% we have just met National average! We need everyone's support. Our attendance reward this week goes to: **RB with 100% again!**

Mathletics: Message from Mr Nigel
The highest scoring pupils on Mathletics last week were:

1st - Olivia in 2G with 2730 points
2nd - Calvin in 2G with 2030 points
3rd - Nina-Maya in 3B with 1860 points

They will each receive a bronze certificate. Keep up the great work!

Chess: Message from Mr Manfred

In a dramatic battle against children of Bessemer Primary School the JKPS chess team, deprived by their Y5 children, managed to secure a narrow win of 6:5 on Friday. A big thank you to Arlo Y6, Michel Y6, Caleb Y4G and Samil Y4B who stepped in for the missing Y5's. Congratulations to Molly from Y4G who turned the table with her win for our school.

Get involved!

At JKPS, we have a few weeks planned where you have yet more opportunities of getting involved:

Science week: Art in science focus
Monday 21st – Thursday 24th May
(Miss Georgina)

Enterprise week: Maths and business focus
Monday 25th- Friday 29th June (Mr Patrick)

Sports Day: Tuesday 10th July (details to follow)

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What have we been learning:

Year 1: Year 1 have had a great week! We watched our cress grow, compared ours to the cress we kept in a cupboard and drew our observations. In Maths we have been learning how to multiply by 2, 5 and 10 using arrays and working out multiplication word problems. In English we have produced some impressive writing full of adjectives and inverted commas whilst rewriting our class story The Smartest Giant in Town. We are looking forward to our trip to Dulwich Park next week.

Year 2: This week during Literacy Year 2 have been writing their own versions of the book 'Not Now Bernard' and have been writing the mood of different scenes through the actions of the characters. During Science the children have started to write their own investigations and will soon be investigating plant growth. In Maths the children have been answering word problems involving fractions, money and revisiting multiplication.

Year 3: In Year 3 we have been discussing all about Rainforests and their huge importance for our planet. We have written persuasive letters, speeches and this week we have focused on descriptive writing. All this has been inspired by Lynne Cherry's fabulous book The Great Kapok Tree. What unusual animals do you know of that live in the Amazon Rainforest?

Sports update:

JKPS Tigers v. Oliver Goldsmith, 3-1, Saturday 28th April 2018:

Saturday's Schools' League match against Oliver Goldsmith at Dulwich Sports Ground saw the JKPS Tigers eventually romp home 3-1. The Tigers, relishing playing on a level and correct sized pitch, came out strong and played some of their best football with some good, linking play between defence, midfield and forwards. Assisted by a right wing cross from Rainon and chested down by Misan, Theo's acrobatic scissor kick volley found the back of the net midway through the first half to put the Tigers 1-0 up. There were several other scoring opportunities before half time - Misan, Oli and Rainon all came close - but a mix-up in defence left the score at 1-1.

Dogged play from the opposition thwarted the Tigers in the second half, with a fair amount of 'parking the school bus'. Aaron's nifty left foot finish broke the deadlock, however and the Tigers went 2-1 ahead. Tidy keeping from Michel and consistent, supportive play from Jonathan, Arlo, and Jasper with Oli as the central linchpin allowed debutant, Archie to pressurise the goalkeeper with a fine strike which Theo, lurking inside at the far post, opportunistically buried on the

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Year 4: This week year 4 managed to write their biographies of Anthony Browne, they are incredible. Well done year 4- we are very proud of you. In maths, we have looked at partitioning decimals and rounding decimals to the nearest tenth and whole number. In science we enjoyed investigating fizzy colours for our science fair topic. Ask the year 4's what they found out!



Year 5: Year 5 have had a very eventful week back in school after the excitement of residential, which they are all still very enthused about. They have written excellent recounts of their experiences, using the language skills we have been practising this half term. In Maths they have been working on units of measure and conversion, including converting between units of time. They have also been developing their understanding of solving reasoning problems. In RE they developed their understanding of Buddhism as part of our topic 'Understanding Faith in our Community', and in German they have been writing to their pen pals all about their adventures at Magdalen Farm.

Year 6: This week in Year 6 we finished reading The Wedding Ghost; it had a surprising ending – which seem to create more questions than it solved. We have used this stories to write stories with a flash back; please read the beginning of Eden's:

Kneeling beside the cobweb shrouded bed of the sleeping sovereign; fears and doubts beseeched his mind; what was he to do? Tracing the series of well hidden footprints under the seal of dust, he watched as they appeared to approach the princess and then depart again.

Gazing at her beauty, his mind dived back to the series of events that had lead him to this point; he could picture the battered map in his lap and old eyes staring at it, at him desperate to know what it meant and now he knew. How even back then, how did he know it would change everything?

Holiday clubs: Message from Miss Charlotte

During the Easter holidays we had the beginning of what we hope is a long partnership with **Mother Nature Science** who ran a hugely successful science club during the first week of the Spring holiday. The children participated in daily activities of hands-on activities exploring a spectacular array of scientific themes and topics. They will be holding another holiday club in May half term, keep an eye out for details on their website (www.mnature.co.uk) and flyers that will be emailed via the school.

Key dates for Summer term: Save the date!

Tuesday 24th-Friday 27th April: Year 5 Residential to Magdalen Farm in Dorset

Friday 27th April: Pedestrian training by Southwark Council for Year 3

Monday 21st- Thursday 24th May: Science week at JKPS

Monday 21st May: RB & RG trip to the Horniman Museum

Tuesday 22nd May – Transition to Secondary School meeting for Year 5 parents 2:30pm

Thursday 24th May: Year 6 German Assessments at the Goethe Institut; Y6 Residential trip meeting for parents at JKPS 2:30pm

Friday 25th May: Inset day – staff training day; school closed for children

Thursday 7th June: Year 1 bilingual performance of the Biggest Giant in town – show for parents/carers at 2:45pm

Friday 15th June: Year 2 trip to Unicorn Theatre to see 'Not Now Bernard'

Wednesday 21st June: Reception bilingual performance of 'The very hungry caterpillar' – show for parents/carers at 2:45pm

Monday 25th –Friday 29th June: Year 6 residential and Enterprise week at JKPS

Friday 22nd June: Year 3 trip to Barbican – BBC Ten pieces workshop

Thursday 28th June: Year 2 and Year 3 Summer Concert 2:30pm

Thursday 5th July: Year 4 and Year 5 summer concert 2:30pm

Tuesday 10th July: Whole School Sports Day

Late collection from school or clubs:

From Monday, 30th April, parents will be **charged for late collection** which exceeds 10 minutes after school ends. Collection after 3:30pm will incur a charge of £4 (cash) for an after school session which is where we keep children safe.

Parents must notify the school via phone if there is an emergency or special circumstance which might affect collection. This also means that we can let your child know so that they do not worry about not being collected on time.

If children are collected after 5:30pm, which is the last session of childcare, parents will also be charged an additional session due to additional staff costs (£4 cash). If late collection is persistent, your child/ren will be at risk of losing their club allocation.

This term's topics:

Reception: Minibeasts

Year 1: The smartest Giant in Town (local area)

Year 2: Not now Bernard!

Year 3: Rainforests

Year 4: Author study: Anthony Browne

Year 5: Titanic

Year 6: Fairytales

If you have a special skill or would like to lead a session for any year group, please liaise directly with the class teachers or send an email to admin@jkps-cfbt.org

April Birthdays:

We would like to say '**alles Gute zum Geburtstag**' to the following staff and children this month:

Mr Nigel, Miss Magda, Valentina B, Adrian, Poldi, Kasper W, Sufi K, Emmanuel, Ellie, Molly, Berti, Matthias S, Zahra N, Macey, Amani, Aalia, Eddie WS, Finley D, Gabriel, Achille, Leila, Teniola, Maggie and Remiel.

