

Head of School Newsletter

Summer Term – 18th May 2018



Weekly update:

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Children:

We would like to say a massive well done to our amazing Year 2 children for their tremendous effort with their SATs last week. This week, we have had a very busy week at JKPS with our first KS2 SATs. I would like to say a huge well done to Year 6 children who were equally as brilliant this week! The children have worked so hard throughout the year and we couldn't be any prouder of them. I would also like to say a massive thank you to all the staff who have supported the children throughout the year and with their SATs. We are also very grateful to all our families for your great co-operation with this process. We can now look forward to celebrating the end of SATs with some surprises the staff have planned for the children, but also towards the end of Year 6 production and graduation ceremony where we will have the opportunity to celebrate the children even more.

In addition to the end of Year 6 production, Miss Nemiah has been working incredibly hard with the Reception and Year 1 teams who will be performing a Bilingual production early next term.

This week was even busier with all the fantastic trips the children participated in. Year 3 visited the Kew Gardens as they have been learning about rainforests in their topic. Year 5 visited the Imperial War Museum to put their learning about the Second World War into context and 4G participated in a workshop about internet safety at the CLC in Clapham.



Y5 trip to Imperial War Museum

Well done to the Year 3 and Year 4 children who were involved in the BBC Ten Pieces assembly. It was a wonderful to hear the children speak about what they have learnt as part of the project.



A massive thanks to Miss Nemiah for organizing such enriching experiences for the children.

The Year 4 violin ensembles shared the compositions they developed based on Elgar's Enigma Variations. Families will be able to hear the children's compositions during the music concerts next term! (Tickets for these events will be available after half term.)



London History Day:

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

Science week at JKPS:

Last week on Tuesday, **Year 3** had a special workshop with **Kings College Scientists** in preparation for their showcase in Science Week. The children looked at all the micro-flora that had grown in the petri dishes from our handprints and created their own artwork using bacteria!

Monday 21st May: Dress up as a scientist and contribute £1 towards school science fund. There will be a special Science Assembly for all the key stages with live science which all the children are very much looking forward to.

Thursday, 24th May:

Year 4 will be leading a science fair for the rest of the school based on this year's theme: The Art of Science.

We will also be showcasing a JKPS Exhibition of all our science week learning, exploring art in science. The children's work will be showcased outdoors for all families to see from 2:30pm-4:30pm. We will also be showcasing this fabulous work to our local community during the Herne Hill Film screening.

Herne Hill Film Festival

Friday 25th May: As part of a series of film screening events taking place in different locations, this year's JKPS Herne Hill Film Festival screening will take place on Friday night for adults only. We will be showcasing the work the children produced during science week to the local community during this time. Come along and see some familiar faces who will also be performing on the night!

Best regards,

Marta Correia
Head of School



Achievement:

Last week's star children:



This week's star children:



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

Mathletics: Message from Mr Nigel

1st - Magali in Y5 with 1770 points
2nd - Nina Maya in 3B with 1480 points
3rd Place - Ella SH in 2G with 1380 points.
Well done everyone!

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: **96.24% WELL DONE EVERYONE!** Our attendance figure from the start of the year is: **96.05%** we have just met National average! We need everyone's support. Our attendance reward this week goes to: **Y6** with **100% for the first time this year!**

Sports update:

Last week Year 5 participated in a cricket tournament at Dulwich Park and came 3rd. Well done to the whole class for working hard as a team.



On Friday 4th May, Y2 attended a fun sporting event at Jags. They completed a hoop relay race, an agility race and a sprint race. There were several other local schools who also participated in this event and the children had a fantastic time.



100 Reads!

Congratulations to the following children for achieving their 100 reads! Keep up the great work!



What have we been learning:

Year 1: have been continuing to learn about their local area. We planned a trip to Dulwich Park using a map. Then, the children used their map-skills and actual to carefully think about what physical and human features they could see on their way to the park and at the park. When in Dulwich Park, we used a local map to work out how to get from one part of the park to another.



Year 2: Well done to all the children for trying their very best with KS1 SATs, we are all super impressed with you all! This term, Year 2's topic is 'Not Now Bernard'. The children have been practising their artistic skills by making monsters inspired by the story. They used two types of clay and a range of modelling toys to create their creatures. Once the clay is dry, the children will paint their designs, ready to be varnished and then sent home.



Year 3: We have been using some of the facts we have learnt about Brazil to start preparing a persuasive poster that will try to convince people to travel there on holiday.



Year 3 trip to Kew Gardens

What have we been learning:

Year 4: have been exploring King Kong by Anthony Browne, we have been looking at dialogue and key language such as powerful verbs, adjectives, adverbs and alternative words for said. In maths we have looked at multiplying and dividing numbers mentally and using multiplication and division facts to derive other number facts. In science we investigated what happens when you mix milk, food colouring and washing up liquid together. We are looking forward to showing the rest of the school our experiments in our science fair on Wednesday 23rd May.

Year 5: have been working on developing their understanding of perimeter and area, as well as looking at the subjunctive form in English and friendship building skills in PSHE.

Year 6: Last week in Year 6 wrote alternative endings to our twisted tales: the Wedding Ghost. The children needed to decide what would happen to our hero Jack; should he kiss sleeping beauty or not? Please read Anaya's description of our slumbering beauty:

Jack's bride entered, a haunted expression hung on her face, the dull ruby glow of her cheeks radiated through her veil.



This week in Year 6, the children have been exceptionally busy sitting their SATs; well done to everybody for trying so hard and showing how much they have learnt across the year. On Friday, as a reward for their effort the children went to see Coco at the Ritzy which is about a boy who wants to become a musician against the wishes of his family and ends up in the Land of the Dead. According to Year 6 they all gave it 5 stars out of 5.



Message from Miss Magda:

Walking to school is the perfect way to keep fit!
Next week the challenge starts. Can we win the Walking Trophy?



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)

Emergency childcare:

In the event that parents or carers encounter an emergency and require urgent childcare, the school can offer support with this.

We ask that parents/carers contact the school office via telephone and request for their child to attend the after school childcare on the day.

Parents/carers will need to bring £4 in cash for one session (3:30-4:30pm) or £8 for the full session (3:30-5:30) and make the payment on the day as this will only be considered for emergencies. Day-to-day childcare must be booked and paid in advance on Parentpay as usual.

Key dates for Summer term: Save the date!

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

Monday 21st May: Dress up as a scientist (£1 towards school fund) – Reception children must wear school uniform due to class trip.

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

Monday 28th May- Friday 1st June: Half term (school closed)

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

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 born in May:

Poppy, Jonathan H, Kh'mahni, Hugo, Hamish, Marie, Hollie, Leo W, Olivia, Isaiah, Friedrich W, Vida, Max BD, Maya SH, Mae, Frederick H, Mica, Oskar BD, Simi, Yoshi, Maya S, Daniel, Maria, Lena, Noah, Patrice and George.

