

# Head of School Newsletter

Summer Term – 24<sup>th</sup> May 2018



## Weekly update:

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Children;

This has been a terribly exciting week at JKPS! Science week started with a Bang! On Monday, from James Black to Albert Einstein, everyone dressed up as a scientist. The children also attended a highly engaging assembly led by experts and with live experiments.



Every day, the children carried out thought-provoking experiments in their classes. On Wednesday, all the children visited the Science fair organized by Miss Georgina.



On Thursday, the children and families had a chance to explore this year's science exhibition 'Art in Science' organised by Mr Patrick. This exhibition symbolises great team work and the fabulous support from our friends and families. Thank you all!

Last Friday, JKPS celebrated Historic London. All the children dressed up as modern and ancient Londoners. From the Romans to Charlie Chaplins, from David Bowie to Amy Winehouse, there was a fantastic sense of history around the school. The children participated in fabulous learning experiences about the capital, organized by Miss Tara. Thank you to all the parents and staff for your support and making this so exciting for the children.



## Woodland area in action!

Over the weekend, our amazing family volunteers were in to make our woodland area safe to use. This has certainly been a success this week. On behalf of all the children and staff, I would like to say a massive thank you to all the volunteers, in particular to Emma Huntley and Anke Zeller for organising and providing such valued support to the school. What once was a medical dumping ground, is now a haven for outdoor learning. Reception have already used this space this week, we can't wait to see everyone's face when they see this extraordinary space!



## Herne Hill Film Festival – Grown ups only!

**Tomorrow, Friday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 tomorrow, adults only.

There is no school on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May (Inset day), we wish everyone a lovely half-term, see you all on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June.

Best regards,  
Marta Correia  
Head of School

### School photos this year:

Hi everyone,

This year we have tapped into our amazing parent community to help us with our school photos. Claudia and John will be taking the pictures of our students and we hope this will produce pictures that are unique to Judith Kerr. So, please keep these dates in your diary:

**Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 individual and class photos**  
**Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup> – Individual Photos Reception - Year 5**  
**Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> – Class Photos Reception-Year 5**

Please ensure your child brings their school cardigan on that day.

Amy Teichman – Community Governor

Kind Regards,  
*Amy*

### Clubs:

As a result of parent feedback, we have aimed to send out the before/after school club information for September 2018 in advance. In doing so rather early, we might have clubs added to this list as the term goes by, but at least this will support parents with after school childcare arrangements for the Autumn term. Forms for clubs starting in September, must be submitted by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June (paper form must be submitted).

### Summer uniform:

Please refer to our website for our uniform policy. We highly recommend that children wear closed-toe sandals as opposed to open-toe sandals for their safety mainly at play times. We also recommend that as the weather warms up, children wear a school cap (grey/blue) and bring a water bottle which they can refill at school.

### Children's progress and attainment:

Parents do not need to wait until the end-of-year reports to meet with the teachers. If you would like a progress update in order to support your child at home, you can arrange a short meeting directly with the class teacher or via the school office.

The end-of-year reports will provide detailed information about your child's achievements and areas for development as well as how well they are performing academically. If your child is in Year 2 or Year 6, there will be an accompanying form with your child's teacher assessment and SATs results.

There isn't a formal parent consultation meeting scheduled for the summer term, however, if you have any concerns or queries regarding your child's report in July, please see the class teacher during the last week of term.

### Mathletics: Message from Mr Nigel

1st - Magali in Y5 with 2200 points  
2nd - Yamina in 2G with 1815 points  
3rd - Amani in 1B with 1656 points

Amani and Magali receive bronze certificates. Yamina gets a silver.

Well done!

### 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: **95.2%**

Our attendance figure from the start of the year is: **96.03%** we have just met National average! We need everyone's support. Our attendance reward this week goes to: **2B** with **100%**. This week's punctuality award goes to **3B** with **100%** punctuality.

### 100 Reads!

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



### What have we been learning:

**Year 1:** In Year 1 this week we have been learning about 3D shapes in Maths and did a 3D shape hunt in the classroom. In English we finished rewriting the new version of our story - The Hungriest Giant in Town. We have had lots of fun during Science week and took part in lots of experiments. We watched what happens when you put skittles near water, we made mini rockets using film canisters and Vitamin C tablets and we carefully observed how white flowers change when added to coloured water! We have also been practising our Smartest Giant in Town play which we are very excited for everyone to see next term!

**Year 2:** Year 2 have been using a variety of media to create imprints of plants. This included: clay, tracing paper, pastels and paint. The children have been writing book reviews on 'Not Now Bernard'. This brings an end our work on this topic. The children were shown how they should set a book review out; what it should include and how to order the information. They learnt that whilst they should talk about the plot, they should not give too much away because reviews are aimed at those who have not yet read the book.

**Year 3:** Year 3 have been writing their own playscripts with rainforest characters! The children have also really enjoyed their daily science investigations, in particular launching a rocket today!

### What have we been learning:

**Year 4:** Year 4 conducted their own science fair, where they modelled a variety of scientific experiments for different classes around the school. They were fantastic scientists and were able to conduct a scientific enquiry by asking the other classes to make predictions, answer questions and draw conclusions. There were four work stations including paper towel mixing which consisted of water walking, fizzy colours with bursting bubbles, magic milk with an explosion of colours and cornflour slime- exploring a non- Newtonian liquid. Ask the year 4's to tell you more about their experiments!

**Year 5:** This week Year 5 have been writing eye witness reports on the sinking of the Titanic using a range of clauses, adverbial phrases and sophisticated vocabulary. In Maths they have been working on strengthening our understanding of long division and converting remainders into fractions. For Science week, the children conducted several experiments before writing up their findings and greatly enjoyed the Year 4 Science showcase where they learnt about a range of chemical reactions. It has been another eventful week!



**Year 6:** Well done to Year 6 for completing their German exams this week and for being great science ambassadors working alongside Reception children, investigating how primary colours can be used to create other colours.

### Get involved!

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

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

Sports Day: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> May- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June:** Half term (school closed)

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June:** Year 4 trip to Royal Festival Hall

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

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June:** Year 2 trip to Unicorn Theatre to see 'Not Now Bernard' & Year 5 trip to Buddhist temple

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June:** JKPS summer fair 12:30-16:30

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

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> –Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June:** Year 6 residential and Enterprise week at JKPS

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June:** Year 3 trip to Barbican – BBC Ten pieces workshop

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June:** Year 2 and Year 3 Summer Concert 2:30pm

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July:** Year 4 and Year 5 summer concert 2:30pm

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July:** Whole School Sports Day at Alleyns

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July:** Year 6 end-of-year production & End-of-year reports go home to parents

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July:** Year 6 Trip to the Velodrome and Y6 Graduation ceremony at 6pm

### Next term's topics:

Year 1: Where the wild things are

Year 2: Pirates

Year 3: Aesops Fables

Year 4: Ancient Societies

Year 5: Kensuke's Kingdom (sustainability)

Year 6: Twisted 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](mailto:admin@jkps-cfbt.org)

### May Birthdays:

We would like to say '**alles Gute zum Geburtstag**' to the following staff and children and staff born in May:

**Miss Tara, Miss Orla, 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.**

