

Head of School Newsletter

Summer Term –22nd June 2018



Weekly update:

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Children;

Parental involvement: Thank you to everyone who visited and supported the JKPS summer fair what a magnificent event! A special thanks to the Friends for all their hard work. The Friends will be sending an email very shortly with the outcome of the fair.

Everyone at Judith Kerr would like to say a HUGE thank you to Rebekka Sprei, one of our Reception parents. Rebekka recently ran a half-marathon, raising £1200, which her employers have agreed to match. Not only is this a fantastic achievement, but Rebekka is donating the money to school to help us buy new computers. Thank you so much Rebekka and well done.

School performance: On Tuesday there was a Bilingual conference held at JKPS (opportunity for leaders of Bilingual schools to meet and share best practice). Everyone was impressed with the quality of language teaching after exploring our curricula for fluent and learners of German as a foreign language. On Wednesday Year 2 had a visit from two Local Authority moderators as part of a cycle of validation of teacher assessments, therefore analyzing a range of children's work in reading, writing and mathematics across the curriculum. The moderators were incredibly impressed with the progress the children made from their starting points but also with the quality of our curriculum and the evidence of writing across other areas of the curriculum. Also on Wednesday, as part of our regular meetings, our governors performed a classroom walk around the whole school, looking at the creativity and cohesiveness of approach as the children progress through the school. We are delighted with the feedback from everyone, a massive thanks to all the staff for working so hard to ensure that all the children enjoy and achieve their potential at school.

Educational visits this week: On Friday, Year 3 visited the Barbican Centre to attend a concert given by the BBC Symphony Orchestra conducted by Kerem Hasan. A range of pieces from the project were performed. The children even participated in a mass schools choir singing 'No Place Like' by Kerry Andrew. They thoroughly enjoyed their time at this world-class centre and the concert made a fitting conclusion to all their learning as part of the BBC Ten Pieces project.

Residential: Next week, our Year 6's will be travelling to Bawdsey Manor for their 5 day residential! We hope you all have a great time! Please arrive promptly at school on Monday (8:45am) to ensure you don't miss check-in! We will be keeping all Y6 parents and carers up-to-date via text and email. All emergency contact details must be up-to-date too.

Music and enrichment:

Congratulations to the Reception classes for their excellent Bilingual production of Die Raupe Nimmersatt (The very hungry caterpillar). The children showed such confidence and enjoyment as they performed. Many thanks to the support of all the families for attending and making amazing costumes. A massive thanks to Miss Nemiah for leading the performance and the EYFS team.



Summer Concert Series 2018:

The children in Years 2, 3, 4, 5 have been working very hard towards their end of term concerts with Miss Nemiah and are looking forward to showcasing the wonderful progress they have made.

Please note that these concerts are ticketed events in order to regulate numbers in the top hall. Tickets are available for £2.50 via ParentPay.

Dates are as follows:

Y2&3 music concert Thursday 28th June at 2:30pm.

Y4&5 music concert Thursday 5th July at 2:30pm.

Enterprise Week JKPS Market - next Friday, 29th June at 3:15pm

Next week is Enterprise Week at JKPS! Each class will be researching, designing, making and evaluating a product. Their products will then be available to buy at the JKPS Market on Friday 29th June at 3:15pm!

The JKPS Market will be cash free but you will be able to buy tokens (denominations of £1 or 50p) from Miss Charlotte on the day, or pay for them via parentpay.

Sponsored Mental Maths Workout

Well done to everyone who has been taking part in the sponsored daily mental maths workout this week. Remember that you should start bringing in your sponsorship money on Monday and put it in your class box. The last day for collection is Tuesday, 26th June.

Statutory assessments: If your child is in year 1, 2 or 6, their phonics or SATs results will be submitted with their end-of-year report in July. German assessments for year 6 will also be submitted with their reports.

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This week's star achievers across the curriculum and our Stars of the week!



Well done to everyone who received an award today!

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 25th- Friday 29th June (Mr Patrick)

Sports Day: Tuesday 10th July at Alleen's, see Mr Patrick and Miss Orla if you would like to volunteer on the day!

Parent noticeboard:

Our parent noticeboard is back in action outside the school office as the science exhibition has now been removed.

Club confirmation will be sent home next Friday. Please ensure you check your child's bag for a slip as the payment process also has to be done prior to the end of the school term finishing.

Sports news: Calling Y2 & Y6 GIRLS!

Paige from Football Magic (Dulwich Village Football Club) has agreed to run the JKPS Girl Tiger football sessions starting this Saturday 23rd June (tomorrow) from 4pm to 5pm. The venue will be Brightlands playing fields which is next to Dulwich Prep EYS and opposite Belair House on Gallery Road:
8 Gallery Road, London SE21 7AB
The cost will be £5 each which will cover Paige and the hire of the pitch. Pay on the day. We need a minimum of 8 players for this to go ahead, so please let me know if you can attend –
contact@amandapitt.com or 07957 228118.

Mathletics: Message from Mr Nigel

The three highest scoring students last week were:

- 1st - Raynon in 4B with 2800 points
- 2nd - Magali in Y5 with 2580 points
- 3rd - Noemi in 1G with 2334 points

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: **95.72%**

Our attendance figure from the start of the year is: **96.06%** we have just met National average! We need everyone's support. Our attendance reward this week goes to: **Y6** with **99.42%**. This week's punctuality award goes to **3G** with **99.57%** punctuality.

Duolingo: Message from Mr Manfred

This week's praises to the highest scoring Duolingo students go to:

- 1st - Amani in 1B with 260 points
- 2nd - Mollie in 4G with 120 points
- 3rd - Roma in 3G with 100 points

Gute Arbeit!!!



What have we been learning:

Year 1: This week year 1 have been writing letters in the first person from the characters in their book Where the Wild Things Are using adjectives and conjunctions. In maths they have been using money to solve different amounts using addition and subtraction. In Topic they learnt about the Muslim explorer Ibn Battuta and discussed his journey and why he is considered significant. In science they discussed the effects of the wind and made wind socks to help measure the force and the direction of the wind. They went outside to practice using their wind socks.



Year 2: This week Year 2 have been learning about co-ordinates and how to plot these onto grids, they have also been revisiting estimation and time. During Literacy the children have been looking at pirate poetry and exploring new words. They have also been writing character descriptions and facts about Pirate Blackbeard.

Year 3: It's been another busy week in Year 3. In English, we have been writing our own fables using some of our own characters but keeping the moral of one Aesop's fables. In Topic, we have been learning all about the incredible work of Florence Nightingale. And yesterday, we started discussing our plans for Enterprise Week. Don't forget to visit our stall at the JKPS Market next Friday after school!



Year 3 trip to Barbican Hall

What have we been learning:

Year 4: Year 4 have worked very hard in English panning and writing an autobiography in role as Ibn Battuta. In maths we have read train timetables using a 24 hour clock and converted pence to pounds to solve money problem. The children are enjoying their science lesson and have explored how sounds are made and travel.

Year 5: This week Year 5 have been writing non-chronological reports about the African Penguin, which they have found to be a rather interesting and unusual creature! In Maths they have been solving mean, mode and median problems involving data and statistics from the World Cup, as well as practising mental maths strategies. In RE they looked at pilgrimage, focusing on the Kumbh Mela in India, whilst in Geography they completed a case study on the Louisiana wetlands and how human behaviour impacts on coastal erosion.

Year 5's visit last week to a Buddhist temple.



Year 6: This week we have completed reading the story Firebird; we have hunted through the text for the subjunctive form and then written letters advising Prince Ivan what he should do. We have also described the princess and boxed the story up ready for our write up of our own stories after we return from our residential trip. We have also been very busy practising for our play; well done to all the children who have already learnt all their lines off-by-heart!

Key dates for Summer term: Save the date!

Saturday 16th June: JKPS summer fair 12:30-1 6:30

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

Monday 2nd July: Year 3 and Year 6 Puppet workshops at JKPS

Wednesday 4th July: Year 6 trip to the Polka Theatre

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

Tuesday 10th July: Whole School Sports Day at Alleyns

Friday 13th July: Year 6 end-of-year production & End-of-year reports go home to parents

Thursday 19th July: Year 6 Trip to the Velodrome and Y6 Graduation ceremony at 6pm

Friday 20th July: Last day of term 2pm early finish

Monday 3rd September: Inset day – Staff only

Tuesday 4th September: Inset day – Staff only

Wednesday 5th September: School starts for all children Year 1-Year 6

All our term dates for 2018-2019 are on our school website. Please avoid any term-time leave arrangements unless these are emergencies or exceptional circumstances.

June Birthdays:

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

Miss Zipporah, Mr Oliver, Miss Sarah, Sasha M, Amelie P, Harvey A, Ayden, Jakob, Aloma, Amisa, Amir, Ariella, Severin, Finlay, Theo J, Amelie Z, Joshua, Noemi and Cameron.

