



Dear Parents and Carers,

I have always loved the fact that West Jesmond primary school is a truly international and global school community. We have children from all around the world making friendships and learning about each other's beliefs, cultures and history. Sometimes these can be challenging lessons to learn, but together we can grow and understand and value each other. I want to restate our commitment exemplified by our Freedom Banner in the main entrance area, created by our pupil Art Ambassadors; "Here we are free to be who we want to be – we are all different but all equal and together we are amazing". Personally, I am very sad about today and the decision to leave the European Union. We have so many children in our school coming from and with family in countries in Europe and that always adds a richness and vibrancy to our school. At West Jesmond our doors are always open and we will continue to celebrate the links we have in Europe and beyond.

Football Success

Congratulations to the Year 5 Football team who won the RGS Under 10s Tournament this week. The team played 4 group matches winning 2 and drawing 2 which meant they qualified for the semi-finals. In a thrilling match, they edged past Kings Priory 1-0 to make it to the final against Dame Allans. The final was very close throughout before a 'golden goal' winner gave West Jesmond a 1-0 victory. Well done to the whole team and to Mr Hopkins and Mr Snelders who managed the team.

Robinwood

We are already starting to plan next year's Year 6 residential! This is just a reminder that there is an information evening for all current Year 5 parents next Thursday. Details are attached to the Year 5 parent mail.



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Year 6 Careers Fair Visit



Year 6 had a brilliant time this morning at Jesmond Park Academy Careers Fair. They had the chance to engage with lots of exhibitors from a whole range of jobs, ask some fantastic questions and learn so much about potential opportunities that are open to them in the future. Milo said, "It was really exciting, I learnt how to animate on an iPad. I would love to do it all again!". Evie said "It was great fun!".

Energy Winner

Congratulations to Natta in Year 2 who won the Robertson's Energy Poster Competition. His was the winning entry from all primary schools in the city and the poster will be displayed in all Robertson's buildings across the country. He also won a tablet and a shopping voucher! Congratulations!



Half-Term Holiday

Please make sure that you have noted in your family calendars that school will close on Friday 14th February at 3.20 pm for the Spring term holiday. We re-open on Monday 24th February at 8.45 am. There are no teacher training days linked to this break.

With my very best wishes for the week ahead,

Gary Wallis-Clarke

Young Achievers

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Amelie R1	Badge 6 Gymnastics
Maisie 4C	Badge 2 Gymnastics
Phoebe 2S	50m Swimming Award
Cecile 1C	Tap Dance Certificate
Harry R1	Fantastic Chinese Dragon!
Sebastian R1	Trophy and Medal for Skiing
Ewan 3C	Man of the Match in Football
Freddie 4F	Students of the Year in Taekwondo
Connor 4F	Students of the Year in Taekwondo
Abdul 4F	Level 3A Kumon Certificate
Oliver 5J	Football Team Winner
James 5R	Football Team Winner
Max 5M	Football Team Winner
Zac 5M	Football Team Winner
Noah 5J	Football Team Winner
Saif 5R	Football Team Winner
Karam 5J	Football Team Winner
Ismael 5M	Football Team Winner
Martha 3ST	Stage 6 Swimming and Stage 3 Brownies Awards
Amelie 2S	Stage 7 Swimming Certificate
Ariel 2S	Distinction in Dance Certificate