



## The West Jesmond Family Newsletter 12 Summer Term 2024



Dear Children, Families and Friends,

### Olympic Week & Sports Days

Well done to all of our children for their efforts this week during our school sports days. Thank you to all of our parents, grandparents and friends who have cheered them on their way. We were extremely proud of all of our children for their teamwork, resilience and the lovely way that they cheered on and supported each other. The Sports Days have been the highlight of our special Olympic Week at West Jesmond. Thank you to Mrs Peggs and Miss Rennison for organising such an action packed few days!



As a part of Olympic Week, Years 5 and 6 have been gliding along on a skateboard, Years 3 and 5 have been jumping along to a Boogie Bounce and Year 1 and 2 have been shooting around on a scooter, whilst Reception got to try some rugby. Huge thanks to the [Friends of West Jesmond Primary School](#) for funding these incredible taster sessions.



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## Moving On Up

This week has seen a lot of movement across school as children have been taking part in transition activities. Many of our Year 6 children have been visiting their new schools for the last three days and we look forward to hearing about their experiences on Monday. Within school, our children have spent time with their new teachers and classes. We hope this time has helped to help get our children excited for the year ahead and to settle any worries that they might have. Please speak with us if you want any further support for your child during the transition period.

## Friends Summer Fair Community Thank You!

The Friends of West Jesmond would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who sent in donations and who volunteered their time and skills to make the Summer Fair such a fantastic event. Together, we managed to raise over £3000 to support our children's learning and experiences at West Jesmond. We wish to send a special thank you to **Great North Getaways** for their generous contribution towards the pizzas stall! We were also lucky to have the brilliant **Hays Travel** staff, who kindly took time out of their weekend to run a stall at the fair, with all proceeds going to our school.

For generous contributions thank you also to:

- **Dobbies Garden Centre, Gosforth** - compost and sunflower seeds for the planting stall
- **Kennett's Creations**
- **Rugby Mini's**
- **West Jesmond Allotment**
- **Martin** from **Bounce & Play**

Finally huge thanks to all of the generous **local businesses in our community** who donated prizes for the raffle!

## Year 6 Music Assembly

Last week, we had a special assembly with performances from our Year 6 musicians.

*'It was inspirational for our younger children.'* Mrs Anderson

*'They were like a real rockband.'*  
Year 6 Spectator



## Keeping Safe Advice From Special Visitors

To help us be ready for the summer, some of our Key stage 1 children had a special visit by Northumbria Police. They were talking to the children as a part of an important PSHE objective of knowing how to keep ourselves safe. They talked to us about who can help keep us safe and how to call 999.



## Reports 2024

Thank you to everyone who has sent in messages and comments to teachers in reply to our end of year reports. Your words mean a great deal to the staff as well as helping us to continue to build on and improve our school. If you have not yet had the chance to send in the reply sheet, please do so at the start of next week.



## Year 6 Graduation

We are looking forward to seeing our Year 6 families at the Graduation Ceremony next Wednesday evening at 5pm. This is the chance to celebrate the achievements of our Year 6 children and to thank them and all of the families for everything they have given to West Jesmond.



## Incredible Fundraising: Children's Cancer Run

Thank you to all the runners who took part in the Children's Cancer Run in May. Mrs Adair is delighted to announce we have raised an amazing **£4899.53**. Wow!

## Summer Activities in Newcastle

The six weeks holiday can sometimes feel quite a long time for families and we all look around for interesting things to do to interest, entertain and engage our children. There are lots of activities in Newcastle and across our area, Jesmond, the parts of the city near to school offer lots of opportunities and Jesmond library is a great source of information.

For some families, especially those eligible for free school meals, the 2024 HAF **Best Holiday Ever** programme offer activities and meals. To find out what's on offer in your keep an eye on the updates on the [Newcastle City Council Support Directory](#)



## Kids go free, all day, every day with Tyne and Wear Metro

Look out for free travel on Tyne and Wear Metro with their Kids go free promise. Up to three children aged 11 and under can travel on Metro or the Shields Ferry for free, when accompanied by a fare-paying adult. They hope this offer will encourage families to explore new places and spend quality time together. For more information and inspiration for great days out please visit: [Kids go Free on Metro | nexus.org.uk](#)



## Summer Activities at Seven Stories

Seven Stories are delivering a Holiday Programme again this summer holidays as part of Newcastle's Best Holiday Ever. They will be running sessions at Seven Stories on:

**Monday 22nd July - Friday 26th July**

**Monday 29th July - Friday 2nd August**

**Monday 5th August - Friday 9th August**

With **two sessions a day from 10am-1pm and then 2pm-5pm.**

**Your child must be entitled to means tested free school meals** to be able to attend as **places are intended for those most in need.** Children will get to take part in interactive story times, crafts, exploring the magical building and local area, food-making activities and will finish with a hot meal.

**Places are limited, so please book in advance via the website:** <https://sevenstories.org.uk/event/haf-best-summer-ever-2024/>

## Sporting Achievements

Well done to Seb in Year 2! At the weekend, he came second in his U8s football tournament with Benfield Juniors and second in the Durham and Cleveland Juniors U8s tennis tournament.

Have a lovely weekend everyone and **Good Luck**



or **Buena Suerte**



to all West Jesmond Families enjoying/enduring the big match on Sunday!

Matt Ward (Headteacher)

## Dates for Your Diary

### Next Week

- ❖ Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July                      Year 1 RNLI trip to Cullercoats
- ❖ Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July                      Year 6 Graduation Evening
- ❖ Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July                              End of Term

### Further Ahead

- ❖ Thursday August 22<sup>nd</sup> 10-12am              New Reception Parents Family Fun Day
- ❖ Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> & Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September      School Training Days
- ❖ Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September                      Back to School For New School Year