



West Jesmond Primary School

The West Jesmond Family Newsletter 8 Summer Term 2024

Dear Children, Families and Friends,



SENCO News: Congratulations Cathy Hogan

As many of you will know, Cathy Hogan our school SENCO (Special Education Needs Co-ordinator) has been working 3 days a week for Newcastle Local Authority as a SEND Consultant. We are very proud (but rather sad!) to announce that, from next year, Cathy will be moving to a, richly deserved, full time consultant position at the LA. We will greatly miss Cathy for all she brings to our school, but we know her experience and knowledge will be a huge support to the wider family of schools in our city. Cathy has been at West Jesmond Primary School since 2008 and for all these years, she has been a very important and highly valued part of our school and the West Jesmond Family. I know a great many of our children past and present will have benefitted greatly from her teaching, support and SEN advice and will join us in wishing her well in the exciting next step of her career.



Over the last year, Gemma Jordan has been working alongside Cathy as deputy SENCO. Many of you will have had review meetings and SEN meetings with Gemma. We are very pleased that Gemma will become our fulltime SENCO in September and lead our extended team of staff supporting children with SEN needs in our school.



Year 4 Fantastic Fundraisers!

A group of our Year 4 girls did something brilliant last weekend – please see the message below!
Hello, we are nine Year 4 girls who raised money for the People’s kitchen. In order to raise the money, we went on a 10-mile walk around Hadrian’s Wall. We raised £1800. The money was donated to the People’s Kitchen which we thought was a good cause, which helps those in need, Thank you to all those who sponsored us. The walking in 11 words was incredible, fun, adventurous, long, amazing, muddy, tiring, windy, cold, helpful and extraordinary.
If you would like to donate, you can use this QR code!



We were very pleased to award Rose, Orla, Amelie, Hannah, Myla, Miller, Clara, Shakti and Lila our special 500 Dojo Community champions Awards! Well done girls we are very proud of you!

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Whole School Creative Rug Artwork

Last half term, we got creative during our whole school Take One Book Week, which focused on the book MIRROR. Miss Draper led our art project across school and each year group created a collaged or printed collaborative rug artwork. Different key artists, as well as Jeannie Baker, the illustrator of MIRROR, inspired the amazing pieces.

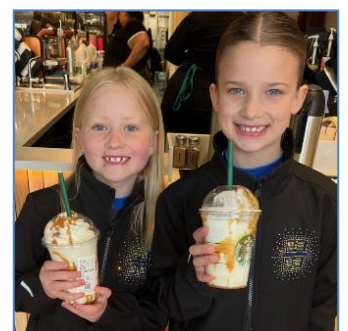


Congratulations Erenefe! Mathletics Legend!

Children across school take part in the Mathletics challenges for homework. This week we were informed that one of our children has done something incredible in Mathletics. Erenefe from 5ES has achieved Legend status within the programme - this is very difficult to achieve and the Mathletics team contacted us to celebrate his efforts!

Sporting Achievers

Here are some more achievers this week. We have a Year 3 rugby star sharing his Under 8's team medal for great sportsmanship and two Cheerleading stars relaxing after their latest competition. Good luck to all our West Jesmond sport stars taking part in events this weekend!



Fundraising Cake Stall

A group of our children are running a special cake stall tomorrow on the Village green at Jesmond Vale. All donations will go to our friends at the People's Kitchen. The cakes will be baked by the children – we hope you can drop by to buy one!



Summer Fair Reminders: Can you help!

Please remember our Friends of West Jesmond Summer Fair will be taking place on Sunday 23rd June.

We are urgently still looking for parent volunteers to help make the fair a success. Please email the Friends friendswjps@mail.com or speak to the school office if you can give some time for this great event. **Non-Uniform Day:** Please remember that next Friday is a non-uniform day. If you are able, please send in donations (bottles, toys & chocolate) for stalls at the Summer Fair.



Dogs Trust assembly

This week we had the first of our special visits from the Dogs Trust. Years 1, 2 and 3 had their assembly and over the next couple of weeks, Year 4, 5 and 6 will have one. Each class, from years 1-6, will also have a special workshop too. Dogs Trust Dog School offer expert advice and practical training to help you and your dog understand each other better. They offer 4 week courses specifically catered to puppies, adolescents or adult dogs. The courses help dog owners to improve your dog's recall, train your dog to walk nicely on a lead, communicate effectively with your dog, overcome chewing and mouthing and toilet train your puppy.

Find more information at: www.dogstrust.org.uk/dog-advice/dog-school



Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Matt Ward (Headteacher)

Dates for Your Diary

Next Week

- ❖ Monday 17th June
- ❖ Thursday 20th June
- ❖ Friday 21st June

New Reception Parents' Welcome Meeting (9am)

Digital Leaders Apple training

Non Uniform Day Donations for Summer Fair
Cake Stall Year 6 Leavers

Further Ahead

- ❖ Sunday 23rd June
- ❖ Monday 24th June
- ❖ Saturday 29th June
- ❖ Monday 1st July
- ❖ Tuesday 2nd July
- ❖ Wednesday 3rd July (pm)
- ❖ Monday 8th – Friday 12th July
- ❖ Monday 8th July
- ❖ Thursday 11th July (pm)
- ❖ Wednesday 17th July

- ❖ Friday 19th July

Friends Summer Fair

KS2 Dogs Trust Assembly

Allotment Open Day

Languages Club Assembly 9.30am
Year 3 Roman Day

Newcastle Sings Choir Trip
Chimneysweep Club Performance

Year 4 Scottish Opera Performance

Olympic Week

Sports Day Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2

Reception Sports Day

Year 6 Graduation Evening

End of Term

