



The West Jesmond Family Newsletter 10 Summer Term 2024

Dear Children, Families and Friends,



Moving Classes Ready For September

Next week we will be sharing with you and our children who will be their new teachers for next year. In the second to last week, we have a range of Moving On Up activities and days when the children will meet with the staff and classes and begin to feel prepared for September. At West Jesmond, we do a mix of our children twice during their time at school. This happens in Year 2 and Year 4. We mix the classes at these times to help our children have as wide a friendship group as possible across school and to help for when they move up to secondary schools and also to address the mix in classes of any children leaving or arriving at school. Teachers work hard to listen to the children's views and use their understanding of their classes to ensure we are able to create balanced classes that will grow and develop together. Remember, if you feel you or your child would benefit from additional help to support their transition to the new year group, please speak to us.

Changes At West Jesmond

There are a number of people who will be leaving West Jesmond this summer. This week, we want to celebrate and thank three very important members of staff who will be retiring from their roles in our school at the end of the year. They have all had a long association with the school and given so much to our children, families and community.

Sarah Adair started at West Jesmond as a teacher in 2001 and over the last two decades, she has spread her happiness and enthusiasm across our school. Sarah has successfully taught in many year groups and in recent years as a PPA teacher. Sarah has given so much more to our school including her tireless work organising and raising tens of thousands of pounds for the Children's Cancer Run. Sarah is an enormously important part of the West Jesmond Family and will leave a strong and lasting legacy in our community.



Cath Laidler started at our school in 2006 and has taught hundreds of our West Jesmond children over the last 18 years with huge amounts of dedication and care. Cath has a long family connection with West Jesmond and has been an ever present at countless school and community events. She has shown enormous amount of commitment and energy to all areas of our school life and is an enormously valued friend and colleague who will be greatly missed by everyone



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Julie Sengupata joined school as a member of our Learning Support Staff team in 2012. Julie has supported children from our very youngest to those leaving Key Stage 2. As well as being an invaluable member of the support team working with many, many children, she has also played a vital part leading on First Aid and Medication across school. We are particularly indebted to Julie for her tireless work during the pandemic in helping to keep all of our community safe and her advice, wisdom and actions caring for our children.

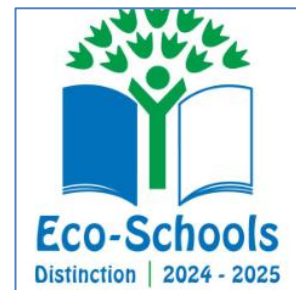


West Jesmond Eco School

We are thrilled to announce that the hard work and dedication of our Eco-committee this year has earned us the prestigious Eco Green Flag Award with distinction. This outstanding achievement reflects the commitment and effort our children have put into making our school a greener and more sustainable place.

“Congratulations to everyone involved in this fantastic accomplishment. Your passion for the environment and sustainability is truly inspiring.”

Well done to Miss Askew and all the Eco Team.



Careers and Enterprise Visitors

On Wednesday 12th June, we were delighted and privileged to host and welcome the Careers and Enterprise Company board members to visit us here at West Jesmond, to celebrate all of the amazing work we do around Raising Aspirations, Enterprise and Careers in our school and our fantastic links with Jesmond Park Academy around careers and transition. Our children talked about their interests and aspirations and impressed our visitors.



Summer Fair Thank You

I hope everyone enjoyed our sunny Summer Fair on Sunday. Once again, can we give our thanks to our amazing team of Friends of West Jesmond volunteers who worked so hard to create the great event. We are extremely grateful to everyone who gave up their time, effort and creativity on the day and during the run up. I would also like to thank everyone who came to the fair and were so generous in raising money for our children. Well done to all of our raffle winners – here is a photograph of Hazel from the Friends and two of our School Councillors who helped to draw the winning tickets!



We're very proud of Ava, Neave, Isla and Sophie who created Loom Band products to sell at last weekend's Summer Fair. The sales amounted to over £50 which they are donating to Cancer Research in memory of members of their family. In Key Stage 2 assembly this week, they shared their stories and received a special reward.



Year 3 Special Visitor

Year 3 were very lucky to have an expert visit us this week from the Classical Studies Department at The Open University. Thank you Stephanie for sharing your knowledge and expertise and bringing so many interesting artefacts for the children to handle and investigate.



Save The Bees Campaign

We are always very excited when children use their own initiatives and enthusiasm to build on their learning and try to make a difference. This week a team of our Year 4s have been buzzing around school leading a very important campaign to save bees! Look out for their posters when you visit school!



Allotment Open Day: This Saturday!

We hope lots of you will be able to come to the open day at our allotment on Saturday 10.30 – 2pm. This is a chance for our families to come and see this very important part of our school and to enjoy the lovely and productive site. There will be refreshments, plants to buy, activities and the choir singing!

Year 3 Roman Trip

On Monday, Year 3 had a trip to the Roman gallery at the Great North Museum. They collected evidence to answer questions about the past. For example, where does Hadrian's Wall start and end, what equipment does a Roman soldier have, what were cameos used for and what did they often depict? When they arrived back at school they then designed and created Roman coins out of clay, using Roman numerals to carve in the dates and using clues from the past to make them look authentic.



Dog's Trust Visits

We had more visits from Rachel at the Dogs Trust this week. Here she is with Year 4. She taught us all how to be safe around dogs and we all made our own best friend promise. She also told us all about the ABC's for dogs... ask us what they stand for! Thank you Rachel!



WJPS Out Of School Achievers

This week, we are very pleased some more of our sporting achievers as well as a very proud mathematician. Well done everyone!



Have a lovely weekend everyone
Matt Ward (Headteacher)

Dates for Your Diary

Next Week

- ❖ Saturday 29th June
- ❖ Monday 1st July
- ❖ Tuesday 2nd July
- ❖ Wednesday 3rd July (pm)

Allotment Open Day

Languages Club Assembly 9.30am
Year 3 Roman Day
Newcastle Sings Choir Trip
Chimneysweep Club Performance
Year 4 Scottish Opera Performance

Further Ahead

- ❖ Monday 8th – Friday 12th July
- ❖ Monday 8th July
- ❖ Thursday 11th July (pm)
- ❖ Wednesday 17th July

- ❖ Friday 19th July

Olympic Week

Sports Day Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2
Reception Sports Day
Year 6 Graduation Evening



End of Term