

JBuzz Newsletter

Friday 1st February 2019

“Achievement, ambition and progress for all....”



Dear Parents and Carers

Our club consultation on Survey Monkey shuts this Friday <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/8S9YLRH>
As always we value the feedback from our school community and endeavour to consistently improve our offering so please take a quick look and complete the survey if you still wish to do so.

On Friday 25th January we received many phone calls from local residents complaining about our community parking on the double yellow lines in Hurren Close. It caused major congestion along both Baizdon Road and Southvale Road. Please do not park on the double yellow lines. Not only does it endanger our children's lives, it also prevents emergency vehicles having access to Hurren Close properties. It is our understanding that they have also informed the Local Authority parking control and the area will be monitored more closely particularly around school drop off and pick up.

In addition to this, we have also had a number of people raise concerns of engines being left running which increases pollution around the school which can have a negative effect on children's health, particularly asthma. I would ask that you turn off your engines if you are sitting waiting in the car.

An alternative might be to consider walking, scooting or cycling to school which would be healthy physically and mentally as well as better for the environment. We do have scooter and bike parks in school to keep these safe throughout the day.

As we have seen another small fluttering of snow this week, if you are in any doubt please be reminded to check communications before setting out on your journey to school. If the school is going to be closed, the school website will be updated plus an email and text will go out to parents. We will endeavour to do this as early as possible after gathering information about staffing and the site with regards to safety.

Please ensure that we have up to date mobile numbers and email addresses at the office so that you receive the information.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

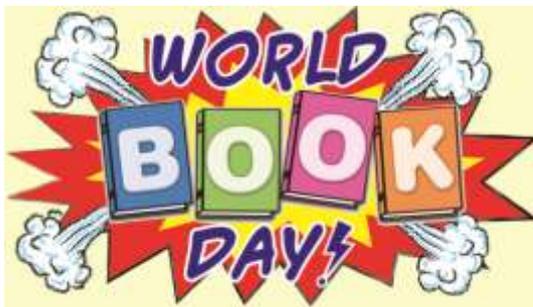
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Year 2 Chromatography - Science investigations!

Thinking about what liquids can do!





World Book Day

As you may be aware World Book Day is being held after the half term holiday on **Thursday March 7th**

Our theme this year is 'Amazing Animals': we will celebrate books based around animals, either an animal story or poem; or any animal character within a book.

We hope that this will give you time, if you so wish, to make a costume for your child to wear on the day.

We will send out further information at a later date, but thought this would be useful for you to have in advance.

Kind regards,

The John Ball English Team



February

Monday 4th

Wednesday 6th

Monday 11th

Wednesday 13th

Thursday 14th

Friday 15th

Monday 18th - 22nd

Monday 25th

YR2 London Transport Museum trip

World of Work Day YR5 & YR6

3C and 3Y Mudchute Farm trip

YR5 Museum of London Docklands trip

Nursery trip to Maritime Museum

3B and 3O Mudchute Farm trip

HALF TERM

E-Safety week

March

Thursday 7th

Monday 11th

Friday 15th

Monday 25th

Thursday 28th to Friday 29th - YR4 residential trip to Tolmers Camp

World Book Day

STEM Week

Red Nose Day

Year 6 Mock SATs week

Letters

YR5 permission to watch a film

3B & 3O trip to Mudchute Farm

3C and 3Y trip to Mudchute Farm

Parlez vous français? Children in Years 1 – 4

We had some good feedback about French at the teacher meetings last week. We have got into a good rhythm now and the lessons are kinesthetic (multi-sensory). The children are acting and dressing up, singing and dancing, playing Bingo, Kims number game, playing "What's in the bag?", Throw the dice, mind mapping and drawing words and pictures associated with the current vocabulary.

They have been enjoying learning lots of songs in class; it is a fun way to learn vocabulary and to perfect their accents whilst listening to French voices. Some of the songs are on Youtube, so if you would like to have a singsong at home here are the links:

Days of the week

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BiHYehk0tYo>

Numbers 1 to 10

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lsc3qLMaCu8>

Numbers 1 to 20

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UsEz58BblMY>

Greetings

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NXkJ88ygPY0>

Colours

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zduapTwsSwA>

Body

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0EFXCdryyRM>

The children have also been doing the Macarena for numbers up to 12, the rainbow song with Alexa and the weather song.

The children in purple class did French in Term 1 and the children in green class are doing French now in Term 2. They have been, or will be, learning the colours song, numbers 1 to 10 and greetings as well as the rainbow song with Alexa. We have a class puppet called Tommy who helps them.

In Year 5 and 6 the children have recently made books about their hobbies and are learning to conjugate er verbs.

Katherine Patten



Your School Library Needs You!

John Ball is a wonderfully diverse community school, and we would like our school library to reflect this more fully. Our library is stocked entirely with donated books and we would welcome donations of new or used books of fiction from all our different cultures, faiths and ethnicities. (At the moment, we are only looking for books written in English.)

If you have any fiction books to donate, please leave them at the office for the librarians to collect. Alternatively, if you have any book titles you would particularly recommend, then do let us know so that we can build up a 'wish list' of titles to look out for.

Thank you

The Librarians