

## JBuzz Newsletter

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020

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



### News from across the school...

In a school, every week is busy and this week has been no different. There was the hustle and bustle of the book fair at the end of last week and Monday and Tuesday of this one from World Book Day. The English team and the friends have worked incredibly hard to make sure all children were able to buy a book they wanted. Early estimations are around £1300. The school will receive 25% of this plus further discounts, meaning that the book corners will soon have a number of lovely new books. Thank you to all the families who visited the book fair and special thanks go to The Friends who have given up a considerable amount of time over the last week along with Mr Lewins to make the event a real success.

We have had a busy few days preparing for an external school review this week. This is our annual quality assurance review when other school leaders from across the country, led by an OFSTED reviewer join our leadership team to ensure our own judgements about the school are accurate. We enjoyed engaging with our visiting colleagues in high quality discussion about pedagogy, pupil outcomes and school improvement; also on the reflective experience and the positive impact it will have on the school over the coming months.

I have been really impressed by the standard of the learning and attitudes shown by the children.

Lastly, in response to parent's queries over how to react in the situation over Covid-19, the government's latest advice about the virus is that if you develop a new continuous cough and/or temperature, you should remain at home for one full week. If your child is experiencing these symptoms, please report the absence only on the first day but keep us informed of any changes. The school will not penalise families who take government advice.

I have sent a separate e-mail sent out today updating parents and carers about the virus.

I hope you have a restful weekend.

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### Visions and Values at John Ball Curriculum Vision at John Ball School

Visions and Values at John Ball

Innovation and Creativity:

“Thinking outside of the box.

Creating solutions to problems”



Innovation  
and  
Creativity

### *Parent Tip:*

***Parent Tip: Myths and Facts snippet***

**It takes a village.....**

Myth: All education happens at school

Fact: Research shows that parents make more difference to grades than teachers.



### **March**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup>  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup>

YR6 Mock SATs week  
Book Week  
Open Morning 9.30am – 11.00am  
Phone 02088521601 or e-mail [admissions@johnball.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@johnball.lewisham.sch.uk) to book

### **April**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup>

YR6 Guardian Consultations – all day  
Early Finish 1.30pm  
EASTER HOLIDAYS  
Back to school

### **Letters**

5W Drama workshop  
YR6 Mock SATs  
YR6 Guardian Consultations

### **Pupil Eco-Committee**

Further to our discussions about how we travel to school, here is a link to a short, insightful video about which travel options expose us to the most air pollution. The results of their experiment may surprise you.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ERqYpsKv4V0>

Spoiler: travelling by car does not protect us from the outside air.



## Survey from Lewisham Borough

Dear Parents, please see details below regarding a Borough survey that we have been asked to share. If you wish to take part, please follow the links below.

The Council is developing a 10-year Physical Activity and Healthy Lifestyle Strategy for the borough, which will be published later this year. Lewisham Council recognises the power of healthy lifestyles (being physically active with a healthy weight) to increase both the physical and mental wellbeing of its population.

The Strategy will develop a clear approach (determined by local priorities and outcomes) to providing effective and sustainable physical activity (including sport) and wider healthy lifestyle opportunities for local communities for the next 10 years.

### Why they are consulting

One of the most important parts of this strategy development is consulting with residents and the wider community to identify their priorities and how we might help them to increase their levels of activity and improve their health. To assist us in this effort, we are working with FMG, one of the leading management consultancy companies in the UK specialising in sport and leisure.

The online survey should take approximately 15 minutes to complete. Responses will be anonymous and confidential, though feedback will be shared with FMG to inform the development of the strategy.

The consultation will close on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020.

The survey can be completed by anyone that lives, works or studies in the borough.

Adult Survey - <https://consultation.lewisham.gov.uk/culture-and-community-development/physical-activity-strategy/>

Under 16 Survey - <https://consultation.lewisham.gov.uk/culture-and-community-development/active-lives-young-people/>

Please look on our website for adverts if you wish to view these. They will be alongside the newsletter.

### **This week:-**

## **Hilly Felds park run & A Walk in the Woods for Parents and Children & Superkids Easter Playscheme**

If you would like to advertise in JBuzz, we ask for a small donation of £10.00 for our school fund. We tend to advertise for individuals and charities/local events so please check first that it can be accepted. The ad will run for 1 week and we only run one ad half-termly.

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