

JBuzz Newsletter

Friday 14th February 2020

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



News from across the school...

Visits & Trips

Year 1 had a really exciting trip to the Albany theatre this week. We saw a production of "The Little Prince" which told the story of a young prince on a mission to save his planet from climate change. He explored various neighbouring planets to learn more about how to solve the problem, only to find out that they too had mistreated their homes and were in the same situation. Eventually he discovered that the key to saving his home was for everybody to make small changes which ultimately lead to significant changes. The children really enjoyed the active and engaging show and were particularly impressed by the dancing scenes! This show inspired some really interesting discussions about the environment and we would definitely recommend it!



To support the 'People Who Help Us' learning in Nursery, the afternoon children had a special visit from our local Firefighters last Friday. The children had a go at looking through their thermal imaging camera; they climbed into the fire engine and were even allowed to spray water from the hose. The firefighters sounded their sirens and flashed their lights as they left which was very exciting. They will be in again to visit the Nursery morning children and we cannot wait!

4BM went to Tate Britain for the final trip to see their portraits from YR3. The children have really enjoyed seeing their portraits on show.

We announced our "House Captains" today, I am sure the children who have been chosen will be coming home excited and proud that they have been voted for! YR1/2 – Maxwell, Nurah, Theepika, George, Kendrick & Berton. YR3/4 – Charlotte, Anjola, James. E, Joseph, Elijah & Hannah. YR5/6 – Maksiu, Tara, James. L, Amelia, Andreas & Freddie. Well done and congratulations to you all!



What a great photo from 3N's learning projects from this half term where they had to interpret the question: "Can you create your own Iron Man?" They produced some amazing models. Well done 3N for such a great effort!



The Friends held their Valentine's cake sale today, and wow! Look at these amazing cakes from a parent. I have to say the effort and time taken to provide these is very much appreciated.

Lastly, please do take a look at the information relating to the outbreak of Coronavirus, especially if you are travelling abroad over the half term.

Following recent developments, we would ask that parents and families who may be travelling to China (including Hong Kong and Macau), Japan, Malaysia, Thailand, Republic of Korea, Singapore, and Taiwan, familiarise themselves with the advice updated by public health with this link.

<https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/01/23/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-what-you-need-to-know/>

Have a restful and enjoyable half term

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February

Monday 17th to 21st	HALF TERM
Tuesday 25 th	Parent Gym - 9.15am
Thursday 27 th	YR1 Tower of London trip

March

Tuesday 3 rd	Parent Gym - 9.15am
Monday 9 th	YR6 Mock SATs week
Tuesday 10 th	Parent Gym - 9.15am
Thursday 12 th	YR2 London Transport Museum trip
Thursday 19 th	4BM & 4C Tolmers residential trip
Monday 23 rd	Book Week
Thursday 26 th	4A & 4F Tolmers residential trip
Tuesday 31 st	Open Morning 9.30am – 11.00am Phone 02088521601 or e-mail admissions@johnball.lewisham.sch.uk to book

Letters

YR2 Transport Museum trip
Nursery Forest School
YR1 Tower of London trip

We are building a new volunteer team

While we appreciate the support parents provide to their child's class, we would like to build a designated team of volunteers to support classes on trips.

What to expect:

- Comprehensive training
- School packed lunch (if applicable)
- Trip expenses covered by the school
- Early notice of upcoming trips so you can tell us if you can join
- Support classes other than your child's
- A fair amount of walking and lots of fun

If you are interested, please get in touch with Maria at mvalkova.209@lgflmail.org

Application forms are available at the school office. Existing volunteers also welcome.

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

There are six curriculum drivers which underpin our curriculum. One of these is possibility.

Children cannot aspire to things they have never encountered. We will work to broaden our children's horizons, expanding their knowledge of the world by nurturing their interests as well as encouraging fearlessness of what is new or unknown.



Parent Tip:

Myths and Facts snippet

Eye to Eye

Want to stop the argument? Sit down next to your child. Sitting next to them (e.g. on the sofa) makes it easier to solve the problem together compared to facing each other, because it feels less hostile.

Pupil Eco-Committee

Pupil Eco-Committee and Design Competition

Attached are details for a new competition, to design an air quality banner to encourage alternatives to driving to school. All pupils are invited to enter. Copies are available in the office.

Designs can be placed in the box in the atrium.

Closing date Tuesday 25th February.

Did you know?

- Air pollution is up to 12 times higher inside the car than outside
- The catchment area of the school means the majority of pupils live within a 20 minute walk
- Air pollution is linked to reduced ability to learn and poorer exam performance

Being late to school can have a considerable impact over the whole school year. The table below shows you how much time can be missed over a year by being 5 minutes late to school every day.



5 minutes late every day = 3 days of school lost a year

10 minutes late every day = 6.5 days of school lost a year

15 minutes late every day = 10 days of school lost a year

20 minutes late every day = 13 days of school lost a year

30 minutes late every day = 19 days of school lost a year

We understand the school mornings can be busy but when your child is late for school they are missing out on vital parts of their education. If your child arrives 30 minutes after the register has been taken, they will have an "unauthorised" late mark – this is the same as an "unauthorised absence".

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

This week:-

Design an air quality banner
Kaleidoscope drop-in information and sessions
My Pet Pals workshop in Blackheath
Luna's Magic Flute family concert
Alpha Sports Holiday Camp
Lewisham Life update

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.

Advert disclaimer: Please note we take advert requests from outside sources in good faith. We hold no responsibility for these and they are not necessarily recommended by John Ball School.