

# JBuzz Newsletter

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019

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



Dear Parents and Carers,

In a school, every week is busy and this week is no different. There has been the hustle and bustle of the book fair at the end of each day 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 and that we have reached the 60% commission mark, 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 Trista and the Friends who have given up a considerable amount of time over the last week along with Mrs Young and Miss Allpress to make the event a real success.

Alongside the book fair, we had Pupil Voice selling Red Noses in preparation for Comic Relief. We are waiting to hear the total amount raised for the chosen Pupil Voice charity of the term, but would like to thank Angela East and Mrs Parish who consistently support the pupils in their chosen endeavours.

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

I would like to thank all of our school community for the learning opportunity and practice the absence of our Lollipop lady is providing. It is good to see that children are stopping and looking before crossing the road and I appreciate the patience our drivers have shown in waiting to allow people to cross safely. These are good life skills for our children to learn.

Have a restful weekend.

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## LIBRARY NEWS!

The children continue to come and enjoy our school library. It is a joy to see the love of books spread throughout the school!

The children can borrow 2 books for 2 weeks. The books should then be returned either directly to the librarian, or posted in the red box outside the library. Books can be borrowed over half terms, but all books should be returned before the longer holidays.

Unfortunately many of our books are not being returned to the library on time and some books remain outstanding from last year. We need our books back so that they can be enjoyed by as many children as possible.

After the Easter holidays, we will be sending letters home with those children who have outstanding loans.

With that in mind, we are holding a Book Amnesty for the remainder of this term and ask everyone to have a good look at home and in school bags for any books belonging to the school library. Encourage your children to check their classrooms and trays.

The books are clearly labelled and stamped inside.

If your child is unsure whether they have a library book out, ask them to visit the library and we will write down any books on loan to them.

## BOOK FAIR

Thank you so much for the massive support for our book fair!

We have more than doubled our previous fair's totals with a whopping £1300 raised.

This means that we have gained the top amount of discount on the books we will buy for the school: for every pound we spend on children's books we will only have to pay 40p and we also have a £50 voucher to use.

Thank you to all of you who bought a book or stationery and a massive thank you to the parents who worked very hard on selling them.

A fabulous team effort and a great result.

The English Team



## March

Monday 25th Year 6 Mock SATs week  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> YR2 London Eye trip  
Thursday 28th to Friday 29th - YR4 residential trip to Tolmers Camp

## April

Tuesday 2nd Open Morning for prospective parents  
9.30am – 10.30am – Please call to book  
email: [admissions@johnball.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@johnball.lewisham.sch.uk)  
Wednesday 3rd 6C Legal & General offices trip  
Wednesday 3rd LAMDA Exams  
Thursday 4th Reception vision & hearing tests  
Friday 5th SCHOOL FINISHES AT 1.30pm for all pupils

'Congrats to both Miss Odeje and Peri for winning the February and March John Ball lottery draws!'

## Letters

6C Legal & General offices trip  
YR2 trip to The London Eye  
Reception trip to The Natural History Museum



### Do you enjoy working with young children?

Age Exchange is looking for a long-term volunteer who can run its weekly Rhyme Time session - helping young children (aged 0-3) learn and develop language and listening skills through nursery rhymes and songs. This is a fun and rewarding role for somebody from either a teaching background, retired, working part-time and has the ability to be engaging.

We are looking for a volunteer who has the ability to:

- Lead and manage the group
- Can make a long-term, weekly commitment, organised and reliable
- Must have a passion for working with young children!
- Must be comfortable singing in public and able to lead pre-schoolers in nursery rhymes, action songs and percussion use

For more information, please contact [hello@age-exchange.org.uk](mailto:hello@age-exchange.org.uk)

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