

JBuzz Newsletter

Friday 18th January 2019

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



Dear Parents and Carers

Year 1 have been to the Science museum to kick start their Beegu project. They watched an interactive space show about life on the international space station, took part in a treasure hunt through the “Exploring Space” exhibition and lastly a visit to the mission to Mercury explorer! We are looking forward to seeing the learning outcomes as the term progresses.

We are proud of our Year 4 Basketball team that went out to a local school competition and came third. We were disappointed that a shot by Bilal, thrown before the whistle, but entering the net after the whistle, was not allowed but we managed our disappointment and are pleased with our third place. Thank you to Jonny and Mrs Mann who accompanied the team and to the year 11 pupils of the Lewisham school who were umpiring.

6C spent a morning at Clip and Climb, which they won from last year’s Heath for Health. The experience of physically challenging yourself out of the comfort zone, through some panic and the sense of achievement when reaching higher than they previously had, is a great metaphor for the challenge of learning in the classroom. The children certainly came back happy with a sense of achievement. I wonder which class will win a prize this year?

The EYFS team have been working alongside the children to revamp the outdoor classroom. The children have created a north to south assault course which they need to travel without putting their feet on the ground and are enjoying the more challenging climbing provision. We look forward to the new equipment arriving in the next few weeks.

As we welcome you to the parents evening next week (Guardian consultations on Arbor) the KS2 ramp gate will be open and Mr Mitchell and I will greet you in the KS2 foyer and direct you to the classroom where your child's teacher will be. During this evening we will be consulting on the Home Learning policy.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Jacqui Noakes

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Note from Zoe at Superkids

The time has finally come, with our outstanding judgement back in place, that I can say my farewells. The last 8 years here at John Ball have been some of the happiest times of my life and I am truly grateful for the trust you have all given me in the care of your children and the service I have given you.

I hope that I have helped you, been there if and when you needed me and know that I am sorry when I couldn't help. I have tried to say as many goodbyes as I could but had to give up through the tears.

With the job I am going into, I could use any personal references you could spare the time to give.
zoenye@hotmail.com.

It has been a pleasure and I wish you and the children here at John Ball all the best for the future.

With love Zoe

Dinner Money

Please be reminded to pay your dinner money either weekly or half termly by cash or cheque. Please write your child's name, class and the amount in a sealed envelope.

£2.20 a day £11.00 a week
8th Jan – 15th Feb £63.80
25th Feb – 5th April £66.00



Maths Homework

As you may be aware, last term we trialled a new Maths Homework system called Sumdog. This has been a huge success with the children and as a result we have ended our subscription to MyMaths and will be using Sumdog to assign weekly homework. Sumdog allows the children to complete maths homework as well as take part in local and national Maths competitions.

If you do not already have a login for your child, please speak to your class teacher. The children can use Sumdog immediately and homework will begin to be assigned over the next few weeks. Years 5 and 6 will continue to use Hegarty Maths for assigned homework but can use Sumdog in addition to this.

Annette Gordon and Hannah Nolan-Neylan



January 2019

Wednesday 23rd
Thursday 24th

Guardian Consultations 3.30-7.30pm
Guardian Consultations 3.30-6.00pm

February

Wednesday 6th
Thursday 14th
Monday 18th - 22nd
Monday 25th

World of Work Day YR5 & YR6
Nursery trip to Maritime Museum
HALF TERM
E-Safety week

March

Thursday 7th
Monday 11th
Friday 15th
Monday 25th

World Book Day
STEM Week
Red Nose Day
Year 6 Mock SATs week

Letters

Guardian Consultations 3C

Friends Lottery

Congrats to Liza Smith in 3Y who has won the January lottery!!

Engines running at pick up time

It has come to our attention that some parents are sitting in the car park with their engines running which is in fact illegal.

An idling engine can produce up to twice the emissions of a car that's in motion. These include chemicals such as sulphur dioxide, particulate matter and nitrogen oxide to name a few....

Leaving your engine on while parked on the road or in a public place could land you with fine of £20.

In the spirit of health and safety and our community, please do turn your engines off whilst waiting.

Thank you

A message from the NSPCC for funds that we have raised. "A huge thank you for the additional money raised by John Ball. This amount took you over the £2,000 mark so the grand total raised is £2,181.66. We're enormously grateful for your support."

You'll receive an official NSPCC thank you too!"

Lewisham Music

Lewisham Music is running a fantastic holiday course over 2 days during the half term break with the return of Lewisham Junior Orchestra (children in school years 4-8 who play strings, woodwind, brass and percussion (tuned and untuned percussion and keyboards) at Grade 1 standard and above).

The course costs £40 (£15 concessions) and will run on Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 February from 10am-3.30pm at Prendergast Vale School, Lewisham.

For further information and to apply please visit www.lewishammusic.org/learn-with-us/holiday-courses/LJO

Please note that the application deadline is Friday 8 February and places are offered on a first-come-first-served basis

Please follow this link for the Lewisham Music newsletter:- <https://mailchi.mp/634ff6b61a91/lewisham-music-newsletter-jan2019?e=cd1b53fba5>



LEWISHAM JUNIOR ORCHESTRA

Join Lewisham Music for two days of exciting orchestral music making during half term as part of Lewisham Junior Orchestra! It is a great opportunity to develop your playing with other young musicians from across Lewisham.

Applications are welcome from children in Years 4 to 8 (inclusive) who play strings, woodwind, brass and percussion (tuned and untuned percussion and keyboards) at Grade 1 standard and above.

WHEN
Monday 18 & Tuesday 19 February, 10am-3.30pm

WHERE
Prendergast Vale School, Elmira Street, Lewisham, SE13 7BN

COST
£40 (£15 concessions)

HOW TO APPLY
Apply at lewishammusic.org/learn-with-us/holiday-courses/LJO
by Friday 8 February

020 3637 8088 Info@lewishammusic.org

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