

## JBuzz Newsletter

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019

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



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have welcomed four colleagues from across the country to externally review our school. This is an event that we undertake annually to ensure that the judgements we make about the teaching, learning and achievements of pupils is accurate. It also requires us to clearly articulate what we see as the next steps required to continue to improve the school so that this can be validated by a trained Ofsted inspector. The process involves lesson observations, book looks, learning walks, interviews with members of the senior leadership team and conversations with pupils.

As always, we are incredibly proud of your children. The reviewers, who all work in other primary schools, felt that the children were able to articulate their thoughts and speak confidently, were engaged in and led their own learning, behaved well and had strong social skills. We were pleased when they are able to talk about the 'Pride of John Ball' tree and how this impacted their learning and choices in the school.

The overall outcome is that we were judged to be Outstanding in all three areas of school improvement strategies, learning and assessment, pupil outcomes and teaching. We look forward to sharing the report with you in the near future.

As one process finishes, another begins! Next week our Year 6 children will be sitting their mock SATs. This is about them experiencing the process from a logistic point of view and learning the support that can be given during the tests and how to get it. It can be a difficult time but the Year 6 team work hard to make the children feel as relaxed and comfortable as possible. We wish them well during the week.

Year 4 are also getting excited about going on their overnight residential trip next week to Tolmers. They are going to have a fantastic time! The weather is becoming warmer and the evenings are staying lighter so they are going to maximise the outdoor experience. The staff going are also hoping that the outdoor activities and fresh air will lead to the children needing some sleep!

I hope that you and your families have a lovely weekend and enjoy the outdoors, with the spring flowers and the green buds out now, the windy and stormy weather seems to have passed.

Have a restful weekend.

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### Letters

YR4 (YR5 in November) trip to Grosvenor Hall  
YR6 Mock SATs  
YR3 trip to Greenwich Picture House  
Lockdown information letter  
Heath for Health



### Easter Disco

Friday 29th March from 5-7pm

Tickets available from:

[https://friendsofjohnballschoo.co.uk/events\\_calendar/easter-disco/](https://friendsofjohnballschoo.co.uk/events_calendar/easter-disco/)

Not only will this be a fun event to showcase your Easter bonnets, all money raised will be used towards an exciting installation to promote the John Ball Values. More information on this initiative will be available at the disco. Looking forward to seeing you there.

From the Friends of John Ball



### Red Nose Recycling

If you would like to recycle your red noses from last weeks' Comic Relief, please drop them into the atrium before Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May.

They will be delivered to Sainsbury's, who use a company who turns them into carpet underlay. Sadly they can't be disposed of in any other standard recycling bins.

The red nose box will be clearly marked and in the atrium as of Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

This initiative has been organised by The Friends.



### 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
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	RG Parent Guardian Consultations with Peri

### April

Tuesday 2nd	Open Morning for prospective parents 9.30am – 10.30am – Please call to book email: <a href="mailto:admissions@johnball.lewisham.sch.uk">admissions@johnball.lewisham.sch.uk</a>
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



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