

JBuzz Newsletter

Friday 28th February 2020

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



News from across the school...

In EYFS, the children have begun their Transport topic. They have written about their favourite mode of transport and have also begun looking at images of old and new transport. It has been really interesting to see just how much transport has changed over the years!

The staff would like to say a very big thank you to the families who completed the creative learning project set before the holidays. The children have demonstrated the 'I' of the Pride tree (innovation & creativity) by creating something special out of reusable materials. All the projects have taken pride of place in the individual classrooms and it is so lovely to see the children showing off their projects to their friends.

Trips

Year 1 had a brilliant visit to the Tower of London yesterday. We explored the history behind the white tower, gazed upon the 23,500 jewels in the crown jewels, dined like Kings (lunch is always the best part of the day) and trained to become knights! Some of the highlights for the children included finding out that the Ravens eat blood soaked biscuits and watching the sentries march up and down outside the crown jewels tower. We left in snow but returned in sun, however our little legs are very tired (13,108 steps recorded).

In addition to delivering our planned curriculum, we have also spent time learning about effective hand washing and nasal hygiene by teaching the public health lesson plans. Whilst we are reminding children to hand wash and to bin their used tissues, we would request that you reinforce this at home.

Don't forget World book day next Thursday. Children can dress up in the theme of "Heroes and Villains".

The Eco-Committee are encouraging everyone to borrow, swap or buy second-hand costumes this year. We will be holding Book Week from the 23rd March where we will have some visiting authors, running assemblies and also have some book themed lessons planned, along with some reading challenges.

I hope you have a restful weekend and take some joy in both the spring flowers appearing and the slightly lighter evenings.

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March

Tuesday 3 rd	Parent Gym - 9.15am
Thursday 5 th	World Book Day
Thursday 5 th	Book Fair – 2.45pm – 4.00pm
Monday 9 th	Book Fair – 2.45pm – 4.00pm
Monday 9 th	YR6 Mock SATs week
Tuesday 10 th	Book Fair – 2.45pm – 4.00pm
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

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Letters

50 Drama Workshop
LAMDA
World Book Day

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

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Personal Excellence:

“Always trying the best we can”



Personal
Excellence

Parent Tip:

Myths and Facts snippet

Who has the X Factor?

Do you know who your child's 5 favourite adults are?

If you know and trust them, do your best to make sure they spend time with them. Having special people in their lives means that when our kids don't want to come to us, they still have someone to turn to.

Cycling jersey competition winner and information on how you can sponsor our parent cyclists!

Thank you so much to all the children who spent time designing a cycling jersey. All entries were super and this made it very hard to decide on a winner! Just before the half term break, pupils on the Eco-Committee were given three votes each and the design that received the most votes was by Sahas in Year 3. Well done to Sahas, for creating such a brilliant design, we all loved it. The elements of Sahas's design were given to our designer who has created an image of what the jersey will look like below. Sahas will be awarded with his very own jersey once they have been printed.

Our parent cyclists are training hard through the wind and rain! It would give them a real boost if you could sponsor them through the following link: <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/JBcyclechallenge2020>. They are cycling to raise much-needed funds for a major redevelopment of our school's playgrounds - so all our children can enjoy break times.

This provides an opportunity for unstructured imaginary and creative play plus exercise to learn important life skills.

Every single contribution counts - we are over 400+ families!

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Pupil Eco-Committee

With World Book Day next week, we have been thinking about the amount of new polyester (plastic) costumes that are bought for this event. We want to encourage everyone to make, borrow, swap or buy second-hand costumes this year. There are plenty of simple ways to produce a costume and most children love to get creative. Here are a few ideas:-

10 No-Stress World Book Day costumes!

- 1. Polar Express**
Pyjamas and a dressing gown - sorted! 
- 2. Room on the Broom**
Witches hat and a purple dress - or full on witch costume left over from Halloween. Could double up as the Worst Witch too! 
- 3. Charlie Bucket**
Blue jumper + Grey school trousers + A bar of chocolate (or if you're feeling crafty you could make a golden ticket!) 
- 4. Matilda**
Blue dress with a red ribbon in hair and carrying a few books 
- 5. Harry and his bucketful of dinosaurs**
All you need is normal clothes and a plastic bucket full of dinosaur toys! 
- 6. One of the dalmations from 101 Dalmations** 
Warning - this one involves a small element of artistic effort! White T shirt and a black marker to draw spots on it - if you want to push the boat out you could do a bit of face painting too!
- 7. Tintin**
Blue jumper + trousers + hair gelled quiff. If you have a white toy dog all the better! 
- 8. Angelina Ballerina**
If you don't have a dancing outfit then beg, steal or borrow one. Use an eye pencil to draw on some whiskers 
- 9. Oliver Twist**
Brown clothes, a bit of dirt on the face and carrying a bowl! 
- 10. The Boy in the Dress** 
Put him in one of his sister's dresses!

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This week:-

Homework Club in cafe Blackheath

Lewisham Music Flyer

Be Inspired Lewisham Health and Wellbeing event (FREE)

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