

JBuzz Newsletter

Friday 7th February 2020

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



News from across the school...

We have been busy this week voting for our House Captains. We had a great response for nominations for our three colours red, yellow and blue, with an average of at least six children per class and colour. I will be announcing the results by half term.

Trips

On Wednesday morning, YR5 enjoyed a refreshing walk into Lewisham to visit the Hindu Temple as part of their study on Hinduism. The temple warmly welcomed all the children and allowed them to have a tour of the temple with commentary from a local Hindu volunteer. He explained some of the core beliefs of Hinduism and how they worship. It was fascinating for the children to see a place of worship and hear from someone who is living the faith that they have been learning about.

4A and 4F visited Tate Britain this week to see the portraits that were taken when the children were in YR3. 4F had a lovely time at the Tate Britain. It was an amazing experience to be able to see our class photo displayed in a gallery!

Visits

Nursery had a visit from our local Police Constables on horseback. The children were so excited and I have to say, it caused quite a stir having horses standing in our playground! They were so calm and not at all bothered about the children and their excited chatter! Ayse fed the horses carrots and two of the police officers showed the children some of the equipment they use.



It seems that the cold weather is back with us again. I would like to politely remind parents to send their children in to school with the appropriate clothing and outdoor wear. Please label and name any winter coats and accessories such as scarves, gloves and hats.

May I also politely remind parents and carers of a couple more things; any one that drives to drop off or collect their children please be respectful about parking across the bays at Village Court in Hurren Close, elsewhere in the surrounding roads that blocks access and anywhere that causes a hazard or danger to people. As a school in the heart of the community please do ensure you keep this in mind when parking and be community spirited.

Punctuality is so important, being late is a stressful experience and having to regularly walk into a classroom late can have an emotional impact for a child. Information and many introductions are missed if children are regularly late and this can negatively affect a child's learning. We still have a number of pupils and parents who are arriving just after 9am every day. If this relates to you then we suggest leaving just 5 minutes earlier to give your child the most positive start to the school day as possible as well as instilling good work ethics for later life.

Lastly, a huge thank you to anyone who has donated books for the library, we are so very grateful, but for the time being, the library is not accepting any more donations until further notice. They will put a notice in JBuzz when they are accepting them again.

Have a restful weekend.

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February

Tuesday 11 th	Parent Gym - 9.15am
Friday 14 th	Friends cake sale - 3.00-3.30pm in all playgrounds
Monday 17 th to 21 st	HALF TERM
Tuesday 25 th	Parent Gym - 9.15am

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

John Roan Inter-school Quiz
YR1 Albany Theatre trip

Hi parents, we are having a Valentine Cake sale 🍰 👁

On Friday 14th February
3.00-3.30pm
All playgrounds
All cake donations greatly received!
Fake it or bake it! (No nuts)

Donations can be dropped at the school office in the morning or brought straight to the playground 10 mins before 3pm.

Thank you
The Friends

COMPETITION TO DESIGN A CYCLE JERSEY

Don't forget the deadline **Monday 10th February**, for John Ball pupils to design a cycling jersey for the parent cycle ride to Amsterdam in April this year to raise much-needed funds for the school.

Pupils from every year group are encouraged to create a design and place their entries into the box by the school office by **Monday 10th February**.

Paper copies of this PDF are also available from the school office.

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

Curriculum Vision at John Ball School

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

It is vital that we nurture the natural curiosity of our children, enabling them to become independent in thought and action and encouraging them to imagine, enquire and become increasingly enterprising. We will give children opportunities to think critically, by solving problems and making choices.



Parent Tip: Myths and Facts snippet

Give yourself a break

Sit down with everyone in the family and write a list of household jobs for the week. Divide them up amongst your family.

If everyone completes his or her jobs, plan to reward yourselves with an evening of family fun, like a DVD night complete with popcorn.

Pupil Eco-Committee

Each day in the UK, we produce enough rubbish to fill Trafalgar Square to the height of Nelson's Column!

Recycling is good, but not as good as never having it to begin with. These are the 6Rs to reducing rubbish:

The 6Rs for reducing waste

