

JBuzz Newsletter

Friday 8th February 2019

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



Dear Parents and Carers,

Fire, Fire!

Year 6 have been learning about the Plague and, this week, have focused on how it came to an end. As we try to make our learning as memorable as possible, the children made Tudor houses, arranged them as if in London of 1666 and then observed the spread of the fire when they were set alight. As you can imagine, many health and safety boxes had to be considered and ticked first, but I feel that it was a great learning experience for all the children.

Year 2 have been to the London Transport Museum this week, a couple of pictures on the next page show some “build a bus” fun! Next week Year 3 will be visiting Mudchute Farm which is linked to their Charlotte’s web work and our Nursery children will be visiting the Ahoy Gallery at the Maritime Museum. We are very aware that we are only able to make these valuable visits out of school as we have many adults that continue to volunteer their time to support us on our trips. As a parent that has never been on my own son’s school trip, I understand that it is not always possible to support the school in this way but would like to thank the parents that are able to give their time and energy.

On Wednesday we welcomed a range of visitors from the working world to speak to our year 5 & 6 pupils about possible career options in the future. The event caused much excitement in the school and the children listened and experienced aspects of different careers involving Police, Lawyers, Accountants, Design and Build and more. We would like to thank Linda Yue and Pamela Campbell for organising the event and Mrs Cole for organising the children.

Listening to the radio on Thursday, I heard a news item about children’s online use. Over the past few years we have had an increase in the amount of online incidents amongst our pupils in school so I read the more detailed article. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-46758809>. These articles can sometimes be controversial but it was interesting to read some of the tips for parents that might be helpful in helping to parent in a digital age. Dr Richard Graham, a child and adolescent psychiatrist, suggests prioritising sleep, being wary about negative impact of parental surveillance and being aware of the balance between using technology and using it too much. It might be an interesting read for parents that are beginning the digital parenting journey!

Air pollution

It was good to have some feedback on JBuzz last week regarding the parking and air pollution. I received some very useful links and had some schemes flagged to support in increasing the number of children who travel to school in an environmentally friendly way. We will build this into our school plans and consider what we can do as a school to promote both healthy journeys to school and reducing air pollution. Thank you to the parents who have contacted me about this matter. I am wondering if there are any parents who have had experience of being part of a walking bus who would be able to contact me?

I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Jacqui Noakes

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Last week, you will have received a letter from Mr. Roach announcing his resignation as of the 31st August 2019.

A working group of governors has met and is in the process of planning the recruitment of his successor. We are hoping to involve both the children and the school community throughout this process.

We intend to produce a short video to send to potential applicants that will give candidates an insight into the values and qualities of our school.

We will be interviewing the children from Pupil Voice and recording scenes of the children’s daily life in John Ball School. We will also be approaching parents to obtain their ideas on what qualities we would like to see in a Headteacher.



February

Monday 11 th	3C and 3Y Mudchute Farm trip
Wednesday 13 th	YR5 Museum of London Docklands trip
Thursday 14 th	Nursery trip to Maritime Museum
Friday 15 th	3B and 3O Mudchute Farm trip
Monday 18 th - 22 nd	HALF TERM
Monday 25 th	E-Safety week

March

Thursday 7th	World Book Day
Monday 11th	STEM Week
Friday 15th	Red Nose Day
Monday 25th	Year 6 Mock SATs week
Thursday 28th to Friday 29th	YR4 residential trip to Tolmers Camp

Year 2 trip to The London Transport Museum

Build-a-Bus workshop where we learnt how London buses are made now and in the past and on the Omnibus



Dinner Money

Polite reminder to please keep a check on your dinner money balance. Please pop into the office to pay any outstanding balance that may be due.

You can call the office to speak with Sharon Windham to check your balance from 8.30am-4.00pm on 02088521601 or e-mail sharon@johnball.lewisham.sch.uk

Quick Reminder to parents/carers whose children attend before school clubs:

Please wait for the club tutor in the atrium to come and collect your child for their club. This is to ensure the safeguarding of all pupils.

Thank You



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Valentine Cake Sale

Thursday 14th February

Cake stalls will be in KS1, KS2
& Early Years playgrounds at pick up



Friends raise £10 per child
each year for trips & other
activities. Help us continue
to do this!



Fake it or Bake it- **NUT FREE** cake donations can be brought to the school office in the morning or brought direct to the stalls after school.



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