

News from across our community

Safer Internet Day

I hope that you found the online safer internet training beneficial on Tuesday and I would like to thank the parents who attended. We had some great feedback from parents on how interesting and engaging the trainer was, along with how many useful resources are out there to use. Here are a few of the positive comments we received.

Just wanted to say a huge thank you for organising this informative session yesterday. The talk was extremely reassuring that there is a lot of trust worthy information and support available for parents

We just wanted to say that we found the session very useful and well presented.

Thank you to the people involved in organising and presenting the session.

Just wanted to say thank you to the school for setting up that Training. I have found it very useful (bit of a dinosaur with these things!) I feel much more prepared to tackle what might pop up in the future now. Thank you again.

If you get the opportunity to feedback please let the presenter and her assistant know how well I think they did their presentation, prep and delivery.

Snow Closures

Although it was unfortunate that we had to close the school on Monday and Tuesday, this decision was made to ensure the health and safety of all children and staff at John Ball, and especially as one member of staff did actually slip and had a fall!

However, I do hope that amongst the online learning taking place, you also managed to get outside and enjoy the snow! If anyone made snowmen, we would love to see the pictures. Please send any to [Vikki Amner](mailto:vamner.209@lgflmail.org) vamner.209@lgflmail.org and we will showcase our budding sculptors in our next JBuzz!

Parent Governor Election

We are looking to appoint one parent governor so please do have a think about the role and step forward if you feel you would be able to support John Ball. A letter was sent out this week with the details, and you can also find this on the website under the Governance page. This will also be the area where you will be able to see the candidates who have applied, along with relevant dates.

May I wish you all a restful half term break and a Happy Valentine's Day!

Regards

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Parent Tip: Myths and Facts snippet

Love is.....



Myth: All children know their parents love them.

Fact: 1/3 of UK children don't think their parents love them. Here's a quick tip: Secretly cut their sandwiches into heart shapes.

Curriculum Vision at John Ball School

There are six curriculum drivers which underpin our curriculum. One of these is adventure and exploration.

We are passionate about the health of our children. We want our children to lift their eyes from the screen to be excited by the real world, engaging in rich experiences to develop imagination. We will use these experiences to develop confidence and allow them to manage real risks by having fun and a little danger!

World Book Day 4th March

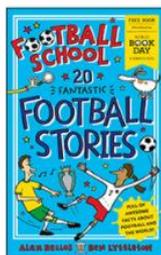
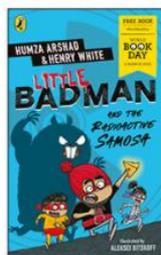
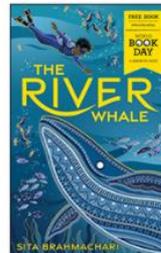
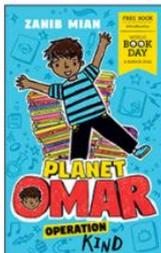
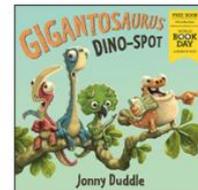
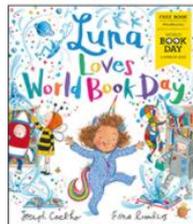
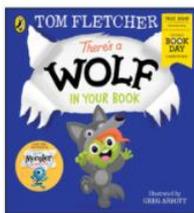
Unfortunately, due to the current situation we will not be able to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 4th March in the fantastic style we usually achieve at John Ball School. This year however, Scholastic will be running a series of world book day events over the internet, which are free to attend. These will include live read along sessions with famous authors, drawing workshops with illustrators and even live question and answer sessions with big names in the world of books and comics.

To attend these sessions, please visit their website using the school link. Click [Here](#)

On this page, you will be able to find a list of events and information on how to sign up to attend these sessions.

Your child's class teacher will be in touch very shortly with more information regarding World Book Week and information regarding costume competitions, writing challenges and some ideas for reading at home which will be running alongside our regular home learning offer via Google classroom.

2021'S £1 BOOKS



Family information sessions

The Family Information Service is providing information sessions this month on topics such as:

- support available during COVID-19 restrictions
- childcare options (including Funded Early Education Entitlements)
- accessing support through Lewisham Children and Family Centres

The events will take place via Zoom from 11am to 12 noon on Mondays, 15th, 22nd of February and on Monday 1st March 2021. Email:- fis@lewisham.gov.uk to book a place



February

Monday 15th to 19th

HALF TERM

Letters / E-mails

NHS Reception health assessment portal
Parent Governor Election

Bottle Moments

What are you dreaming of doing once the pandemic is over?

Having hope helps us keep going when things are really hard. Your Bottle Moment is the one thing you'd most like to do again when everything is better and back to normal.

Right now, the Covid-19 pandemic is particularly taking its toll on children. This is why we are calling all **KIDS** to draw **their** Bottle Moments!

Please see the flyer on the website for more detail on how to take part.



Please look on our website for adverts if you wish to view these. They will be alongside the newsletter.

This week:-

Bottle Moments
Greenwich Theatre online challenge flyer
Lewisham Council help and support
Top-Tips for parents - Family Traditions flyer
Hungry Little Minds website information
How to support your children's mental health and well-being
FREE Creative Courses to Promote Wellbeing for Adult Residents of Greenwich
Bursary Applications for Christ's Hospital Boarding School

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