

#### News from across our community

##### Parent Governor Election

Don't forget 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. We are looking to make our Governing Body reflect the diversity of our school and would really welcome applications from back and ethnic minority groups. A letter was sent out before half term with the details and you can find the letter on the website under the Governance page.

##### Snow Pictures

Although it seems a long time ago, we were delighted to see some of the snow creations that children made back in February.



Tiffani in YR6 made a whole family of snowmen, and one was even doing a headstand!



Iris in YR1 made a snowman



Rosie in YR4 made a snow kitten

##### Calling all structural engineers

We would like to ask if any parents or friends of the community who are structural engineers, (or if you know of anyone,) would give some free time to John Ball. This would be to advise and draw up plans for us for some structural works that will involve repairing some retaining walls. If you think you may be able to offer some free help, please contact our Premises Manager, James Powles to discuss further on [premises@johnball.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:premises@johnball.lewisham.sch.uk)

May I wish you all a restful weekend.

Regards

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#### 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 their jobs, plan to reward yourselves with an evening of family fun, like a DVD night complete with popcorn.



## **March**

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup>

World Book Day  
Last Day of Term finish at 1.30pm

## **Letters / E-mails**

Live Teaching Pilot Feedback

### **World Book Day 4<sup>th</sup> March**

We are really excited for World Book Week next week! The theme is "the next generation of storytellers". Putting children at the forefront of the week. Don't forget to sign up to some of the excellent live events on the Scholastics website <https://www.scholastic.co.uk/blog/tags/world-book-day> or on World Book Day website [www.WorldBookDay.com](http://www.WorldBookDay.com)

There is also a video attached to Google classroom showing you how you can sign up for these events.

As part of our World Book Week celebrations, you have the opportunity for a piece of your writing to be included in an online John Ball library! Your work could be any piece of writing from a short poem, a story, a joke or a piece of non-fiction etc. Mr Lewins will upload it to a WordPress "virtual library" for the school. You can choose to submit your writing to your class teacher via Google Classroom or email it directly to Mr George Lewins [glewins1.209@lgflmail.org](mailto:glewins1.209@lgflmail.org)

There is also a costume competition! The theme is the same as Book Week, "the next generation of storytellers". Create a unique costume based on a character that you have created yourself. This could be as simple as designing a mask or hat, or as complex as making cardboard armour or sewing your own robes!

Remember it is optional to dress up so please don't feel the pressure to share your costumes. World Book Week is about celebrating books and stories and enjoying yourself. Again, you can submit pictures of your creations via Google Classroom. If your child is currently attending school, they can wear their costumes on **World Book Day, which is Thursday 4th March.**

Class teachers will also be sharing some excellent World Book Week activities and ideas with the class on a designated World Book Week assignment on Google Classroom.

**This year the £1 book tokens will be sent to you as a PDF document that can be used in shops, on a smartphone or as a printed voucher. These will be sent to you on World Book Day (4th March). A list of this year's £1 books can be found on the WorldBookDay.com website.**





We are excited to welcome back leading online safety organisation, Digital Awareness UK, to deliver an online safety webinar to help parents, carers and coaches feel empowered when it comes to keeping children safe online during covid-19.

When: Thursday 4th March 2021, 5pm - 6pm

Where: Zoom (see below for sign up details)

Screen time amongst young people has reportedly increased by 500% during lockdown, so keeping young people safe online has never been more important. Online issues such as bullying, hate speech, fake news, sexual harassment and exposure to upsetting content have increased at an alarming rate during the pandemic.

During the 1-hour zoom webinar, Digital Awareness UK will talk through:

1. Popular online apps and digital wellbeing trends
2. Critical issues to be aware of
3. Practical steps to protect children from online risk and to encourage happy and healthy tech habits.

There will also be plenty of time to ask questions about any concerns you may have in the home around online safety.

To sign up for the session please click here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parent-gym-keeping-children-safe-online-during-covid-19-registration-136790631461>

Please also find attached a poster and image for social media and an example tweet to help you advertise the session to your parents. This session is open to everyone so we very much hope to see you and your parents/carers there.

Best wishes,

Team Parent Gym

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

### **This week:-**

- NHS cuts to children's mental health petition**
- Top Tips for parents – Supporting bereaved people flyer**
- Child Accident Prevention Trust flyer**
- Qwell - anonymous, online mental health and wellbeing support service flyer**

If you would like to advertise in JBuzz, we ask for a small donation of £10.00 for our school fund. We tend to advertise for individuals and charities/local events so please check first that it can be accepted. The ad will run for 1 week and we only run one ad half-termly.

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