

# JBuzz Newsletter

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021

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

## News from across our community

I hope you all had a lovely Bank Holiday weekend and got to enjoy some of the sunshine!

This week we sent out a letter detailing a new optional scheme we are launching called The Duke Award. This is similar to The Duke of Edinburgh Award that you may be familiar with for older children. This scheme is to encourage independence and self-motivation.

There are six levels: Mini Duke Silver (YR1), Mini Duke Gold (YR2) Junior Duke Bronze (YR3) Junior Silver Duke (YR4) Junior Duke Gold (YR5) and Junior Duke Platinum (YR6)

Please see the letter for more details. Below is a quick re-cap of how to sign up to a club as this is how the Duke Awards are set up on Arbor.

Once you are in the main Arbor screen to the left you will see the information we hold on file for your child, under this you will see a **Quick Actions tab**, please select this tab and then follow the steps below;

- From the drop down select **Clubs**
- This will launch another screen and in the middle you will see a list of clubs available to your child  
*Please note only clubs available for your child's age range will show on this screen*
- Select the Duke Award club - Another screen will launch and to the right hand side you will see a green tab called **Register for this club**, select this one and then choose how many sessions you want dependant on the pricing options contained in the letter.

We held our Guardian Consultations by zoom this week and I have had some positive feedback from parents that they prefer this way of communication with the teacher. I hope you all found these useful and informative.

May I wish you a restful weekend.

Regards

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### ***Parent Tip: Myths and Facts snippet***



#### ***Hungry Caterpillars***

Studies show that families who eat together regularly have a healthier diet.

This means children are less likely to be hyperactive, ill and overweight, have mood swings, tantrums and will concentrate better at school.



## May

Friday 28th INSET DAY (No children)

## Monday 31st May to 4th June HALF TERM

## June

Monday 28th INSET DAY (No children)

## July

Monday 5th	New parents for Nursery induction meeting 5.00pm – 5.45pm in the nursery building
Tuesday 6th	New parents for Reception induction meeting 5.00pm – 5.45pm - main school
Wednesday 7th	Current Reception pupils transition to year 1 meeting 5.00pm – 5.45pm - main school
Monday 12th	Current pupils meet their new teacher
Monday 12th	New reception children 'stay & play' session 1.45pm – 2.30pm
Tuesday 13th	Nursery & Reception Sports Day - (details to follow nearer the time)
Wednesday 14th	KS1 & KS2 Sports Day - (details to follow nearer the time)
Tuesday 20th	YR6 Production - (details to follow nearer the time)
Wednesday 21st	YR6 Production - (details to follow nearer the time)
Thursday 22nd	Nursery children last day of term
Friday 23rd	New nursery children 'stay & play' session 9.30am – 11.30am
Friday 23rd	YR6 Leavers Assembly - (details to follow nearer the time)
Friday 23rd	Last day of term – early finish – (time to be confirmed from 1.00pm)

## Letters/E-mails

Duke Award Scheme

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

### **This week: - Lewisham Young Producers**

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.

*Advert disclaimer: Please note we take advert requests from outside sources in good faith. We hold no responsibility for these and they are not necessarily recommended by John Ball School.*