



West Jesmond Primary Newsletter 5 Autumn Term 2023



Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

West Jesmond a School of Sanctuary

This week we were very proud to gain our School of Sanctuary Award. Our EAL and Bilingual Lead, Mrs Groot, and a group of our Year 5 children travelled to an event at the Great North Museum to receive the award. The award recognises and encourages the work that schools do to extend a warm and safe welcome to children and families who may be fleeing violence or persecution. Behind the children, is our big mural at West Jesmond that was designed by the children. In the centre are the words **HERE WE ARE FREE**. We want all new arrivals to our school, along with all children at our school, to feel this is a place where they are safe and free to learn, play, grow, express their ideas and make friends.



WJPS Sporting Success

There have been lots of sporting successes this week. A number of teams went to the city wide **School 500 Games** events. In **Boccia** and **Curling** our teams gained Bronze medals with the squads demonstrating great teamwork. Our **Tag Rugby** team came first and won gold medals showing wonderful sportsmanship!



The Biggest Football match of the week!

Apparently there was a small game at St James' Park this week? However, the real action was happening in a thrilling game in Heaton at Ravenswood School. Our **Girls' Football Team** progressed to the next round of the cup despite twice being a goal down. Through great effort they came back to win 3-2! If your windows were open you probably heard Miss Rennison cheering them on!



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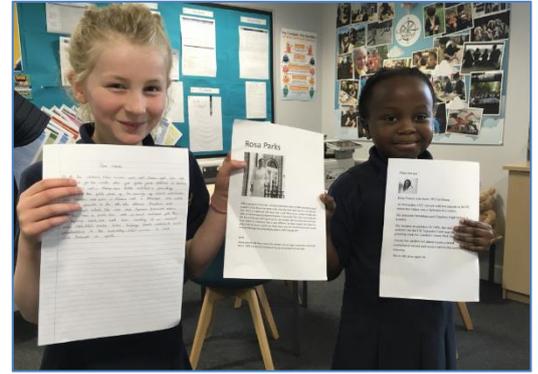
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Black History Month at West Jesmond Primary

Last week we told you about our celebration of Black History Month at West Jesmond. This week our assemblies have focused on the contributions that black people have made over many centuries in this country and we have been finding out more about significant figures nationally and internationally who have made a huge difference to the way we live today. Two of our Year 4 children have been doing their own studying to find out more. They brought in research celebrating the lives of The US Civil Rights Pioneer Rosa Parks and the Ghana-born, British architect, Elsie Owusu.



More Friends of West Jesmond events....

Our fantastic Friends have two more events to tell you about.

The **Year 5 and 6 Disco** will be on **Thursday 26th October** from 5pm – 6.30pm. Full details and how to book a ticket are on WEDUC.

The fun isn't just for children though! A **Parents' Quiz Night** will be taking place on the evening of **Friday November 17th**. There will be a brand new quiz master and the chance once again to (try to) beat the teachers! Booking details will be sent to you soon.



School Council Visit to Fleming Court

On Tuesday, School Council were busy building links with our local community, visiting some of the residents of Fleming Court Care Home. We had lots of fun meeting our new, more senior friends and taking part in an autumn art activity with them. We are already looking forward to our next visit after half term



Poor Parking Plea - Again!

Once again, can we ask parents not to park outside the school and never on double yellow lines or blocking the pavement. This causes a risk, difficulties and discomfort to all of our children and families.

Parent Consultations Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th November

Look out for information and a link next week to sign up for Parent Consultations on the Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th November. If you have any problems signing up for appointments please speak to the school office.

Reception Starters 2024 Reminder

We are holding school visits for prospective parents who are interested in their child joining our school in Reception next September. Dates and the sign up form are on our website. Please spread the word to anyone you know is interested!

https://www.westjesmondprimary.org.uk/web/welcome_to_west_jesmond_/519235

Have a lovely weekend everyone!
Matt Ward (Headteacher)

Dates for Your Diary

Next Week:

- ❖ Monday 9th October Mastering Number at Home Year 1 Parents' Workshop
- ❖ Tuesday 10th October Cross Country Team to tournament
- ❖ Thursday 12th October Mastering Number at Home Year 1 Parents' Workshop
Lockerbie Residential Parents Meeting (6pm Hall)
- ❖ Friday 13th October Cake Stall 5F



Further Ahead:

- ❖ Saturday 14 October 1- 3.30 pm Jesmond Community Orchard Apple Day
- ❖ Week Beginning 23rd October Local Study Week
- ❖ Friday 27th October Break up for half term
- ❖ Monday 6th November School Closed for Staff Training
- ❖ Tuesday 7th November Back to school
- ❖ Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th November Parent Consultation Meetings 3.30 - 6pm
- ❖ Wednesday 22nd– Friday 24th November Year 6 Residential
- ❖ Friday 8th December 5-7pm Christmas Fair
- ❖ Friday 22nd December End of Term
- ❖ Monday 8th January Start of the Spring Term

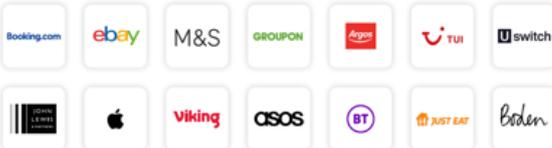
Raising Funds For Your Children:

You can help raise funds for the Friends of West Jesmond by signing up for [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause) when you shop online.



How to sign up

- 1 Visit the link below or scan the QR code
www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause
- 2 Search for us
"Friends of West Jesmond Primary School"
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