



The West Jesmond Family Newsletter 6 Spring Term 2024



Welcome to our Week 6 Newsletter. Well done to all of our children for their efforts since Christmas. I think there will be some quite tired children in need of a break at the end of this week... especially in Year 4!

STEM Week 2024 - We have lift off!

When we land back from our half term, the whole school will be taking part in our annual STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Week. This year's theme is "We have lift off!" - a week full of space-themed learning. During the week, we will be taking part in; a Mission to the Moon, investigating a whole school question about how far rockets can travel, completing a Design Technology project linked to the space and applying their maths skills to all these projects. Each class will be visiting the Planetarium at the Great North Museum to meet some space experts. We will also be researching famous astronauts and asking what else is out there in the universe. This year's week is being very generously sponsored by Mincoffs Solicitors. They will be funding prizes for our annual STEM Homework competition. This year's task is to design a West Jesmond Space Academy badge that would be on our space suits. There will be a prize for the most creative in each year group. Details have been sent home with the children this week.



We are also inviting all our Space Explorers to bring in anything they are inspired by to show the class during the week. So strap in and get ready to go to infinity and beyond....

Year 4 at Robinwood

We were very proud of the Year 4 children who went to Robinwood for their residential visit. The children and staff enjoyed taking part in a wide range of exciting and adventurous activities. Through the activities, they were able to overcome personal fears, rise to meet challenges and have many great new experiences. Year 5 Parents, remember the sign up for Year 6 Lockerbie residential is open now!



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Shakespeare Cast Workshop

On Monday afternoon, the Year 6 cast of King Lear enjoyed a workshop with Duncan, a professional director and actor, who was able to share his expertise and help further develop the children's stagecraft and build on one of the pivotal scenes of our production.

The cast members were, as ever, extremely enthusiastic and embraced the opportunity - Duncan was very impressed with them and commented that he had never before been able to work at such a detailed level with a cast in his time working with the Coram Shakespeare Schools Festival. Throughout the whole rehearsal process, they have shown fantastic commitment and energy as well as the ability to entertain and portray their respective characters. The children have established a great rapport across the cast, and now that we are scriptless, we look forward to refining the play even further with choreography and deepened characterisation and then sharing it with the audience on the Northern Stage on the 26th of March.

Thank you to all of the cast members' families for your continued support, and to the Friends of West Jesmond for helping to fund the costumes and props. *Mr Rimmer*



Eat Smart Eco Team

Well done to three members of our Eco Team Waste Warriors who represented the school on Monday at a meeting with the Local Authority about School Meals.

Emmy, Isaac and Euan from Year 5 spoke with decision makers from the school dinner service about ways to cut waste, make improvements to choices and ensure that children's voices are heard when deciding menus. They spoke up extremely well and we know their ideas will help lead to further improvements to meals all across the city.



Term Dates for 2024- 25

Look out for a letter coming out today with the term dates and training days for next year.

Please can we remind parents to ensure any holidays or extended visits are booked during the weeks when school is closed over the year.

The West Jesmond School Allotment

It has been very hard work getting to the allotment this term due to the amount of water on the site.

Our wonderful allotment volunteers have kept our learning alive by coming into school and working with us under our sheltered area. Last week, they very kindly came into school to help us learn all about lots of different seeds and help plant a variety of them into trays, ready to start their germination journey in the allotment greenhouse. We are looking forward to getting back up to the allotment next term to see how our seeds are progressing!



Parent Consultations

We are holding our mid-year parent consultations on March 12th and 14th (12th and 13th for Mr Edward's Class). A letter has gone to all parents with the details of the times and how to sign up. If you have any difficulties with signing up for an appointment, please contact the school office.

Please remember, although these are our official meetings with parents and carers, all of our team are there to meet with you throughout the school year.

Friends of West Jesmond BINGO NIGHT!

On Friday 8th March 7pm, the [Friends of West Jesmond Primary School](#) will be hosting a Bingo Night! This fun fundraising evening is open to all of parents, families and friends - adults only.

Tickets - £5 each - are available now on Weduc.



Welcome to the Year of the Dragon

It has been lovely hearing from some of our children about how they celebrated the Lunar New Year and the start of the Year of the Dragon. We wish all of our families who mark the celebration a very happy and successful new year!

Can anyone spot themselves in the crowds at celebrating the New Year in Newcastle City centre?

[Newcastle's Chinese New Year celebrations are a cracking success as huge crowds turn out - Chronicle Live](#)



Have a lovely half term week everyone!

Matt Ward (Headteacher)

Dates for Your Diary

The Week Ahead

Break up for Half term Friday 16th February
Return to School Monday 26th February

Further Ahead

❖ Monday 26th – Friday 1st March

STEM Week

Visits to the Great North Museum Planetarium

❖ Monday 4th – Friday 8th March

Careers Week

❖ Tuesday 12th & Thursday 14th March

Parent Consultation Evenings

❖ Friday 15th March

Comic Relief

❖ Monday 18th March 9am

Year 3 Parents' Workshop

❖ Tuesday 19th March (2pm)

Year 4 Parents' Workshop

❖ Tuesday 26th March

Year 6 Shakespeare Performance Northern Stage

❖ Thursday 28th March


Break up for Easter Holidays

❖ Monday 15th April

Start of the Summer Term


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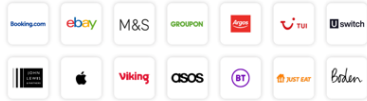
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