



The West Jesmond Family Newsletter 3 Spring Term 2024



Welcome to our Week 3 Newsletter, we hope everyone survived the wild and windy start to the week. There were some rather tired children, parents and staff who had some rather sleepless nights!

New WJPS Attendance Policy

We are continuing our regular Newsletter conversation with you at home about attendance at school. At the start of term, we shared the NHS advice to parents on childhood illness and attending school. We hope you find it useful. [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

Newcastle Local Authority have introduced a new Attendance Policy for schools and we have used their template to create our new WJPS Attendance Policy. The aim of the policy is to support children and parents to ensure we have the very highest levels of attendance possible. There is information for parents on our attendance procedures as well as advice and a useful FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions) section. Please follow the link to our Website Policies Page to read the Attendance Policy.

https://www.westjesmondprimary.org.uk/web/school_policies/542808

Attendance Information Letters Below 92%: We regularly send out letters to notify you about your child's attendance. If they have attendance below 92%, they are at risk of being a persistent absentee (attendance below 90%) and you will receive a letter from school advising you of this. We are aware that for a small number of children there may be specific reasons for attendance below 92%. In most cases, we will already be talking with you about the issues involved and we do not send out letters.

Remember if you have any concerns about the attendance of your child and want any help, please speak to us at school.

100 Dojo Achievements

Many of your children will be coming home over this term with their 100 Dojo certificates. We award Dojo's when we see our children following the West Jesmond Way around school and demonstrating the Fantastic Five Qualities of West Jesmond Learners. The children come to see us to be awarded their special certificates and to talk about the efforts that helped them to earn them. We hope all children will gain their certificates this year and we look forward to seeing their proud faces arriving at our office door!



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Key Stage 1 Things You Love Disco

Year 1 and 2 are invited to the [Friends of West Jesmond Primary School](#) 'Things You Love Disco' on Thursday 15th February. Tickets are available on Weduc now!



Year 2 Chefs!

In their Food Technology lesson this week, Year 2 prepared a healthy salad with a variety of fruit and vegetables to understand that both fruit and vegetables can be combined to be eaten together.

They used a centrifugal grater to grate carrots and they prepared grapes, bananas, oranges and strawberries to go into the salad. Each child was able to create their own salad from the prepared ingredients and measured them into their bowl using measuring spoons and cups.

Year 2 Parents, why not ask your child to prepare you a tasty and healthy dish this weekend? (However, I am sorry we can't help out with the washing up!)



Wonderful Writing

Edie from Year 2 came to our office this week with a fantastic story that she had had published in a story competition. Her tale of a little girl turning her older sister into a witch really made us laugh - we hope it is not based on real events! Congratulations Edie, it is great to see your love for writing has turned you into a published author.



He Knows She Knows Visit Year 5 and Year 6

Year 5 and 6 had some special visitors this week. They had a fantastic musical performance from He Knows She Knows. We then heard their great messages and advice about mental health. Thanks to the Friends of West Jesmond Primary School for funding such a valuable experience



Year 6 Scientists Look Inside The Body

We were very lucky to welcome Dr Srivastava to school to visit Year 6 to explain all about the circulatory and digestive systems. He brought in real organs so we were able to find out about their function and how to keep them healthy.



West Jesmond Story Telling Night Thursday 8th February

This is a reminder to all parents about our Friends Story-Telling Night on Thursday 8th February from 5pm - 6.30pm at school. Please book a place for each child via Weduc in the payments section and you and your child can enjoy a relaxing and fun evening of storytelling.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!
Matt Ward (Headteacher)



