



## The West Jesmond Family Newsletter 2 Spring Term 2024



Brrr! Well done everyone for getting through a rather chilly week! There was just enough snow to get our children - and some of our staff- excited and despite the cold, West Jesmond children have been out and about keeping warm with our activities.

### Community Champions!



Three of our Year 4 West Jesmond children have been helping our community 'a litter bit at a time.' Our Year 4 children were shocked by the amount of litter they spotted in the streets around Jesmond and decided to do something about it by organising litter picks. On Wednesday and Thursday, they led assemblies' and presented to the whole school about their campaign, the change they want to make and about some rather odd things they found!

We were so impressed that we awarded them our special **500 Dojo Award** for extra-special effort. Well done!

### Keeping Our Children Safe Online

This morning, we welcomed parents into school to take part in an online safety session with our IT Consultant, Julian Hughes. He focused on the current risks online and how parents can work with their children to be responsible digital citizens. This backs up the work we do with the children in our Computing and PSHE lessons in schools for all year groups. Julian then worked with all of our Year 4 children on what they do online, what they don't like and how they can make the internet a better place. They then made a video in class of their best advice for other people. We will be welcoming Julian back in a few weeks to work with Year 6.



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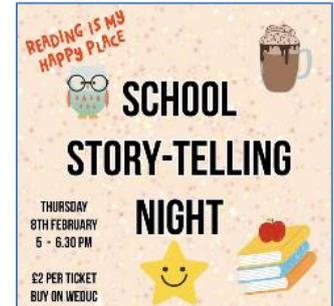
### Year 5's Tropical Adventure

We were all rather jealous of two Year 5 classes this week as they headed to more tropical climates, The Sunderland Winter Gardens. They were able to explore the plants, animals and layers of the rainforest, which will greatly aid their learning in their current geography topic.



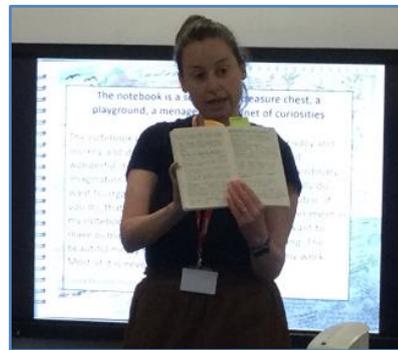
### West Jesmond Story Telling Evening

You will have all received an invitation to our Friends of West Jesmond Story telling evening on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February from 5pm - 6.30pm at school. Children can come to school in pyjamas and School staff will be sharing favourite stories in classes across the school. Please book a place for each child via Weduc in the payments section. Fundraising from the evening will go towards purchasing new non-fiction books for the school library.



### Author Visit to Year 3

Amanda Quinn, the writer-in-residence from Jesmond Library, visited Year 3 on Monday. She spent time with each class talking about authors and how they used a notebook to record their thoughts and ideas before they started a piece of writing. She shared a number of examples showing diagrams, pictures, thought bubbles with the children. They were all given their own writer's notebook and encouraged to record their own thoughts.



### Life-Saving Training for Year 5 and Year 6

Over the last two weeks all the children in Year 5 and Year 6 have been receiving expert instruction in performing first aid as part of their 'What to do in an Emergency' PSHE topic. Upper Key Stage 2 children now know how to perform CPR, aid someone choking and administer an EpiPen. Thank you Geoff and Maria for providing great training.



### Parents Inclusion Coffee morning Drop-in Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Jan

This is a reminder about our Inclusion Coffee Mornings. Come and enjoy a coffee and a chat with members of our school team and hear from our special guests offering advice on welfare rights.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!  
Matt Ward (Headteacher)

## Dates for Your Diary

### The Week Ahead

- ❖ Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 5HS Visit to Sunderland Winter Gardens
- ❖ Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January Yr. 4 trip to El Torero Restaurant
- ❖ Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January Cake Stall Y1A

### Further Ahead

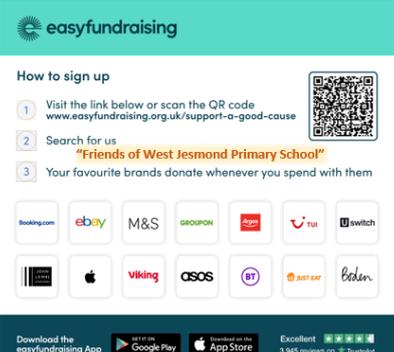
- ❖ Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January Reception trip to Great North Museum
- ❖ Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February from 5 – 6.30pm Friends Story Telling Evening
- ❖ Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Weds 14<sup>th</sup> February Year 4 Residential Robinwood
- ❖ Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February R2 Parents' Writing Workshop
- ❖ Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February R1 Parents' Writing Workshop
- ❖ Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February R2 Parents' Writing Workshop  
KS1 Valentines Disco

### Break up for Half term Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

- ❖ Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March STEM Week
- ❖ Monday 4<sup>th</sup> – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March Careers Week
- ❖ Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March Parent Consultation Evenings
- ❖ Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March Comic Relief
- ❖ Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March Year 6 Shakespeare Performance Northern Stage
- ❖ Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March Break up for Easter Holidays

## EasyFundraising

The Friends are registered with a shopping app called **easyfundraising**. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use the **easyfundraising** link to shop with them – at no extra cost for you. All you need to do is sign up and remember to use **easyfundraising** whenever you shop online. It is easy and completely FREE. These donations really help us.



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