

West Jesmond Primary Newsletter 6 Autumn Term 2023



Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

People's Kitchen Campaign – Thank you!

School Council would like to thank all of our wonderful families for their amazing generosity with our donation appeal for The People's Kitchen last week. All of our donations were loaded into the van last Friday afternoon and were very gratefully received by the volunteers.



On Tuesday, School Council went along to The People's Kitchen to see just what happens to all of our donations once they have been collected. Tom gave us a fantastic access all areas tour and told us all about the history of the People's Kitchen and about all of vital work, he and all of the amazing volunteers do on a daily basis. We longingly and hungrily watched on as the delicious 3 course evening meal was being carefully prepared in the kitchen before our eyes and enjoyed a cosy chat with Tom in the very bright and cosy lounge area. While we were there, we also chatted to Alison one of the admin volunteers, who asked us to put out a plea to see if any of our school community might be able to help.

At The People's Kitchen we are always looking for more volunteers. In particular, we'd love to recruit more drivers and buddies who accompany the drivers to join our transport team, to pick up donations across the city, throughout the week. The commitment is 11am to 4pm one day per week. A full driver's licence is required for the drivers, who must be over 21 for insurance purposes. We would also like to recruit more buddies to accompany the drivers, but the buddies don't need to be able to drive themselves. There is a link on our webpage [Volunteer - The Peoples Kitchen](#) with an online form you can fill in if you or someone you know may be able to help. Thank you Alison Admin Team Leader The People's Kitchen



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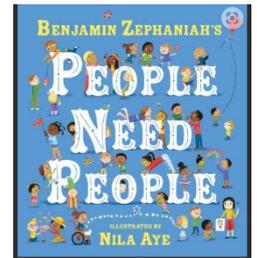
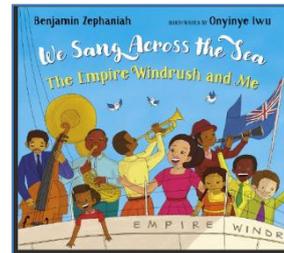
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Black History Month

We have carried on our celebration of Black History Month this week. Children have been finding out about important people and events in British history, including learning about significance of the arrival of the Empire Windrush. In assembly, our older children learned about significant black children's poets and writer including Benjamin Zephaniah and Malorie Blackman. There are many works by both authors – here are a couple we recommend to share and enjoy. We are looking forward to welcoming in some of our parents to talk with us next week.



Year 4 Allotmenters!

Y4BC/Year 4 visited the allotment on Wednesday where we harvested the last of the berries and potatoes, cleared the ground and greenhouses for winter and, of course, collected as many worms as possible! We also looked at how we can harvest seeds from the leftover beans to dry out and then plant next year.



Year 2 Multi- Skills Stars

At the end of last week, our Y2 School 500 Games team gained a bronze medal in their multisports event! We were really proud of you all our team for their efforts and the way they supported each other.



Jesmond Community Orchard Apple Day 2023!



There is a real treat for all of our children and families this Saturday. One of the hidden gems of our area, that is very well used by our school, is the Jesmond Community Orchard. The Orchard is just behind the school in the corner of the Orchard and has a huge variety of apple trees (some grafted and planted by our children). Apple day gives you the chance to discover many new apples and great flavours for the very first time. There are also stalls, games, and the chance to juice apples, eat apple based cakes and try some fantastic juice! We hope to see you there!

Dance Club Places

We have a few places left for next half term in the fantastic Dance Club led by Brooke. The children will be enjoying the fun, active and creative sessions with Brooke and working towards a Christmas performance for parents. If your child would like to join the club, please contact the school office for details and look out for information on Weduc. **Remember if your child is eligible for Free School Meals we can offer you a free place – ask at the office for details.**

West Jesmond Celebration of Festivals and Events

This is a reminder of a message we sent a few weeks ago. We are still looking for more families to help us to build up a West Jesmond Festival Library of very short videos with the children talking about important festivals and events celebrated within their families, which were then shared in assemblies, in class and on our social media pages. Our video clips are a lovely reflection of what is happening in our families' lives over the year. This year we want to add to continue to add to this.

Every month we are asking families to send clips of them preparing and celebrating for a particular occasion which has taken place that month. This could be from individual families or as a shared submission by families celebrating the same event or festival.

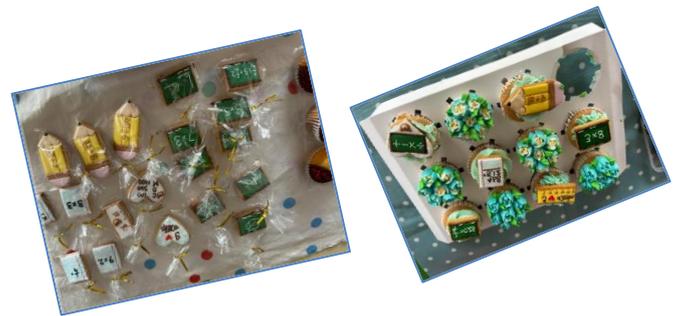
Please e-mail Mrs Groot who is coordinating this project with ideas or for information.

Vgroot@westjesmond.newcastle.sch.uk

Friday Cakes and Books

Thank you again to all of parents and children who brought cakes into school for our Friday Cake Stalls. Last week we thought the maths themed cakes were amazing 5HS!

And please take a look at the New **Friends of West Jesmond Notice Board** on the main yard for news about upcoming events!



Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Matt Ward (Headteacher)



Dates for Your Diary

- ❖ **Saturday 14 October 1- 3.30 pm** **Jesmond Community Orchard Apple Day**

Next Week:

- ❖ **Monday 16th October** **6P and 6R visiting Safety Works**
- ❖ **Tuesday 17th October** **6M visiting Safety Works
Year 4 Archaeologist Visit**
- ❖ **Friday 20th October** **Cake Stall 5ES**

Further Ahead:

- ❖ **Week Beginning 23rd October** **Local Study Week**
- ❖ **Thursday 26th October** **Flu Vaccinations in school
Halloween Disco Year 5 and Year 6**
- ❖ **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**
(Some appointments on Wednesday for 6R, 5HS and 3TE)
- ❖ **Wednesday 22nd – Friday 24th November Year 6 Lockerbie Residential**
- ❖ **Friday 8th December 5-7pm** **Christmas Fair**
- ❖ **Tuesday 12th & Weds 13th December Reception Christmas Shows (9.15am)**
- ❖ **Thursday 14th December** **Year 2 Christmas Show 9.15am & 2.15pm)**
- ❖ **Friday 15th December** **Year 1 Christmas Songs and Crafts 2pm**
- ❖ **Friday 22nd December** **End of Term**
- ❖ **Monday 8th January** **Start of the Spring Term**

