



The West Jesmond Family Newsletter 11 Spring Term 2024

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

This is our last newsletter of the Spring Term. I would like to thank all of our children for the energy and enthusiasm that they have shown over the last three busy and successful months.

***'Many a true word hath been spoken in jest.'* Shakespeare at the Northern Stage**

On Tuesday evening, our Year 6 Shakespearian actors performed their King Lear at the Northern Stage.

The children have been working so hard all year on their production and their fantastic performance reflected all of their effort and dedication. Our actors brought the play to life for the audience with passion, energy and talent and through many memorable and moving scenes. I know all the family, friends, teachers and the wider audience who watched it shared the great pride in our extremely talented West Jesmond performers. We are very grateful to our brilliant directors Mr Rimmer and Ms Bellwood and to Mrs Peggs and the other staff who helped them develop this great performance.



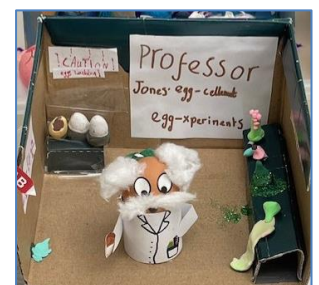
The West Jesmond International Evening 2024

Thursday the 24th of May will see the return of our very popular International Evening! We currently have over 45 languages in school and families who have heritage links all across the globe. We are looking for volunteers to share cultural demonstrations, dances and music as well as contributions of dishes from around the world. In the past, we have had fantastic calligraphy demonstrations, origami, music, dancing, drums, Northumbrian dancing and even a Sudanese Wedding! All showcased the diversity we have at West Jesmond. If you would like to be involved, please register interest via the form that will be coming out via Weduc just after the holidays and we will be able to send out more information.



Eggciting Competition

Thank you to everyone who brought in a decorated egg for the Easter competition. There are many very creative, colourful and fun entries. We thought that you might enjoy Professor Jones and his egg-cellent egg-xperiments!



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Attendance update: 96.1%

Our current attendance rate for the school is 96.1%. This is an increase on last year and represents many more days of learning for our children. We are also very pleased that the numbers of children classed by the government and local council as Persistent Absentees, attendance below 90%, have fallen compared with last year. We know for some children there are reasons for absence and we are always there to support you to ensure your child has the highest attendance possible. We still have a number of families who are requesting several weeks of extended absence around holiday periods to travel abroad, which is severely affecting the attendance of some children. Please remember that we cannot authorise these absences.

Please read our **Promoting Great Attendance Policy** for further details of our approach to improving attendance. [West Jesmond Primary - School Policies](#)



Milo's sponsored haircut for The Great North Children's Hospital

We are all very proud of Milo in Year 6 who has decided to cut off his hair for a fantastic cause! He is hoping to raise some cash for The Great North Children's Hospital Children's Cancer wards.

After the big chop, he will donate his hair to The Little Princess Trust, who make donated hair into wigs for children going through cancer treatment. Milo has been growing his hair since lockdown, and is donating all 74 cm of it!

Please help him raise some money; your donation is very much appreciated. Donations to the Great North Children's Hospital Foundation support the many children and their families who come to our hospital for treatment and care, making their experience the best it possibly can.

[Mandy Urwin is fundraising for Newcastle Hospitals Charity \(justgiving.com\)](#)



Special Visitors Bringing Our Curriculum Alive

We often talk about how our parents, families and friends bring so much to our learning at West Jesmond and we have had more visitors over the last week.

In Key Stage 1 we have had visits from Henry's grandparents. They told us all about how travel and transport has changed from when they were young. We were fascinated by the old photographs they brought in to show us!



Year 6 were visited by consultant ophthalmologist, Mr Nassar, who helped us to understand how we see things. We learned about the structure of the eye and how the brain helps us to process the image that we are seeing.



Jesmond Park Academy Careers Fair

Year 6 had a fantastic morning meeting employers and educators and thinking lots about our futures at the Jesmond Park Academy Careers Fair. They worked their way around the stands in the hall, talking to volunteers and asking them considered and thoughtful questions about their varied careers. It was a brilliant and inspiring learning opportunity for everyone involved and we are so grateful to JPA for hosting us once again.



Girls Golf Opportunity

There is an opportunity for girls in Key Stage 2 to learn and play golf at Newcastle Golf Club. The course starts just after Easter and details are on the attached poster.



Girls Golf

A great way to have fun with your friends and learn some new skills. All equipment provided.

For girls aged 8-13 yrs
at City of Newcastle Golf Club
on Thursday 6-7pm
6 week course
April 18, 25 & May 2, 9, 16, 23
Cost £15

To book contact Dot Lee
Community Golf Instructor
07775645674
doffylee@gmail.com
Bookings made on a first come first served basis

Payable to:
City of Newcastle Golf Club Ladies section
Account 00323880 Sort code 30 93 55
Ref Your child's surname

Clubs in the Summer Term and Free School Meals Places

You will have received a message via Weduc about clubs next term. We want our clubs to be accessible to as many children as possible. Remember, if your child is eligible for Free School Meals, we will fund the place in the club for them. This includes our **music and language tuition**, which is not on this timetable. Please speak to the office for details.

Day	Before School	Lunchtime	After School
Monday	Badminton (Small Hall – Year 4 and 5 – Ms Rennison)	Chimney Sweep Theatre (Music Room – Year 1 and 2 then 3 and 4)	Rugby Minis (Main Yard – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) Indian Music Club (Music Room – Year 3, 4, 5 and 6)
Tuesday	Rugby Minis (Small Hall – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)	Knitting Club (Library – Year 5 and 6)	Gymnastics – Full of Beans (Small Hall – Year 3 and 4) Chimney Sweep Interactive Story Telling (Rec and Year 1 classrooms) Japanese Club (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6)
Wednesday	Netball (Main Yard – Year 5 and 6 – Ms Rennison) Dance (Small Hall – Years 4, 5, 6 – Brooke)	Choir (Music Room – Year 3 and 4)	Football (Main Yard – Year 2 – Andy Cartwright) Ukulele (Music Room – Year 3, 4, 5 and 6) Rugby Minis (St Hilda's Hall – Reception and Year 1) Running (Year 5 and 6)** Art Club (Year 2)
Thursday	Taekwondo (Small Hall – Year 2 and 3)	Chess Club (Year 5 and 6) Band (Music Room – Year 6)	Taekwondo (Small Hall – Year 4, 5 and 6) Cricket (Main Yard – Year 5 and 6)** Fun Little Foodies (Reception)
Friday	Girls' Football (Main Yard – Year 5 and 6 – Ms Rennison) Fencing (Small Hall – Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 – Iain)		Irish Dancing (Small Hall – Year 1-6 – Arthurs Mason) Djembe Drumming (Music Room – Year 6) Art Club (Year 4)

I wish all of our West Jesmond Families a very happy holiday. Our best wishes go to all of you who have celebrated **Holi** this week and are celebrating **Easter** this weekend and **Eid** in the middle of the holidays.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the start of the summer term.
Matt Ward (Headteacher)

Dates for Your Diary

Further ahead

❖ Monday 15th April

❖ Tuesday 16th April

❖ Thursday 25th April

❖ Friday 26th April

❖ May 13th -16th

❖ Sunday 19th May

❖ 20th May – 24th May

❖ Wednesday 22nd May

❖ Thursday 23th May

❖ Friday May 24th

❖ Monday 3rd June

❖ Saturday 8th June

❖ Sunday 23rd June

❖ Wednesday 3rd July (pm)

❖ Monday 8th July

❖ Thursday 11th July (pm)

❖ Wednesday 17th July

❖ Friday 19th July

Start of the Summer Term

Year 4 Bikeability

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Year 2 Parents' Workshop

WJPS Green Day

Year 6 SATs Week

Children's Cancer Run

Take One Book Week

School Choir and Djembe Band Jesmond Festival

WJPS International Evening

School Closed: OLT Training Day



Back to school

Allotment Open Day

Friends Summer Fair

Year 4 Scottish Opera Performance

Sports Day Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2

Reception Sports Day


Year 6 Graduation Evening

End of Term

















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.



How to sign up

- 1 Visit the link below or scan the QR code
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- 2 Search for us
"Friends of West Jesmond Primary School"
- 3 Your favourite brands donate whenever you spend with them



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