



JWJS NEWSLETTER

We Journey With
Joyful Success

TERM 4 2023-2024



A note from Mr Redford

Spring is finally here and it has been lovely to start to see the sunshine coming through. Term 4 is now wrapping up and it has been another very busy one for the school. We have had the Talent Show, Class Assemblies, World Book Day, Parents Evenings, Red Nose Day, the Year 4 Production and the Silent Disco. I want to thank everyone for their time in supporting us with many of these events to make them such a success. The children have enjoyed every single one of them.

This term we have been spending a lot of time discussing the importance of our Values of the Term: Integrity and Honesty. During our assemblies, we have been thinking what these mean and how we reflect them in our daily lives. In one assembly we spoke about how these values can be linked to online safety, where the children learnt about the importance of what is being shared online via group messages. We have also discussed the importance of always doing the right thing, even when you are not being watched, to avoid being hurt or upsetting others.

This week we have also learnt about the festivals of Ramadan and Easter in our assembly. This is a continuation of us exploring British Values and the importance of showing respect and tolerance towards other's beliefs, faiths and culture. It is also linked to individual liberty where people get to make their own choices and freedom to express themselves lawfully.

Year 5 have ended their swimming lessons and Year 4 will start their swimming lessons on Thursday 18th April. Sadly, we have had to postpone our planned Swimming Gala and we are hoping to re-organise this for the Summer Terms.

In the meantime, on behalf of everyone here at JWJS, we wish you all a restful term and look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 15th April 2024 for the start of Term 5!

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OUR SAFEGUARDING TEAM



WORLD BOOK DAY & COMIC RELIEF 2024

World Book Day this year was a great success and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves with our Where's Wally theme. We hope you have used your child's free voucher, if not you have until Sunday 31st March to use it. You can redeem them at the following retailers:

- Your local independent bookseller
- Asda
- Blackwell's (selected stores only)
- Sainsbury's
- Tesco
- The Works
- Waterstones
- WHSmith



Comic Relief was also a success, a big thank you to everyone who contributed to this. The children looked amazing in their coloured clothes and crazy hair! We raised £324.50.

PTA

We are pleased that we had a number of parents step forward to join our Parents and Teachers Association (PTA) at their recent AGM. Already they have supported the school with four events this term, from the two Year 4 evening performances, our recent successful Silent Disco and the after school tuck-shop.

You would have also seen that the PTA have set up two new methods for raising funds for our school. Any help you can provide in supporting these initiatives is greatly appreciated.

EasyFundraiser:

We have registered with EasyFundraiser, providing an effortless way for everyone to contribute to our cause. Over 7,000 brands will donate to our school each time they shop using EasyFundraiser – at no extra cost to them! For it to work, we are asking parents to take a moment to sign up and shop through the easyfundraiser app the next time they shop online. Signing up is simple and completely free. To join, please visit our personalized link at https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/joydens-wood-junior-school-pta/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=email-1 or scan the attached QR code.

GoFundMe:

In addition to EasyFundraiser, we have created a GoFundMe page to support our fundraising efforts. Kindly see the poster, which includes all the necessary details and a unique QR code that you can scan to access our page.

Scan to donate



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STAFFING

As Belfast Class will be aware, we are saying goodbye to Miss Venn as she leaves to travel to Australia. Also leaving us at the end of this term is Mr Chamberlain. We want to wish them both all the best for the future and thank them for their time here at JWJS.

Taking over from Miss Venn is Mr Evans. Mr Evans has been visiting the school this week to get to know the children. We welcome Mr Evans as he joins us for the summer terms.

Finally, we were able to announce to Aberdeen Class that Miss Peeling is expecting her first child this summer. We know everyone in our school community will wish Miss Peeling all the best as she prepares to welcome the newest member to her family!

SATS & MTC

As we approach the summer terms, parents and carers in Years 4 and 6 will know that this will be the time when both year groups will undertake compulsory statutory assessments as planned by the Department for Education.

Year 4 will be undertaking the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). This is statutory for all Year 4 pupils registered at state-funded schools. Miss Peeling has already prepared a letter for all Year 4 parents and carers with further details about this. In 2024, schools must administer the MTC to all eligible Year 4 pupils between Monday 3 June and Friday 14 June.

Year 6 will be undertaking the end of Key Stage 2 SATs. The 2024 Key Stage 2 SATs will take place in the week commencing 13th May 2024. The tests will take place over four days.

Monday 13 May 2024	English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2
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Tuesday 14 May 2024	English reading
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Wednesday 15 May 2024	Mathematics papers 1 and 2
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Thursday 16 May 2024	Mathematics paper 3
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It is important that during these dates that **all children attend school**. No holidays should be booked and if your child is unwell on any of these days, it is **vital** you speak to us straight away.

We wish both year groups all the best and remind them that these assessments are only a small snapshot of them in a particular situation on a particular day. They do not represent how amazing they are as a person!

SPORTS

Term 4 has been another great term for Sports for Team JWJS. The children took 1st place at the recent Kent Schools Trampoline Competition. The Year 5 and 6 boys football team won 5-1 while playing against Knockhall. The Year 5 and 6 mixed Netball team won 13-1 against Langafel as well as 11-0 against Temple Hill. We also had a group of Year 5 pupils attend the Active 60 Dance Festival. More sporting events are planned for the summer terms. Well done everyone!

GENERAL REMINDERS

Stationery

Do not forget your children need the following in every day:

- Handwriting Pen (the Berol handwriting pens are what we use in school) x 2
- Pencil x 2
- Purple Biro Pen x 2
- Glue Stick (please check no scented or coloured ones and they are child safe)
- Sharpener (preferable with a bottom cup to it)
- Rubber
- A highlighter
- Whiteboard pen x2

Also please note, we cannot be held responsible for any items that go missing.



Summer Term Reminders

As we enter the summer terms, we like to remind everyone how important it is that the children come to school with a named sun hat, a named bottle of water and to apply a long-lasting sunscreen before coming to school. Children **cannot** bring their own sunscreen into school as we do have some children in the school that have certain skin allergies if they are exposed to particular creams. We ask all parents and carers to respect this.

In the meantime, please ensure your child does bring an appropriate coat/jacket to school in case they need to wear one if the weather is colder or wet.

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SCHOOL STARTS:
8:40AM

SCHOOL FINISHES:
3:15PM



Please see below for the latest information for Term 5

TERM 5	Value of the Term – Courage & Determination
Monday 15 th April	First Day of Term 5
Tuesday 16 th April	
Wednesday 17 th April	School Class Photographs and year group for Year 6
Thursday 18 th April	Year 4 Swimming at Fairfield – First session
Friday 19 th April	Dojo Winners Own Clothes for Term 4
Monday 22 nd April	
Tuesday 23 rd April	Newport Class Assembly at 9.00am (parent/carers invited)
Wednesday 24 th April	
Thursday 25 th April	Year 4 Swimming at Fairfield
Friday 26 th April	
Monday 29 th April	
Tuesday 30 th April	Swansea Class Assembly at 9.00am (parent/carers invited)
Wednesday 1 st May	
Thursday 2 nd May	Year 4 Swimming at Fairfield
Friday 3 rd May	
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 7 th May	
Wednesday 8 th May	Year 5 Information Evening – 11+ tests and RSE Information at 5:30pm in the main hall.
Thursday 9 th May	Year 4 Swimming at Fairfield
Friday 10 th May	Values Assembly at 2.30pm in the main hall (parents/carers invited to attend via invitation)
Monday 13 th May	Year 6 SATS - SPAG
Tuesday 14 th May	Year 6 SATS – Reading
Wednesday 15 th May	Year 6 SATS – Maths Paper 1 and Paper 2
Thursday 16 th May	Year 6 SATS – Maths Paper 3 No Swimming for Year 4 at Fairfield
Friday 17 th May	PTA Movie Night (TBC)
Monday 20 th May	Year 5 SRE Week
Tuesday 21 st May	
Wednesday 22 nd May	
Thursday 23 rd May	Year 4 Swimming at Fairfield PTA School Uniform Shop and Tuck Shop Opens
Friday 24 th May	End of Term 5 at 3.15pm