



Parents Weekly Newsletter

Bilingual education for everyone

Dear families,

This week we have had the pleasure of welcoming prospective families to Judith Kerr Primary School to see our school in action. We have received wonderful feedback about our green spaces, nurturing classroom environments, calm and purposeful learning, and the strong sense of community that makes JKPS so special, with some visitors already having experienced this at our recent Oktoberfest celebration!

This week also marked a proud moment for our school community. Our Eco Council and Mog Chronicle team took part in a special event with Helen Hayes MP and local councillors to celebrate the newly improved and much safer pathway outside our school. Their dedication and determination have helped bring about real change for our families and local community. The pupils represented the school brilliantly and demonstrated the power of young people using their voices to make a positive difference.

We were also delighted that Ms Lea, our wonderful German Lead, had the opportunity to visit the German Embassy this week with Ms Laura to celebrate German Unity Day, strengthening links and sharing best practice with colleagues from across the German education community.

A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to these successes. Moments like these remind us of the strength of our school community and the many ways our children, staff and families make a positive impact both within and beyond JKPS.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend and make the most of the beautiful autumn sunshine while it lasts! 🌞🍂

Ms Sarah & Ms Laura

Schönes Wochenende!

Ms. Sarah's Spotlight

This week the Wellbeing Warriors have had the exciting opportunity to interview our Music Maestro...

What's your name and what do you do at JKPS?

I'm Mr. Aiden and I teach Music

If you weren't a music teacher, what do you think you'd be doing?

Sommelier or Florist

What's your go-to song for lifting your mood? Primal Scream Movin' On Up

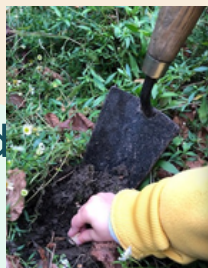
Which instrument would you love to learn next and why?

Cello and do the Grade I challenge!

What do you enjoy most about being part of the JKPS community? I enjoy the JKPS community for its warmth and enthusiasm of the children and staff. There is a real sense of creativity across the school and it's a pleasure to see the children grow in confidence and be able to express themselves and enjoy making music together.



GARDENING DAY - Saturday 3rd October 11am-3pm



Please feel very welcome to join us for some autumn gardening. Any pair of hands helps

Attendance Update

Our Attendance Aim: to create a culture of belonging and high attendance.

This week, our attendance reached 96%. Let's keep up the momentum and work together to achieve our target of 97%.

100%	97%-98.9%	94%-96.9%	91%-93.9%	Under 90%
Every student achieves 100% attendance	Some learning opportunities being missed	Risk of under-achievement	High risk of under-achievement	Severe risk of under-achievement

Kids' Activity - we want to plant some snowbell, daffodil and anemone bulbs for spring.

The Friend Zone (FOJKPS)



🏮🔥 St Martin's Lantern Parade - 4:30pm 14th Nov - Organisers Needed 🏮🔥

The days are getting shorter, and it is time for a festival of light. We are looking for organisers to help with this year's St Martin's Lantern Parade. If you are interested please reach out to your class rep or email:

Fojkps@gmail.com

🎄🌟 Christmas Card Deadline - End of the day Wed 14th Oct 🎄🌟

Christmas card templates were sent home this week. Please return completed templates to Jess behind the desk in the office (please note - not to class teachers).

Alumni or future students are also welcome to make a design. Please pick up a spare template from Jess in the office.

👕🐯 Pre-loved Uniform and Tiger Merch 👕🐯

Thank you to everyone who picked up Tiger Merch or bought a Pre-loved uniform. A reminder the link to pay is here: www.fojkps.org/shop

Please note - the price of jumpers/cardigans is now £4 each or two for £6.

Forward Look:

- 👕🌿 Sat 3 Oct - Gardening Day 👕🌿
- 🎄🌟 Wed 14 Oct - Christmas Card Design Deadline 🎄🌟
- 🏮🔥 Sun 1 Nov - Gardening Day (Early Years Special) 🏮🔥
- 🏮🔥 Fri 13 Nov - St Martin's Lantern Walk 🏮🔥
- 👕🌿 Sat 28 Nov - Gardening Day 👕🌿
- 🎄🌟 Sat 5 Dec - St Nikolaus Tag Fair & Festivities 🎄🌟
- 🏕️ 26/27 Jun - Year 3 Camping 🏕️
- 🏕️ 3/4 Jul - Year 1 Camping 🏕️
- 🏕️ 2/3/4 Jul - Years 2 & 5 Camping 🏕️



This week's German word is...

Bitteschön

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This month, as a school, we will celebrate Black History Month under this year's theme 'Honouring Our Community'.

Throughout the month, pupils will learn about inspirational Black people, both past and present, who have made a difference to our communities, society and culture. Through stories, history, art and shared experiences, we will celebrate their achievements, contributions and lasting impact.



A Proud Moment for Our School Community



You may remember that our Eco Council has been actively involved in campaigning for improvements to the crossing and pavement outside JKPS. Over the past year, pupils have taken part in Speedwatch events, delivered flyers to local residents and even visited Southwark Council to present their findings and advocate for change.

This morning, members of the Eco Council, alongside the parents who led the campaign, met with Helen Hayes MP and local ward councillors to celebrate the completed improvements. The event was covered by our fantastic Mog Chronicles team and we hope to see it featured in the local press too!

This is an incredibly proud moment for our school community and a wonderful example of what can be achieved when pupils, families and the wider community work together to make a difference. A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to making this happen. We are so proud of our pupils for using their voices to create positive change in our local area.





AUTHOR VISIT

We now have a revised date for author Emer Stamp's visit to your school - Friday 13th November.

Below you can pre-order copies of her book to be signed and dedicated to your child on the day.

All books will be delivered straight to the school.

The new deadline for pre-orders is Wed 4th NOVEMBER



Click below to
pre-order her book!

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5th - 9th October

There is a chance to celebrate what cycling can give children: more active journeys, greater confidence and independence, and the chance to start the school day feeling good. Last year, almost half a million children, families and schools pledged to take part. Remember 'Every Journey Counts'.

CAN YOU HELP BREAK THE RECORD?



A huge well done to all of our Values Superstars for Week 5.

National Poetry Day

Thank you to our Y3s & 4s for sharing their learning of '*The Wizard*' and '*Jabberwocky*'.

A few confident speakers read out their poems, and it was lovely to hear their classes joining in!





SENDCo Advertisement

As part of our continued commitment to ensuring that every child at JKPS receives the support they need to thrive, we are currently recruiting for a permanent SENDCo to join us from January 2027.

Since the summer term, our interim SENDCo, Ms Sheila has supported the school in strengthening our SEND provision and helping us to identify our priorities for the year ahead. We are incredibly grateful for the expertise and commitment she has brought to this work.

Recruiting a permanent SENDCo is an important next step in our longer-term plans for inclusion at JKPS. We are looking for an experienced and passionate practitioner who shares our commitment to inclusive education and who will work closely with children, families and staff to ensure that pupils with additional needs are known, understood and supported to flourish. Please share with your networks, especially those who have connection with German-speaking networks.

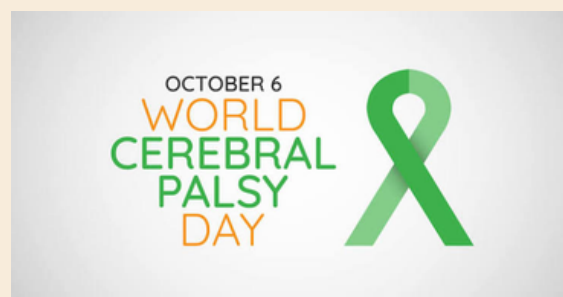
We will, of course, keep families updated with recruitment once complete.

Awareness Days this month

Show racism the red card by wearing something red on Friday 16th October



Dear Parents and carers,
I'm excited to let you know that on **Friday the 9th October**, Judith Kerr Primary School will be taking part in 'Hello Yellow Day'. This is a wonderful campaign run by the charity 'Young Minds', encouraging everyone to wear yellow, start conversations about mental health, and raise funds so no young person feels alone.
This year is a special year for the campaign as it celebrates its 10th year. The theme for this year's 'Hello Yellow Day' is '**hope**'.
We are offering students the chance to come into school dressed in as much yellow as possible and make a contribution, to shine bright through the school and remind everyone that mental health awareness is a topic that we must always talk about and not just for one day. If you are able to make a contribution on the day, staff will be collecting on the gates. All money collected will go towards supporting the mental health of our young minds. There will also be fun activities in class to mark and celebrate the day.
Let's make sure that no young person feels alone!



Next week we will be learning more about cerebral palsy, through our PSHE lessons, assemblies and books.
We hope everyone wears something green on Tuesday to help raise awareness!
A huge thank you to the parents and carers who have donated some great books about cerebral palsy to the school.



JKPS Key Dates



1st- 31st October: Black History Month

Cycle to School Week 5th-9th October

5th October: Y2 Trip - Westminster

6th October: World Cerebral Palsy Day (wear green)

7th October: Parents Evening 1

8th October: Parents Evening 2

9th October: NHS Flu Immunisation

9th October: Hello Yellow Day (wear yellow; £1 donation)

16th October: Anti-Racism Day (wear red)

16th October: RWI Phonics Meeting EYFS

16th October: Y6 trip - Southwark Citizenship Scheme

19th- 30th October- Half Term

2nd November: Back to school

6th-7th November: Early Years African Drumming Workshop

6th November: Y4 Trip - Black Cultural Archives

10th November: Open Morning

16th - 20th November: Anti-Bullying Week

30th November - 4th December: Assessment Week Y2-6

1st December: Y2 - Drama Workshop

18th December: Term Ends (2pm pick-up)

4th January: INSET Day (no school)

5th January: New term



