Judith Kerr Primary School

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Parents Weekly Newsletter

Bilingual education for everyone

Dear families,
This week, it was wonderful to welcome so many families into school for our Parents' Evenings. Thank you to everyone who attended and for the many positive conversations that took place. If you have not already done so, please take a moment to complete our parent survey. Your feedback is incredibly important to us and will help shape our ongoing school improvement journey.
Year 2 also enjoyed a fantastic trip to Westminster Abbey, bringing their learning about Monarchs to life. The children were a credit to the school and thoroughly enjoyed the trip. A huge thank you to the parents and carers who generously volunteered their time to support the visit.
We are also incredibly proud to see the impact of our pupils' campaigning work being recognised beyond our school community. Following last week's celebration event with Helen Hayes MP and local councillors, the new crossing and improved pathway outside school have now been featured in the local press. Families may also wish to read the related coverage in The Mog Chronicle. This is a wonderful example of what can be achieved when a community comes together to make a difference.
We also shared with our families a recording and the slides from Monday's Executive Headteacher and Head of School Coffee Morning. We recognise that not everyone was able to attend, but we know many families are keen to hear about how our first half term has gone, the progress we have made and the priorities we are focusing on moving forward. We hope the recording provides a helpful insight into the journey we have begun together and our ambitions for the months ahead. We thank you again for your feedback and patience, and we hope you continue to see progress over the next term.
We wish all our families a restful, enjoyable and well-deserved weekend.

Ms Sarah & Ms Laura

Schönes Wochenende!

MS. Sarah's Spotlight

This week the Wellbeing Warriors have had the exciting opportunity to interview our very own Mr. Tom...



If you had a mythical creature as your wellbeing sidekick, what would it be and what special powers would it have?
It would have to be a Pegasus, not many people know that whenever a Pegasus's hooves hit the ground it will create a freshwater spring, and we all know that staying hydrated is the first step towards positive mental health. Also, free air travel for life, it's a no brainer!

What well-being projects are you most excited about this year at our school?
I'm really looking forward to binging back the wellbeing warriors this year, were going to be choosing a whole new set of warriors, so watch this space for applications and opening positions. We made such an impact last year so I'm excited to see what the next group brings!

What makes you happiest about working at our school?
It's not just the adults that teach here at Judith Kerr. The students teach me new things every day! But one of the main things they've shown me, is the real impact of staying positive. The children have taught me so much on how to stay regulated, staying positive and follow what makes you happy, if you stay positive, and talk about your feelings, you support those around you to stay positive and supported as well.

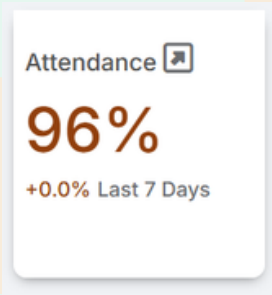


Attendance Update

Good attendance plays a vital role in children's academic progress, confidence, wellbeing and friendships.
Our school attendance target is 97%. Thank you to all our families for your continued support in ensuring children arrive at school on time and ready to learn. Even small improvements in attendance can make a significant difference over the course of a school year.

If you are experiencing any difficulties that may be affecting your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to speak to us. By working together, we can ensure every child has the best possible opportunity to thrive and succeed.

100%	97%-98.9%	94%-96.9%	91%-93.9%	Under 90%
EVERY STUDENT EVERY LESSON ALL THE TIME	Some learning opportunities being missed	Risk of under-achievement	High risk of under-achievement	Severe risk of under-achievement



This week's German word is...



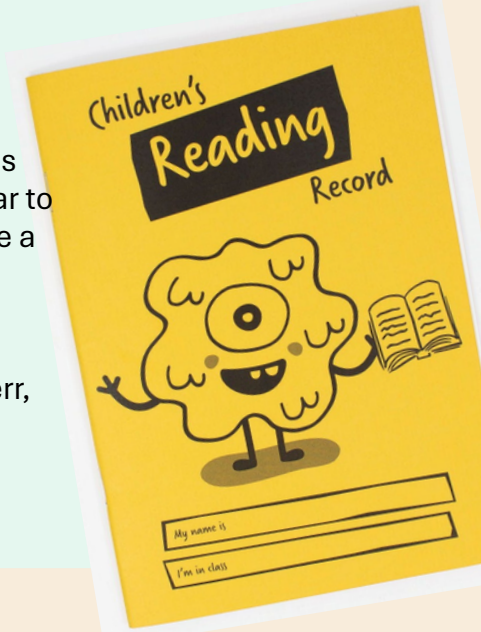
herbst = autumn



Let's Celebrate Reading at Judith Kerr!

We hope all children have now received their reading record! We know that reading is already a regular and enjoyable part of school and family life, so please support your child with bringing their reading record into school every day. Teachers will be supporting in classrooms and checking in with children to encourage them to read everyday. To fill out the reading records please include the date, author and a short summary of what your child has read.
A 'read' counts as at least 15 minutes of either independent reading or supported reading with an adult.

We are excited to celebrate all the children who are reading consistently through our reading rewards, which include stickers, bookmarks, wristbands and certificates, as well as a very special trip at the end of the academic year to The Paper Cat bookshop, where children will have the opportunity to choose a book to add to our school library!
We really appreciate your support in helping your child develop a love of reading, and we ask that reading records are kept safe and looked after.
If you have any questions or would like any support with reading at Judith Kerr, please do speak to your child's teacher.



Happy reading, everyone!



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 years' St Martin's Lantern Parade. Join the whatsapp group here: https://chat.whatsapp.com/D0H9gpdGvoH32Yh45EJvvS?s=cl&p=a&ilr=4&iam=2

🃏🎁 Wet Play Boxes 🃏🎁

The Friends and SLT are working to make "Wet Play" boxes for each class, to help everyone have fun when it is too wet to go outside.

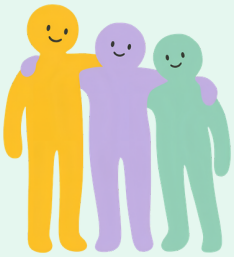
The Friends will be buying boxes and some games and activities. We are also looking for some duplo, magna-tiles, high quality (new or nearly new) donations of card games. Watch the WhatsApp Groups for more details on how to donate.

👉👈 Joined us on LinkedIn

Join the FoJKPS community on LinkedIn here: https://www.linkedin.com/groups/13226102/

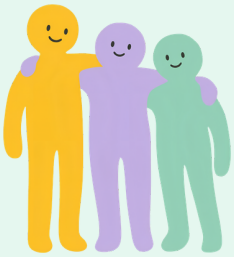
🎄🌠 Christmas Card Deadline - End of the day Wed 14th Oct 🎄🌠

Christmas card templates have been sent home. Alumni or future students are also welcome to make a design. Please pick up a spare template from Jess in the office. Please return by Wed 14th Oct.



Forward Look:

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







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



Executive Head & Head of School Coffee Morning



Thank you to everyone that was able to attend our first Executive Head and Head of School coffee morning this week. For those who were unable to attend, we have slides (with voiceover). We hope to see you at our next coffee morning in Autumn 2.

The next coffee morning will be on **17th December 9 a.m.** This meeting we will discuss and share progress made under each school development priority area & share the next steps/priorities for Spring term.



DAILY NEWS

Word • Business • Finance • Lifestyle • Travel • Sport • Weather

Parents and children at the school campaigned for three years to get the safety improvements

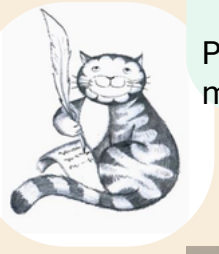
Read more by clicking the pic

Mog Chronicles

Our mini journalists hae been frantically capturing the tides and turns here at JKPS!

From talking about the infamous Dolly Parton to the changes on the roads of Herne Hill (outside school 😉).

Please click on **Mog** to find out more...







Well done to our
Values Superstars
for Week 6



Wellbeing Matters



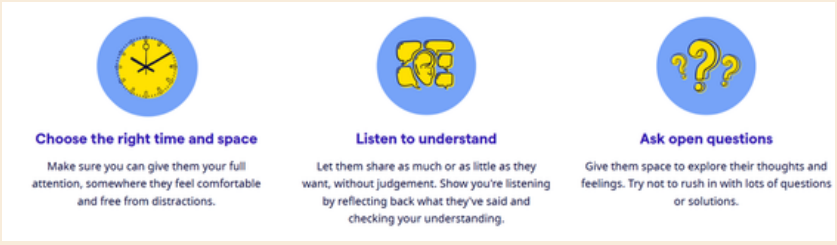
Just like BT, it's good to talk! It's even better to be heard.

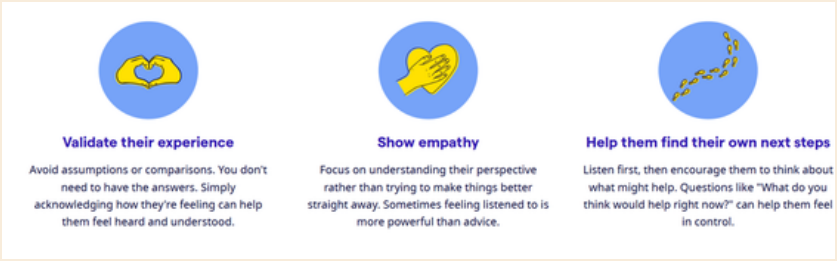
Being heard helps us feel understood, less alone, and more able to cope with the challenges we face. That's why our message this World Mental Health Day is simple:
Support starts with being heard.

Everyone's mental health journey is different. Whether someone is facing challenges themselves, seeking support for the first time, or supporting a loved one, everyone deserves to feel heard, understood and supported. Yet everyday pressures, life circumstances, stigma and systemic barriers can make it harder for people to reach out, seek support, and get the help they need.

This World Mental Health Day, help others feel heard. By sharing your experience, starting a conversation, or taking the time to listen, you could help someone feel understood, less alone, and more confident reaching out for support.







World Mental Health Day 2026 - Mental Health UK

Mental Health UK provides free downloadable resources to help people of all ages and in any setting look after and support their mental health. These include guides, conversation tools, wellbeing planners, and toolkits on topics such as burnout, menopause, and sleep.

Ms Sarah (and her son) are taking part in GLOW up London on Saturday night which is organised by Mental Health UK to help shine a light on mental health and make a real difference. Please donate and help them reach their target!
Mental Health UK - Sarah Meaden

Walking in Southwark
Maps and routes | Southwark Council
Here's a warmer version that keeps all of your content while sounding a little more personal and reflective:



SEND & Inclusion in Action



SENDCo Advertisement

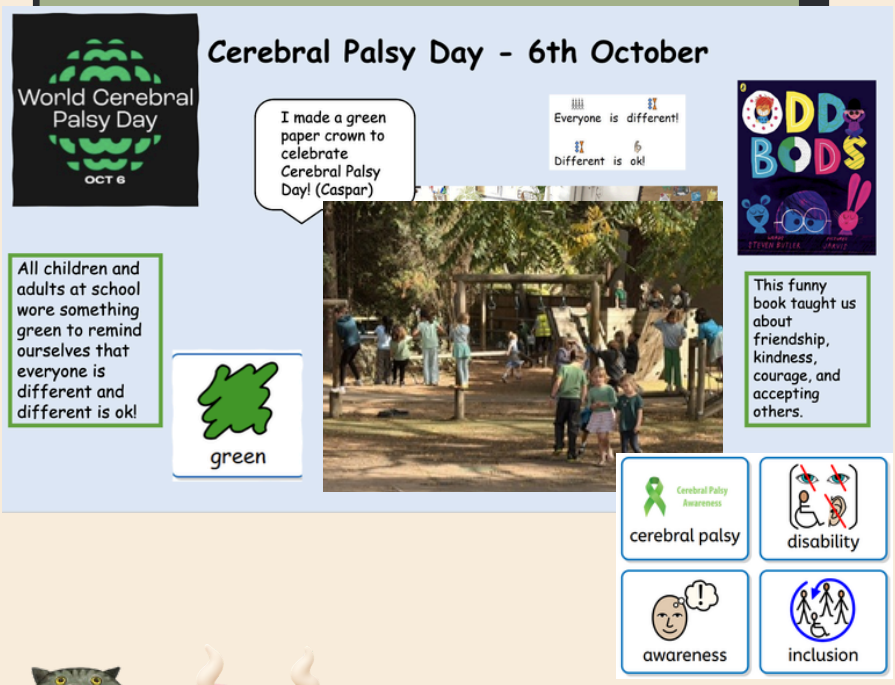
As part of our continued commitment to ensuring that every child at JKPS receives the support they need to thrive, we are currently recruiting for a permanent SENDCo to join us from January 2027.

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.

This week at Judith Kerr we raised awareness about cerebral palsy together. We did this in many different ways, including learning about people's lived experiences (e.g Archie's story: https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/articles/zjr9jhv) and reading stories.



What is cerebral palsy?
By Mari Jones (Year 3)

Cerebral palsy is brain damage that happens just before, during, or after a baby is born.

Cerebral palsy can mean different things. As an example, my legs don't work very well.

Other people can't use their arms or speak or eat or drink.

Your brain tells different parts of your body what to do, for example, walking, jumping, singing.

Cerebral palsy can slow down or stop these messages to parts of your body.

For me, those messages don't go to my legs as quickly as they do for you. This makes it harder for me to walk. Cerebral palsy stays with you for life, but it doesn't get worse.
I need to do lots of physio to get strong muscles to help me move.



SEND Coffee Morning - Wednesday 14th October 9am
We will discuss and share information about EHCPs, EHCP Pathways and Annual Reviews

Judith Kerr Primary School
Families' Survey
Autumn

We'd love to hear your feedback on Autumn 1. Please scan the QR code below to complete our survey.

Click here to complete the survey.

We appreciate you taking the time to share your thoughts with us.
We look forward to sharing our next steps from the survey in our newsletters next term.



JKPS Key Dates

- *14th October- Christmas Card Decoration Deadline*
- *16th October- RWI Phonics Meeting EYFS*
- ***16th October- SEND & Inclusion Coffee Morning***
- ***16th October- Anti-Racism Day- Wear Red Day***
- ***16th October - Year 6 Trip - Southwark Citizenship Scheme***
- ***19th- 30th October - Half Term Break***

- ***2nd November - Back to school***

- 5th November- Y5 Bloom Workshop
- *6th – 7th November - Early Years African Drumming Workshop*
- ***6th November- Y4 Black Cultural Archives Trip***
- ***9th November- Y3 Natural History Museum Trip***
- *10th November - Open Morning*
- *16th – 20th November - Anti Bullying week*
- *26th November- Open Morning & Open Evening*
- *16th November- Odd Socks Day*
- *30th November - 04th December - Assessment Week*



JKPS Key Dates

- *30th November - 04th December - Assessment Week*
- *1st December - Perform Drama Workshop - Year 1&2*
- *3rd December- Perform Drama Workshop – Reception*
- *2nd December- Rock Steady Performance 9:15am*
- *2nd December- Rock Steady Performance 2:30pm*
- *3rd December- Rock Steady Performance 9:15am*

[More info to come about Rock Steady performances]

- ***17th December- Executive & Head of School Coffee Morning***
- ***18th December - Term ends – 2pm Pickup***
- ***21st December - 1st January 2027 – End of Term Break***

