Judith Kerr Primary School

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Parents Weekly Newsletter

Bilingual education for everyone

Welcome back!

We have had a busy and exciting first week back, with lots happening across the school. Year 4 enjoyed their visit to the Black Cultural Archives in Brixton, while our EYFS children took part in a fantastic West African drumming workshop with Wuntanara. There are many other trips and enrichment opportunities currently being planned, and we look forward to sharing further details with you once they have been confirmed.

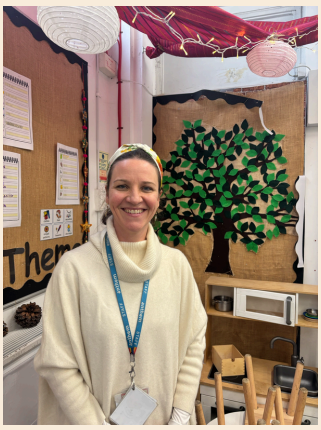
Lots of wonderful work has also been displayed around the school following our transition learning at the start of the year. As part of this work, classes across the school read the book We Are All Born Free and collaborated to create some beautiful artwork inspired by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The finished pieces showcase the children's creativity and their understanding of the importance of equality, respect and freedom for all. We are excited to share some of this wonderful artwork with you in next week's newsletter.

There was a hive of activity in the EYFS outdoor area during our most recent gardening weekend. Thank you to everyone who gave up their time to help build the new planters. It has made a hugely positive impact on the space, and the children have already been assigned roles to help care for the plants and flowers. We are incredibly grateful for the support from our school community in helping to create such a vibrant and welcoming environment for our youngest learners.

Have a wonderful weekend. Thank you, as always, for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing you all next week.

Ms Sarah & Ms Laura

Schönes Wochenende!



Ms. Sarah's Spotlight

This week the Wellbeing Warriors have had the exciting opportunity to interview our German Lead - Ms. Lea...

How do you make language learning fun and memorable for children?

I believe language learning should be fun, memorable and full of enthusiasm. Our main aim is to help children develop a love of languages and see that speaking another language is a superpower, allowing them to communicate with people they might not otherwise be able to talk to. We use lots of games, songs and active learning, and encourage children to have a go without worrying about getting everything right. We hope to embed German even more in our daily routines and interactions, and children receive lots of praise for using it, whether they are asking for water, greeting a friend or saying thank you. Above all, I want children to enjoy learning German and feel confident giving it a try.

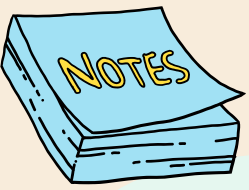
Tell us a fun fact about yourself or your connection to German language and culture that the school community might not know.

One thing most people don't know about me is that, as a Freeman of the City of London, I am allowed to drive sheep across London Bridge. Don't ask me why, but I feel very privileged to have that right! Another thing is that I grew up abroad and, in my early years, spoke German almost exclusively with my parents. Growing up between cultures gave me a real love of languages and different ways of life. Having experienced Germany from both the inside and the outside, I feel equally at home in both perspectives. I think this helps me share not just the language, but also the culture, with children.

What are you most looking forward to as our new German Lead this year?

I am very excited about all the projects currently in the pipeline and the enthusiasm from both the leadership team and the parent community in bringing them to life. Most of all, I am looking forward to celebrating Shout Out for German Week in mid-January and seeing children across the school engage with and enjoy learning German.





School Notes

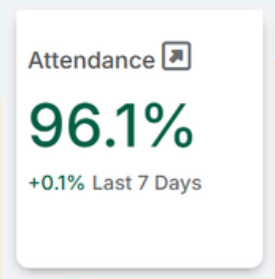


Attendance Update

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...

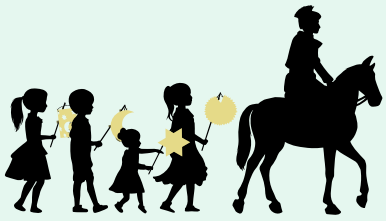


wasser Bitte = water please



We are looking forward to our **Sankt Martin Lantern Parade** on Friday, **13th November**. Sankt Martin celebrates the story of Saint Martin, who shared his cloak with a person in need, teaching us about kindness, generosity, and caring for others. Children carry lanterns during Sankt Martin processions because the light symbolises bringing brightness, hope, and kindness into the world. The glowing lanterns remind us that even small acts of kindness can make a big difference to someone else's day.

If you would like to practise some of the songs with your child over the half-term holidays, please find the links below. We look forward to celebrating together and filling the evening with light, music, and kindness!

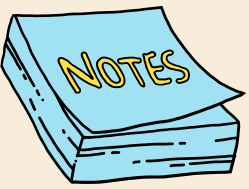


Laterne, Laterne - Kinderlieder zum Mitsingen | Sing Kinderlieder

Sankt Martin - Kinderlieder zum Mitsingen | Sing Kinderlieder

Ich geh mit meiner Laterne - Kinderlieder zum Mitsingen | Sing Kinderlieder





School Notes

The Friend Zone (FOJKPS)

🃏🎁 Wet Play Boxes – Thank you for the donations so far. We still need more Top Trumps, UNO and Duplo. Please continue to bring in donations. These are to supplement items bought by the Friends'.

🐞🐛 Early Years Gardening - thank you to everyone who came to help with the new planters in the Early Years Area. We love the continual greening of the space we share.

🐯🐯 Tiger Merch - there is a small amount of Tiger Merch still available, it makes a great Christmas present: https://www.fojkps.org/shop

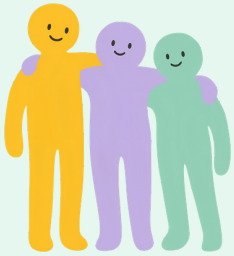
🎄🌠 Christmas at JKPS - We have a number of activities planned as well as some products that make excellent Christmas presents. Including:

- Christmas Cards with a design by your child
- Self Portrait Tea Towels done by year group
- Wreathmaking Workshop for adults and secondary school age children
- Gingerbread House Workshop for children/families
- Christmas Trees for Sale
- St Nikolaus Tag Fair

We will send reminders of deadlines round WhatsApp groups and on the Community Announcements. Please sign up to help here: https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fojkps/index.cfm

Forward Look:

🏮 Fri 13 Nov - St Martin's Lantern Walk
🌠 Sat 14 Nov - Christmas Cards Ordering Deadline
🌿 Fri 27 Nov – Wreath Making Workshop
🎄 Sat 28 Nov – Christmas Trees Ordering Deadline
🪠 Sat 28 Nov - Gardening Day
🏡 Fri 4 Dec – Gingerbread House Workshop
🎅 Sat 5 Dec - St Nikolaus Tag Fair & Festivities
⛺ 26/ 27 Jun - Year 3 Camping
⛺ 25/26/27 Jun - Year 6 Camping
⛺ 3/4 Jul - Year 1 Camping
⛺ 2/3/4 Jul - Years 2 & 5 Camping
⛺ 10/11 Jul - Year 4 Camping







School Notes

This week, Year 4 visited the Black Cultural Archives in Brixton.
They explored the remarkable lives of Lewis Latimer, Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, Ira Aldridge, and Fanny Eaton. They used acting and artwork to bring these historical figures to life.
During their visit, the class also went on a local history walk along Railton Road, spotting significant landmarks such as the former homes of Olive Morris and Winifred Atwell, the celebrated pianist.





EYFS Gardening Day

Creating beautiful spaces with beautiful flowers and plants. EYFS had a lovely weekend sharing and caring for the plants.



Next week, across school we will be marking Remembrance Day with a moment of silence on 11th November at 11am. We will also engage in activities to further our learning and understanding of Remembrance Day.



School Notes

Executive Head & Head of School Coffee Morning

Please note the Ofsted report will be shared with the school community next week. Thank you for the feedback we have received so far for the Parent Survey. The form will close on Monday. Please share your thoughts with us by then.

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.

Well done to our Values Superstars for Week 1

Nursery - Alison
Reception - Ari & Tommaso
Y1 - Rowan & Robin
Y2 - David & Christopher
Y3 - Maya & Mora
Y4 - --
Y5 - Bobby & Miguel
Y6 - Nora & Max

Diwali Celebrations

A Festival of Light, Hope and New Beginnings

Different Communities Brighter Together ♡

This weekend some of our families will celebrate Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Light. Diwali is a time to celebrate the victory of good over evil, knowledge over ignorance, and light over darkness. It is also a time for families and communities to come together, share food, give thanks and look forward to new beginnings.

Through our RE curriculum children will enjoy learning about the traditions and stories of Diwali.













"May the light of Diwali bring happiness, peace and positivity to all our families."



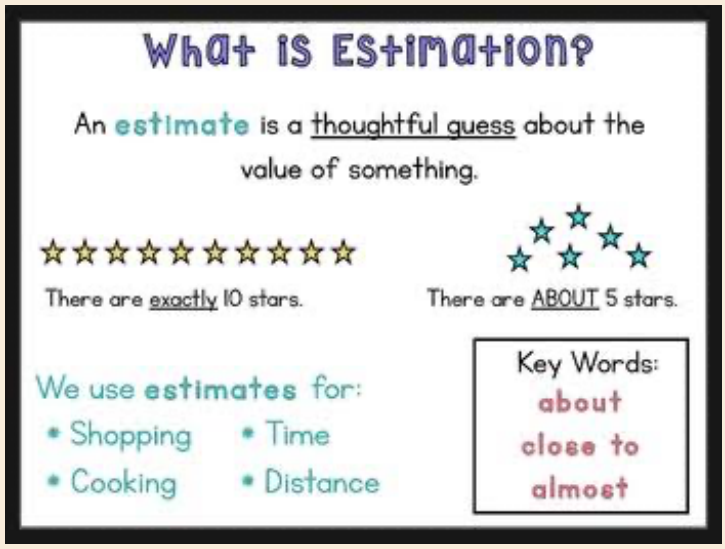
Let's Count Together

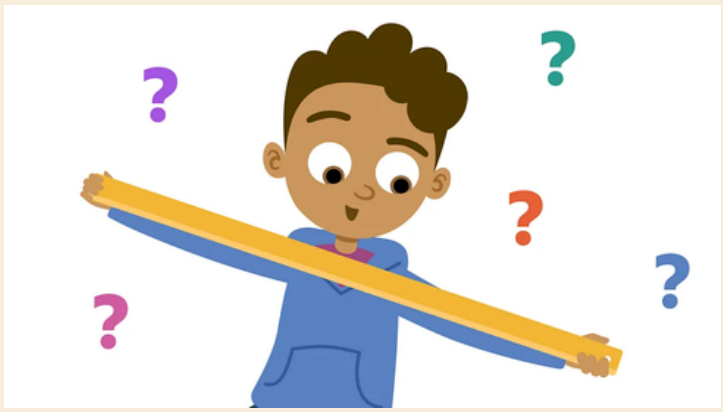
KS2 Maths Problem of the Week



The school fair sold 248 tickets on Friday and 376 tickets on Saturday. If each ticket cost £3, how much money was raised altogether?

See Ms. Ellie with your answer!
The answer will be revealed next week.





Maths Everyday

When shopping, ask your child to find two items that cost less than £5 altogether.

If you had £10, how much change would you receive?





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Librarian's Corner

Welcome to Librarians' Corner, a brand-new space where the JKPS school librarians will be discussing all things **BOOKS**!

Firstly, we would like to introduce ourselves.

Bruno: *"I'm 10 years old. My favourite place to read is in my bed because it's nice and comfy."*

Frida: *"I'm 11 years old. In summer, I like to read in the tree in my garden and be surrounded by nature."*

Phoenix: *"I'm 10 years old. I like to read in bed with my cat sleeping next to me, as I feel safe and comfortable."*

Anaiya: *"I'm 11 years old. I also love to read in bed because I feel comfy and no one distracts me."*

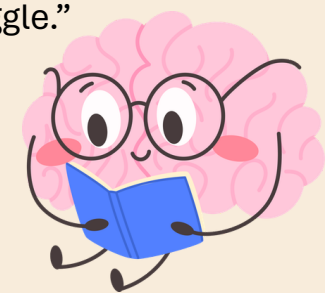
This week, we'll be talking about our book recommendations. How many of these books have you heard of? Can you spot any of these books in our school library or in your classroom's book corner?

Frida: "I recommend Twitch by M. G. Leonard. It's about friendship and nature. It's a real page-turner and it's also fun to read. If you like nature, like me, I think you'll love this detective story. I read it when I was 8, so anyone from Year 3 onwards would love this book."

Anaiya: "I recommend Dork Diaries by Rachel Renée Russell because it's about friendship and knowing that your friends will always have your back. If you like stories about close friends, like me, you'd enjoy it. Year 3 and upwards would love this book."

Bruno: "I kept with the theme of books for Key Stage 2 and recommend Running Wild by Michael Morpurgo. Although it's a sad story involving a child and an elephant, the boy becomes one with the jungle and finds friendship in unusual places."

Phoenix: "I would recommend The Tale of Two Bad Mice by Beatrix Potter because my little brother loves to read it. It's about two mice who break into a doll's house and get up to a lot of mischief. One of the mice is called Hunca Munca, which always makes me giggle."



Wellbeing Matters

Bubble Breaths

When you're in the red or yellow zone, pretend to blow a giant, sparkly soap bubble.

Take a slow, deep breath in through your nose for 4 seconds, then slowly and gently blow out through your mouth for 4 seconds as if you are making a bubble grow.

Why it works - Slow breathing sends a calm message to the brain and helps lower a fast heartbeat.



SEND & Inclusion in Action



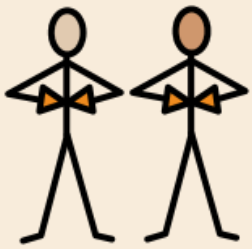
We would like to kindly remind all parents, carers and children to keep the accessibility ramp clear during drop-off and pick-up times.

The ramp provides essential access to the school building for wheelchair users, pupils and visitors with mobility needs, and those using mobility equipment. When the ramp is obstructed, it can make entering and leaving the building difficult, unsafe, or even impossible for some members of our school community.

By keeping this area free from standing, parking, pushchairs, and other obstacles, you are helping to ensure that everyone can access the school safely, independently, and with dignity.
Thank you for your support and consideration in helping us maintain an inclusive and accessible environment for all.









Autism Support Team

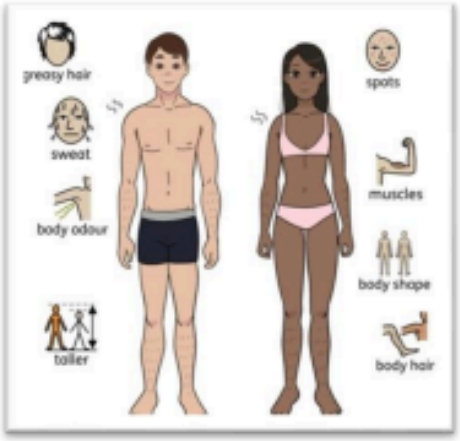
Puberty, Relationships and Sex

FREE training for parents and carers of Autistic children / teenagers

Do you want to understand what your Autistic child is experiencing during **puberty**, help them to navigate complex **social & emotional changes** and prepare them for **safe and healthy relationships**?

Through this training session you will develop an **understanding** of:

- ✓ How autism shapes a young person's experience of puberty.
- ✓ The differences Autistic young people may have when navigating a romantic or intimate relationship.
- ✓ Touch, personal space, arousal and sex from the perspective of an Autistic young person.



You will also come away with **practical skills and activities** around supporting an Autistic person with:

- ✓ Managing their moods and emotions associated with puberty.
- ✓ Understanding 'public' and 'private.'
- ✓ Understanding different types of relationships and interactions, and how these might change during puberty.
- ✓ Strategies for managing sexual feelings, for example masturbation.
- ✓ Understanding and exploring their sexuality.

Join us for an **in-person, practical training session** on:

Tuesday 1st December
10:00am-4:30pm

Southwark Council,
160 Tooley St, SE1 2QH

Register here

Or scan the QR code →

For any further queries, please contact autismsupportteam@southwark.gov.uk

JKPS Key Dates

- *9th Nov. - Y3 Natural History Museum Trip*
- 10th Nov. - Open Morning 9:15-10:15am
- 13th Nov. - Author Visit EYFS & KS1
- 13th Nov. - Santk Mark Lantern Parade
- 16th - 20th Nov. - Anti Bullying Week
- 16th Nov. - Odd Socks Day
- *17th Nov. - Reception Library Visit Trip*
- 20th Nov. - Southwark Parenting Team Workshop 9-10am
- 25th Nov. - School Flu Catch-up Session
- 26th Nov.- Open Morning & Open Evening
- **30th Nov. - 4th Dec. - Assessment Week**
- 1st Dec. - Perform Drama Workshop - Year 1&2
- 2nd Dec. - Rock Steady Performance 9:15am
- 2nd Dec. - Rock Steady Performance 2:30pm
- 3rd Dec. - Rock Steady Performance 9:15am
- 3rd Dec. - Perform Drama Workshop – Reception&Yr 1

[More info to come about Rock Steady performances]

- *8th Dec. - Y2 Natural History Museum Trip*
- **17th Dec. - Executive & Head of School Coffee Morning**
- **17th Dec - Christmas jumper day and lunch**
- **18th Dec - Winter Wonderland morning and bubble disco (own clothes)**
- **18th Dec. - Term ends [2pm Pickup]**
- **21st Dec. - 1st January 2027 [End of Term]**