Judith Kerr Primary School

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Parents Weekly Newsletter

Bilingual education for everyone

Dear Families,
It is always wonderful to see our school community come together for a special event, and this week's St Martin's Lantern Parade was no exception. As darkness fell and the lights began to twinkle in the trees, the school was filled with a truly magical atmosphere. The lanterns created by the children were beautiful, and it was lovely to gather together around the warming fire while enjoying a cup of hot apple juice.
Today, the children also took part in a special assembly to learn more about the traditions and history of Martinstag (St Martin's Day), helping them to understand the significance of the parade and why it continues to be celebrated by communities around the world. A huge thank you to everyone who helped organise and support the event, and to all the families who joined us. Your enthusiasm and participation made the evening such a success.
Looking ahead, next week marks Anti-Bullying Week, and we invite everyone to help launch the week by taking part in Odd Socks Day on Monday. There will be a range of activities throughout the week, with lots of opportunities for children to explore this year's theme, "Break the Silence." Together, we will be making our own pledges and reflecting on how we can continue to create a school where everyone feels safe, valued, respected and heard.
All classes will be taking part in anti-bullying workshops on Monday 7th December, and we will also be announcing our new Wellbeing Warriors. There is certainly lots to look forward to as we continue to promote kindness, inclusion and positive relationships across our school community.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Ms Sarah & Ms Laura
Schönes Wochenende!

Ms. Sarah's Spotlight



This week the Wellbeing Warriors have had the exciting opportunity to interview Ms. Kaya, our Y1 teacher...

Why I wanted to be a teacher:
I've always been interested in creating a safe space where children can enjoy learning and discover things about themselves. I think adults can learn a lot from children and I want to learn as much as I can! I want to encourage kindness, positivity and empathy and school is a great place to do that.

Favourite subject to teach:
RE/PSHE/History! These subjects are so important because children get to learn about themselves, other people and different views or beliefs. It's important that we learn to accept and respect everyone, no matter who they are. I approach teaching these subjects with an open mind and encourage conversation and thinking time!

Interesting fact:
I've travelled to 35 countries so far!



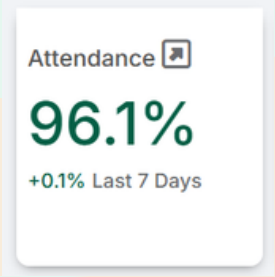
School Notes

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



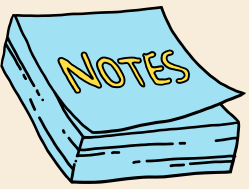
This week's German word is...



toilette bitte = water please







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'.

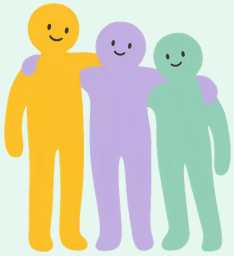
🐯🐯 Tiger Merch - there is a small amount of Tiger Merch still available, it makes a great Christmas present: https://www.fojkps.org/shop

🎄🎅 Christmas at JKPS - We have a number of activities planned as well as some products that make excellent Christmas presents. We will send reminders of deadlines round WhatsApp groups and on the Community Announcements.

The sale for the Gingerbread House Workshop, Christmas Trees and Tea Towels will launch Saturday at 3pm. And please sign up to help. All 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 20 Nov - Tea Towel 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



FREE family screening and event:
22 November, 1-4pm @ Brockwell Hall
Join a free family screening of the brilliant film Future Council, in which eight kids go on the ultimate school trip across Europe to challenge powerful leaders and find solutions to some of the world's greatest environmental problems.

After the film there will be an interactive session, in which young audience members can explore with local businesses and leaders what more we can do locally to build a better future.

A Visit from Emer Stamp – Poop Stars! 💩⭐

Today, we welcomed author Emer Stamp to our school to meet with our Reception and Key Stage 1 children. She introduced us to her book Poop Stars and shared how animal droppings can reveal fascinating clues about an animal's diet and lifestyle.



The children thoroughly enjoyed getting involved in a fun game and learning a song, making it an exciting and interactive session. We had a fantastic time discovering just how much we can learn from poo! What a brilliant visit!



Next Tuesday, 17th November, is Clean Air Night.

This is a national awareness evening about wood burning and its impact on air pollution and health. Burning wood at home is a major source of fine particle pollution (PM2.5) in the UK, and exposure to PM2.5 is linked to a wide range of diseases, including asthma, cancer, heart disease and dementia. Children are particularly vulnerable because their lungs are smaller and still developing.

Can you consider if you need to burn - and give it a night off this Clean Air Night (and beyond)?

School Notes

Executive Head & Head of School Coffee Morning

Parent Survey – Thank You for Your Feedback

Thank you to all the families who took the time to complete our recent parent survey. Your feedback is incredibly valuable in helping us reflect on what we do well and where we can continue to improve.
It was particularly encouraging to hear how positively families feel about their children's happiness and safety at school, and to see the appreciation expressed for our dedicated staff and the warm, caring environment that makes JKPS such a special place.

We also recognise that there are areas where families would like to see improvements, particularly around communication, responsiveness and the consistency of support for children's individual needs. We have listened carefully to this feedback, and it is helping to shape our priorities and next steps.

Improving communication is a particular focus for us. We are reviewing how information is shared, how enquiries are managed and how we can make communication more effective for families while also ensuring that arrangements are sustainable for our staff. We are also looking closely at how we plan and communicate key dates and events, recognising how important timely information is for busy families. Alongside this, we are continuing our work to strengthen inclusive practice across the school, ensuring that all children receive the support and challenge they need to thrive.

We also want to build on the things that make JKPS distinctive. It has been lovely to receive positive feedback about the developments in our German provision, and we look forward to sharing more of the exciting learning taking place in this area. We are also exploring how we can make even greater use of our wonderful outdoor spaces to enrich children's learning experiences.
We are working closely with our Anthem Community Council (ACC) to reflect on the survey findings.

The next coffee morning will be on **17th December at 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.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Well done to our Values Superstars for Week 2

Nursery - Aurora
Reception - Amara, Maya
Y1 - Chloe, Matilda
Y2 - Ernie

Well done!

What a superstar!

Y3 - Lorcan, Layla
Y4 - Seva, Lea R., Ella, Clio
Y5 - Niamh
Y6 - Matilda, Whole Class



Let's Count Together

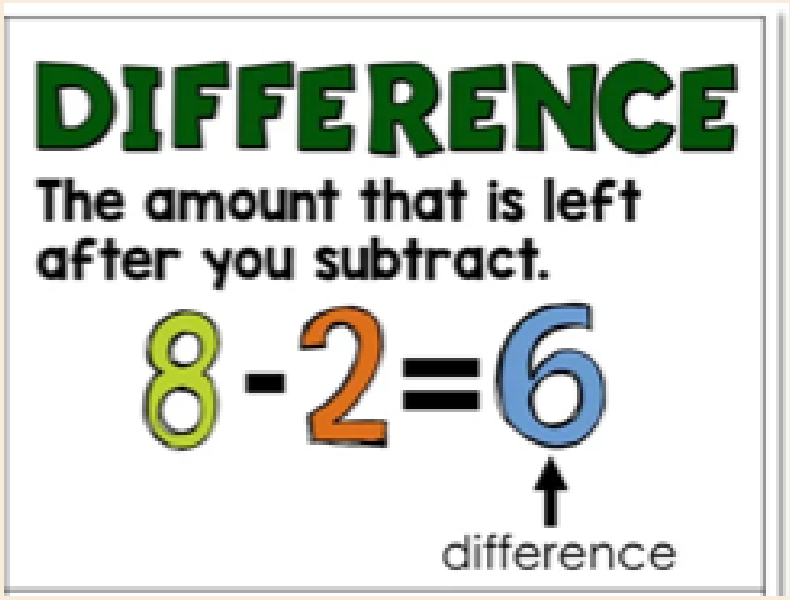
KS2 Maths Problem of the Week



I am thinking of a number. If I multiply it by 6 and then add 14, my answer is 86. What is my number?

Week 1 Answer - The school fair raised £1,872 altogether.

Check here for next week's answer!





Maths Everyday

The Time Challenge



You're getting ready for a family movie night! The film starts at **5.45pm** and **lasts 1 hour and 35 minutes.**

Your challenge: What time will the film finish?



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4	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48
5	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60
6	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72
7	7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70	77	84
8	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80	88	96
9	9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90	99	108
10	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120
11	11	22	33	44	55	66	77	88	99	110	121	132
12	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120	132	144

Librarian's Corner



This week, our school librarians have a challenge for you all!
Can you guess the animal characters they're describing using these cryptic clues? All will be revealed in next week's Librarian's Corner.

Character 1

- I am a determined mythical creature with orange scales and wings.
- I fail all the time, but I don't give up.
- I am often helped by a resilient princess called Pearl, who longs to be a doctor.

Character 2

- I am a detective who loves to eat fish finger sandwiches.
- I have an apprentice working for me who is a spider.
- I'm a bird who cannot fly.

Character 3

- I live in the Tulgey Wood.
- Don't look into my eyes of flame, or you'll get a fright.
- I don't run; I whiffle when I move.







Wellbeing Matters



The Shake Out Dance

The Shake Out Dance - When you're in the red or yellow zone, try putting on a favourite song for 30 seconds. Shake your hands, wiggle your legs, and jump out extra frustration, stress, or high-energy wiggles.

Why it works - Shake out that extra energy and adrenaline when you're feeling upset and stop it from making you feel worse.



SEND & Inclusion in Action

Information from our local provision - https://www.bellhouse.co.uk/

BELL HOUSE
10 YEARS

JKPS Key Dates

- 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
- 23rd Nov. - KS1/KS2 Inclusion Parent Meetings 15:40-17:00 (sign up only)
- 24th Nov.- KS1/KS2 Inclusion Parent Meetings 15:40-17:00 (sign up only)
- 24th Nov. - EYFS Inclusion Parent Meetings 15:40-17:00 (sign up only)
- 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 which bands are performing on which days will be shared next week by Jem - band leader]

- 7th Dec. - Anti Bullying Workshops (whole school)
- ***8th Dec. - Y2 Natural History Museum Trip***
- **17th Dec. - Executive & Head of School Coffee Morning**
- 17th Dec. - Christmas Jumper & Lunch Day
- 18th Dec. - Winter Wonderland & Disco (own clothes day)
- **18th Dec. - Term ends [2pm Pickup]**
- **21st Dec. - 1st January 2027 [End of Term]**
- **4th Jan - INSET DAY (no children)**
- **5th Jan - First day back for children**