



Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 26th January 2024

EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

We have had many visitors to our school over the past few weeks, including members of the KCC school improvement team and specialist teachers, and they have commented positively on how well the children are engaged and happy in their learning. This week, the children have especially enjoyed learning through drama with their KIC theatre workshops, which have been linked to their current learning - it was amazing to see drama bringing their school work to life!

Over the past few weeks, staff and children have been suffering with ill health, which has manifested in colds, flu, covid and other viruses; this has resulted in a higher-than-average absence of staff. Our staff have been really effective in ensuring the children's learning is not impacted, but if staffing levels drop further, I will let you know how we will support the children in school - let's hope that everyone is feeling better very soon.

Further to my correspondence regarding the closure of the Vulcan Close pedestrian gate, I would like to remind you that should you have any concerns regarding this, please contact me directly - it is not fair to shout and moan at members of our school team, in front of children. Staff are doing their best to safeguard the children each day, and these behaviours are never acceptable and will not be tolerated, and action will be taken. Although this relates to a small minority of our school community, one is too many. The Joy Lane team works very hard to work in partnership with our whole community, and our priority is to keep everyone as safe as possible, which we will continue to do at every level.

Finally, I would like to thank the Friends of Joy Lane for holding the Winter discos for the children; much fun has been had by all whilst raising valuable funds for our children. Thank you for your kindness and support.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Mrs D Hines
Executive Headteacher

VULCAN CLOSE ENTRANCE/EXIT CLOSED

A reminder that the Vulcan Close gate is now closed for pedestrian access until further notice. Please read the letter sent out on Thursday 25th January [here](#).



INTERIM PROGRESS REPORTS – FRIDAY 2ND FEBRUARY

Next Friday 2nd February, your child's Interim Progress Update Report will be available to collect at the end of the school day. Where necessary, Oysters' reports will come home via the children. If you don't collect your child, please be assured that the report will be available for collection from the main school office all of next week.

Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 reports will be handed out to parents at the end of the day and will require a signature on receipt. Years 3 & 4 reports can be collected from the table by the kitchen/gate leading to the swimming pool, and Years 5 & 6 reports can be collected from the tables at the Y5/6 gate/cloakroom.

Your child's Interim Progress Report will give you an overview of their learning and development in the core subjects, which we hope you find useful at this mid-point in the year. This mid-year progress check is in addition to the end of year 'Report of Achievement' that you will receive in July 2024. There will be further information in the covering letter that will accompany the progress report.

ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Attendance data week ending 26th January 2024



JLPS Whole School attendance	94.2%
Number of Persistent Absentees (less than 90% attendance)	97 pupils 16.07%

Klee – 90%	Kahlo – 95.3%	Kandinsky – 93.4%
Van Gogh – 94.6%	Voysey – 96.1%	Vallotton – 93.7%
Picasso – 97%	Postgate – 93.5%	Potter – 95%
Riley – 90%	Rousseau – 93.1%	Ringold – 97.3%
Hockney – 93.9%	Heron – 91.8%	Hepworth – 97.8%
Degas – 93.6%	Dali – 96.5%	Da Vinci – 90%
Bailey – 90.3%	Banksy – 93.7%	Boyce – 95.6%
Oysters – 92.4%		

HOUSE CAPTAIN CATCH-UP

Welcome to the weekly house captain catch-up. Currently, there is a times table battle between all of KS2. At the moment, Bailey Class are in the lead by 44 points! The battle ends on the 9th of February 2024 at 12:00, so get playing everyone!

Last week, all the clubs started, including Spanish, Coding, Bucket Drumming, Sign Language and more. We are very lucky to have such a range of clubs run by Joy Lane adults. In every KS2 class there is a new wall of fame to showcase your level in Times Table Rock Stars, which shows when you improve your overall speed. We have some very quick Year 3 and Year 4 children in the Top 10!

In the upcoming weeks there will be a cross country run, which 12 lucky children will take part in and compete against other schools in the area across Key Stage 2. We will update everyone with the results when this happens.



OPAL PLAY – WE NEED YOU!

Are you having a clear out this weekend? Don't forget that we are still asking for donations of the following items:



Tarpaulins



Stickle Bricks



Lego



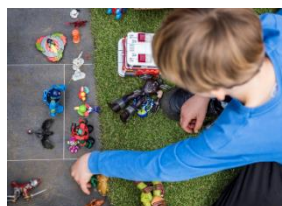
Tileblox/Magnetic Blocks



Plastic Animals



Cars/trucks/diggers



Small World Imaginary Play



Trowels

PARENT & CARER CHECKLIST

- Next week will be **Week 3** of the [menu](#).
- If you are having a clear out of children's plastic toys - **Stickle Bricks, Lego, Tileblox/Magnetic Blocks, Plastic Animals, Cars/trucks/diggers, Small World Imaginary Play** - please hand any donations into the school office. Thank you.
- **Book amnesty!** Look out for any banded books that you might have at home and bring them into school. Thank you.
- Please donate any **Christmas Jumpers, Outfits, Costumes & Accessories** in preparation for our **Eco-Rep/FOJL Sale** for this **Christmas!**
- Begin to get a named bag prepared for **OPAL** play with spare welly boots, old joggers and an outdoor hoodie/sweatshirt.
- Read the **Parent/Carer Survey results and response** [here](#).
- Collect your child's **Interim Progress Update Report** next **Friday 2nd February**.
- Please read the letter regarding the closure of **Vulcan Close** pedestrian access sent out on **Thursday 25th January** [here](#).