



Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 1st March 2024

HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE

Thank you for supporting us during the last two weeks as we have experienced higher-than-average illness rates; however, we are pleased to say now that cases have subsided. We will continue to monitor and keep in place our stringent cleaning schedule.

WORLD BOOK DAY – THURSDAY 7TH MARCH

We look forward to World Book Day on Thursday 7th March, where the children are invited to come dressed as someone that inspires them or their dream job - or they can come as their favourite book character, of course!

Look out for your £1 World Book Day voucher coming home next Thursday. You can take your voucher to a bookshop or supermarket and exchange it for a brand-new book that has been written especially for World Book Day.



FOJL RAFFLE TICKETS

Your child will be coming home with a book of raffle tickets for our Friends of Joy Lane, Wine & Wisdom evening.

Tickets are £1 and your child will have a book of ten tickets. Unsold tickets/counterfoils should be returned to the school office by Thursday 14th March.

Please ensure sold tickets have names and a contact number written on the counterfoil and are handed in to the school office in an envelope with the correct cash.



WALK 4 WATER – MONDAY 25TH MARCH 2024

On Monday 25th March, the children will be invited to wear blue in aid of supporting Walk 4 Water charity. During the day, children will be taking part in a walking challenge to understand why we are raising money. Our events in previous years have contributed towards providing communities with large water catchments, making a significant difference to many. Please look out for the buckets on the gates at the beginning and end of the day to make your donations. We look forward to seeing you all in blue in a few weeks' time!

OPAL PLAY AMAZON WISHLIST

OPAL Play Wish List

If you would like to support OPAL Play at Joy Lane, please visit our Amazon Wish List.

[Joy Lane Opal Wish List](#)

Thank you to our parents/carers who have contributed this week!

Laura B
Katie-Rose P
Vicky S
Emily B
Clare T
Amy M
Joseph RT



OPAL PLAY – WE NEED YOU!



We are incredibly grateful for the overwhelming support we have received through your generous donations. Your contributions have already helped us significantly impact our children's playtime!

As we continue with our OPAL play mission, we currently need the following items:

- Child-sized strollers
- Suitcases (modern and vintage)
- Storage containers



JOY LANE BIATHLON – ARE YOU INTERESTED?

BIATHLON

We are asking parents/carers to let us know if you and your child/children would be likely to participate in this year's Biathlon. This is not a commitment to attend/take part in the event. Completing this survey will support planning by year groups and give us a rough idea of interest.

Please click the [link](#) for more details and to complete the survey (It will take less than 2 minutes!).

ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Attendance data week ending 1st March 2024



JLPS Whole School attendance	93.2%
Number of Persistent Absentees (less than 90% attendance)	101 pupils 16.34%

Klee – 94.7 %	Kahlo – 95.3%	Kandinsky – 91.7%
Van Gogh – 88.2%	Voysey – 97.1%	Vallotton – 92.2%
Picasso – 92.3%	Postgate – 94.5%	Potter – 95.2%
Riley – 81.9%	Rousseau – 90%	Ringgold – 93%
Hockney – 96.4%	Heron – 97.1%	Hepworth – 96.3%
Degas – 91.6%	Dali – 96.6%	Da Vinci – 93.8%
Bailey – 99.3%	Banksy – 90.7%	Boyce – 95%
Oysters – 89.5%		

HOUSE CAPTAIN CATCH UP

Welcome to the weekly House Captain catch up. Good luck Year 6 as you will be finding out about your secondary schools today. Whatever school you get, everyone is proud of you!

On Monday, the school netball team played a match against Whitstable Juniors and won 4-0. It was an away match and Zach F scored two, Leo B scored one and Louie C scored one. What a result!

In the celebration assembly on Monday, we found out the places we came in cross country: the Year 5 and 6 girls came 5th, Year 5 and 6 boys came joint first, Year 3 and 4 girls came 7th and Year 3 & 4 boys came 2nd. What an incredible effort!

Just to let you know, the clubs are stopping on 22nd March so put this in your diary.

On Wednesday, Mrs Kyle hosted an assembly about Amy Johnson, the first woman to fly a plane from England to Australia. Unfortunately, while helping the WW2 efforts, her plane crashed, and her body was never found. It is thought that her plane ran out of fuel; there is a statue and plaque in Herne Bay to honour her duties. Mrs Kyle also set three Dojo challenges and the best will be put up in the hall! Good luck!



WHITSTABLE LIBRARY WORLD BOOK DAY EVENT



World Book Day
Story Time
at Whitstable Library



Thursday 7 March
3:30pm
Free to attend
No booking required!



Dress to impress!

PARENT & CARER CHECKLIST

- Next week will be **Week 3** of the [menu](#). Check out our updated Spring menu (outlining allergens).
- **Wellies or Old trainers to be brought in for OPAL Play in a named carrier bag.**
- **It's World Book Day on Thursday!**
- **Download a copy of the Term 4 Dates [here](#).**
- **Check out our [Joy Lane Opal Play Wish List](#) – can you help?**
- **Click [here](#) to read your child's Curriculum Web.**
- **Buy your Wine and Wisdom tickets here: www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofjoylane**
- **Please click the [link](#) to show your interest in the Biathlon event.**
- **We're collecting child-sized strollers, suitcases (modern and vintage) and storage containers.**
- **Extended Learning Clubs finish on Friday 22nd March.**

