



Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 23rd February 2024

EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 4, which has been somewhat of a wet week, but it is funny how children never notice or are even aware of the weather - they just want to go outside and play! They are certainly enjoying our new approach to playtimes and are having super fun. Thank you so much for those that who have donated to our OPAL Play wish list - the children will be very pleased, and we are grateful.

Safeguarding

As you are aware, my priority is always to ensure the safety of all, in school, and safety online. This week I am sharing with you a [letter](#) regarding online safety advice, [Six Top Tips for parents](#) to keep your children safe online plus a [Digital Family Agreement](#) - the advice is really useful and may help you supporting online safety for your child/children. Mrs Moorfield or I are always happy to chat to you about any aspect of online safety, so please do get in touch if we can be of help.

I have been contacted by a few of our neighbours who are requesting that children and adults do not access their private properties by blocking driveways and parking across their driveways or for children to sit/play on their driveways/pathways. In addition, the residents' security alarms/ring doorbell videos are being activated due to activity on their driveways specifically during the morning and afternoon collection/drop offs. After speaking with a few children this morning, they believe the house adjacent to our blue school gates (number 38 Joy Lane) belongs to our school...that would be lovely, but it is a private property, so please keep off this property.

The children have had a good few visitors this week. The Royal British Legion presented us with 'The Affiliation Certificate' as we have such close community links with them, and the members always remark what happy, polite children we have at Joy Lane... always a proud moment to hear this. We have also had the 'Bikeability' team in this week teaching bike and road safety with our Year 5 children - they have been doing really well. Year 1 had a few special visitors today to help them with their writing about a special pet next week: Walter the Tortoise and Phyllis the Duck were the stars of the show alongside, rabbits, guinea pigs, goldfish, a stick insect, snails and Daisy the Dog. Phyllis the Duck was so happy, she laid an egg whilst in School! Our children in our Nursery and Early Years managed to sneak a peek at our visitors too. It was a very happy way to end the first week of term.

All good wishes,

Ms D Hines
Executive Headteacher



WORLD BOOK DAY

A reminder that World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March and the theme this year is 'Little People, Big Dreams!' 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!



UPDATED SPRING MENU

Please be aware that we have changed two desserts and two main courses on the menu.

Oyster Bay Catering Menu at Joy Lane Primary School Spring & Summer Term 2024

	MEAT FREE MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1	Homemade Cheese & Tomato Pizza Baked Potato Wedges Sweetcorn Salad & Baked Beans Low Sugar Ice Cream Tub	Smoky Spanish Pork Meatballs Vegetable & Mixed Bean Burrito Steamed Rice Peas & Vegetable Sticks Jam Sponge Custard	Roast Chicken & Gravy Vegan Meatloaf Sage & Onion Stuffing Roast Potatoes Carrots & Green Beans Fresh Fruit Salad	Mince Beef Pie Chickpea & Sweet Potato Samosa Mashed Potato Broccoli & Mixed Vegetables Fruit Meringue Cream	Fish Fingers Bean Burger Chips Peas & Baked Beans White Chocolate Chip Biscuit
Week 2	MEAT FREE MONDAY Pasta in a BBQ Tomato Sauce Cauliflower & Broccoli Cheese Garlic Bread Cucumber Salad & Peas Frozen Mousse	TUESDAY Mild Beef Chilli Soya Mince Chilli Sour Cream Mixed Bean Savory Rice Mixed Salad Peachy Melba Crumbles	WEDNESDAY Roast Pork & Gravy Baked Veggie Sausages & Gravy Apple Sauce Roast Potatoes Carrots & Cabbage Fresh Melon	THURSDAY Chicken & Leek Risotto Spinach & Feta Pie Tomato Salad & Sweetcorn with Mixed Peppers Blueberry Sponge Custard	FRIDAY Oven Baked Battered Fish Filet BBQ Vegetable Wrap Chips Peas, & Baked Beans Lemon Biscuit
Week 3	MEAT FREE MONDAY The Jacket Potato Shack Various Fillings (Beans, Cheese Vegan Cheese, Coleslaw Tuna Mayonnaise Mixed Salad & Vegetable Sticks Ice Lolly	TUESDAY Sweet & Sour Chicken Vegetable Curry Steamed Rice Whole Green Beans & Cauliflower Vanilla Ice Cream with Fruit Compote	WEDNESDAY Minced Beef in Gravy Soya Mince in Onion Gravy Yorkshire Pudding Roast Potatoes Carrots & Peas Mandarins with Cream (optional)	THURSDAY Baked Pork Sausages Vegan Sausages Mashed Potato Baked Beans & Mixed Vegetables Butterscotch Mousse	FRIDAY Fish Fingers Salmon Fish Cake Dairy Free Cheese & Marmite Twist Chips Baked Beans & Peas Oat Cookie
Week 4	MEAT FREE MONDAY Cheese & Potato Pie Spanish Omelette Baked Beans Tomato & Red Onion Salad Fruit Smoothie	TUESDAY Lemon & Garlic Chicken Roasted Mediterranean Vegetables Steamed New Potatoes Sweetcorn & Peas Apple & Strawberry Crumble Cream	WEDNESDAY Roast Gammon, Gravy Vegan Vegetable Pie Roast Potatoes Carrots & Broccoli Fruit Salad	THURSDAY Beef Pasta Bolognese Stuffed Pepper with Couscous Cauliflower & Mixed Vegetable Chocolate Chip Sponge Custard	FRIDAY Oven Baked Battered Fish Filet Veggie Nuggets Chips Baked Beans & Peas Vanilla Shortbread

Available Daily: Freshly Baked Bread
S, Jacket Potatoes (Limited Availability), Fresh Fruit & Yoghurts

*Additional dietary information, subject to availability: **Gluten Free** option available for Pasta, Pizza, Sausages, Fish, Biscuit. **Dairy Free/Vegan** option available for Pizza, Ice Cream & Custard. Vegan Jelly available.

ALLERGENS Celery, Dairy, Egg, Fish, Mustard, Wheat, Sesame, Soya, Sulphite,

TERM 4 CURRICULUM WEBS

We are excited to share our learning with you for Term 4 through our year group Curriculum Webs. Here, you will find a snapshot of learning across the curriculum and see how we immerse the children in their learning through a range of hooks and books!

Please click [here](#) to be directed to your child's Curriculum Web.



TERM 4 DATES

Term 4 Dates



2023-24

<h3>Week 1</h3> <p>Year 5 Bikeability (all week)</p> <p>Thursday 22nd February - 5:30pm (Teams) Year 5 Gilwell Park Residential Meeting</p> <p>Friday 23rd February - 3:15pm (Carpark) Friends of Joy Lane Pre-loved World Book Day Sale</p>	<h3>Week 2</h3> <p>Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th February Year 5 Bikeability</p>
<h3>Week 3</h3> <p>Thursday 7th March World Book Day (Dress-up)</p>	<h3>Week 4</h3> <p>Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th March Yoga Sessions (Whole School)</p> <p>Friday 15th March Red Nose Day (Non-school uniform)</p>
<h3>Week 5</h3> <p>Monday 18th - Wednesday 20th March Year 5 Residential to Gilwell Park</p> <p>Friday 22nd March Extended Learning Clubs Finish</p>	<h3>Week 6</h3> <p>Monday 25th March Walk 4 Water (Wear blue)</p> <p>Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th March Light Up the Hall (Musical Event)</p> <p>Thursday 28th March Last Day of Term (Earlier finish)</p>

WALK 4 WATER – MONDAY 25TH MARCH

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!

Hayley B
Laura S
Stacey-Anne K
Christopher H
Ross E
Lisa R
J Wynn
David



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



ATTENDANCE UPDATE



Attendance data week ending 23rd February 2024

JLPS Whole School attendance	94%
Number of Persistent Absentees (less than 90% attendance)	101 pupils 16.34%

Klee – 87%	Kahlo – 92.3%	Kandinsky – 75.9%
Van Gogh – 89.6%	Voysey – 95%	Vallotton – 98.1%
Picasso – 94%	Postgate – 93.5%	Potter – 96.3%
Riley – 95.7%	Rousseau – 90.4%	Ringold – 91.3%
Hockney – 93.1%	Heron – 94.6%	Hepworth – 97.8%
Degas – 95.6%	Dali – 93.5%	Da Vinci – 93.1%
Bailey – 93.5%	Banksy – 94.1%	Boyce – 91.7%
Oysters – 89.3%		

HOUSE CAPTAIN CATCH UP

Welcome to the weekly house captain catch-up. Thomas D and Mia H took part in the end-of-term challenge and will receive a commendation award from the House Captains. Thomas produced a wonderful piece of writing, where Mia created a brilliant Lego design.

Congratulations to Mayflower who won last term's house point challenge. Today, Mayflower could wear non-school uniform. As well as getting house points in school, you can receive some at home by playing EdShed so make sure you are playing as much as you can to help your house.

Just a reminder, keep bringing in dressing up clothes, bags and more for Opal Play. Also remember to bring wellies or old shoes and old clothes that you don't mind getting muddy, as you can go on the field and play in the mud kitchen.

In a few weeks, you can dress up in blue to contribute to a fundraiser called Walk for Water – more details to follow. Furthermore, in two weeks, World Book Day is coming up so you can dress up as your favourite book character which we know is a favourite for Joy Lane.

YEAR 5 RESIDENTIAL MEETING – GILWELL PARK

On Thursday 22nd February, Mrs Harkins led the final Gilwell Park meeting before the trip on Monday 18th March. Watch the recording of the Year 5 Residential Meeting [here](#).



FOJL WINE AND WISDOM – BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!

WINE & WISDOM



GATHER THE GANG AND GET COMPETITIVE!

15 March | 7pm

Joy Lane Primary School

Tickets available now via
PTA Events



Buy your tickets here: www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofjoylane

Any questions, please contact: friends@joylane.kent.sch.uk



PARENT & CARER CHECKLIST

- Next week will be **Week 2** 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.**
- **Watch the Year 5 Residential Meeting [here](#).**
- **Download a copy of the Term 4 Dates [here](#).**
- **Check out our [Joy Lane Opal Play Wish List](#) – can you help?**
- **Read the Term 4-6 Swimming Letter [here](#).**
- **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.**

