



Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 15th March 2024

TERM DATES - COMING SOON

School term dates for 2024/2025 are currently being confirmed and will be shared on next week's Newsletter.

OPAL PLAY – WE NEED YOU!

We are in the process of preparing our school site for our OPAL Play sand pit. We are asking for donations of the following items to enable us to be set up and ready to go!

Sandpit ready –

- Sand buckets of various sizes and shapes
- Spades of various sizes for sand
- Sand sieves
- Water/sand spinners (like a water mill)

Other things we need for OPAL -

- Buggies/push chairs

Things we don't currently need -

- No wellies
- No books



OPAL PLAY DONATIONS

We have been overwhelmed by the donations and Amazon purchases for OPAL Play, and we are seeing the impact of these resources in the children's exciting playtimes.

If you are looking to donate pre-loved items from home, please can we ask that you keep to the suggested lists of items, as we are receiving toys and items that are not in line with the OPAL play approach.

MOBILE PHONE USE IN SCHOOL – DFE GUIDANCE

We know the use of mobile phones by young people is a contentious issue and a worry, especially as children prepare for their transition to secondary school. Please see the latest DFE Guidance sent to schools on mobile phones and their use in schools:

Government launches crackdown on mobile phones in schools - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)



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!

Amy C
Samantha S
Carly L
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HOUSE CAPTAIN CATCH UP

Welcome to the weekly House Captain Catch-up. On Wednesday, there was a handball competition between all the local schools. Joy Lane did really well and won against Ethelbert Road 10-1, lost to Herne Bay Juniors and drew with Herne Hill 3-3. Unfortunately, they didn't qualify for the quarters but lost out by only 3 goals. Well done everyone.

This week, there were yoga sessions around the school instructed by a lovely guest called Abby. It was all about 'my thoughts matter', 'my feelings matter' and 'my voice matters'. Each class got to experience this throughout the school, and everyone loved it!

Today, it was Comic Relief and we all dressed up in red to raise money for people in need around the world. Thank you to everyone who has donated £1 or more, and there is still time to go online to donate.

This week is Science Week and a ClassDojo challenge has been sent out. Also, you can still take part in the Amy Johnson's Dojo challenge, so please keep an eye out for this.

Finally, congratulations to the Boys' football team who have won their league, finishing top and will now be playing Swalecliffe in the final of the tournament this coming Monday. Good luck to all the boys.



ATTENDANCE UPDATE



Attendance data week ending 15th March 2024

JLPS Whole School attendance	93.9%
Number of Persistent Absentees (less than 90% attendance)	99 pupils 16.01%

Klee – 93.4 %	Kahlo – 94.4%	Kandinsky – 89.5%
Van Gogh – 93.6%	Voysey – 93.2%	Vallotton – 95.1%
Picasso – 96.1%	Postgate – 92.3%	Potter – 95.1%
Riley – 93.4%	Rousseau – 93.2%	Ringold – 94.8%
Hockney – 95.9%	Heron – 95.3%	Hepworth – 95.4%
Degas – 94.2%	Dali – 94.4%	Da Vinci – 91.3%
Bailey – 93.9%	Banksy – 94.5%	Boyce – 94.1%
Oysters – 92.9%		

WHITSTABLE LIBRARY EASTER EVENTS

**Recycled Materials
ARTS & CRAFTS**

 Kent Libraries



THURSDAY 11 APRIL
No booking required

10:30AM TO 11:15AM **AT WHITSTABLE LIBRARY** **FREE TO ATTEND**

 Kent Libraries



**EASTER
Arts & Crafts**
at Whitstable Library
Wednesday 27 March
Between 3:30pm and 4:15pm

Free to attend



BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK CHALLENGE



AFTER SCHOOL SWIMMING LESSONS

We are now taking bookings for after school swimming lessons which will commence from Monday 15th April 2024.

If you are interested or would like to re-enrol your child, please contact Katie by email only at swimschool@joylane.kent.sch.uk.

PARENT & CARER CHECKLIST

- Next week will be **Week 1** of the [menu](#).
- Check out our [Joy Lane Opal Play Wish List](#) – can you help?
- We enjoyed our Red Nose Day celebrations today. If you would like to donate, please visit our [Just Giving Page](#).
- **Extended Learning Clubs finish next Friday 22nd March.**
- **Wear blue on Monday 25th March for Walk for Water.**
- **We have an overwhelming stock of donated books, so thank you for your support. At this moment in time, we are unable to accept any more book donations until we can organise the current stock we already have.**

