



# Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024

## EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

This week's Ofsted Inspection of Joy Lane Primary School was under Section 8 of the framework; this meant that Ofsted came to check that our school was still 'good' and due to the parameters of the Inspection, the grade could not change, even though there were numerous examples of exceptionalism in areas.



I would like to thank you for speaking with the Inspectors and responding to the 'Parent View' survey - we had 225 responses by the end of the Inspection, with 96% saying they would recommend Joy Lane Primary School. There was a small minority of negative comments (5%) and a plethora of positive comments (95%) within the survey; some of you will recognise your views when our report is published within the next thirty days.

As ever, the children were polite, very welcoming and showed their impeccable manners to the Inspectors and were extremely keen to share their learning, which they did, and the children's obvious pride in their school was mentioned positively by Inspectors during their 'keeping in touch' meetings with the senior leadership team; this was a joy to hear. The Governors and I are extremely proud of the inspiring educational provision and enriching opportunities our staff plan for the children, where they always go over and above to ensure all pupils are engaged and making progress in their learning, whilst providing exceptional activities for their personal development. These thoughts were reflected during the Inspectors' ongoing feedback to us; they also said that not all positive findings will be able to be included in the official report due to a standardised Ofsted template and glossary, but the Leadership team, Local Authority representative and members of our Governing Body have all received the detailed feedback and feel that it is a true reflection of how wonderful our school is.

I look forward to sharing the Inspection report with you as soon as it is published...

## TERM 5 CURRICULUM WEBS

We are excited to share our learning with you for Term 5 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.



## PUPILS ENTERING AND EXITING THE SCHOOL SITE

We are extremely proud of our older children who enter and exit the school site independently and display the school ethos of being Respectful, Responsible and Ready at all times. This independence is a valuable experience and certainly prepares our children for life at secondary school in the coming years.

As you will know the school site is so much larger than most primary schools, and we do our best to monitor these transition times effectively; however, there will be times when the children are out of sight and moving independently to meet parents and carers at different points outside the school gates. Therefore, we expect our children to be responsible and conduct themselves appropriately during these times, especially if they are walking with friends and peers.

If school feels that a tiny minority of children are struggling with this independence and getting themselves involved in irresponsible behaviour, then it would be necessary to ask that parents to collect children from the classroom as an alternative arrangement.



## NEURODIVERSITY WEEK – NEXT WEEK

As part of Joy Lane's 'Neurodiversity Week' next week, we will be discussing how all our brains work differently and this is what makes us all unique. Part of the discussions will look at invisible disabilities including autism, ADHD, sensory processing disorder, dyslexia, epilepsy and Crohn's disease.

We will be focusing on the wonderful characteristics of each of these and how they may support an individual in being the best versions of themselves!

Throughout the week, all of our children will have opportunities to learn a little about the brain and talk about what makes them special.

We may be using the following videos when discussing autism and ADHD with our children. Please watch these videos and if you have any concerns or comments regarding these, please contact your child's class teacher.

Amazing Things Happen – Autism: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ezv85LMFx2E>

Amazing Things Happen – ADHD: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lt9UHQgtDfU>

Please note, we will not be discussing or sharing any child's personal information regarding invisible disabilities, but in the past we have had children being very open and honest with their peers. We believe this to be a testament of the safe environment we have created for our children to be themselves and we look forward to celebrating their uniqueness further throughout the week.



## MOVEMENT MAY

# Movement May

We have considered the parent feedback regarding the Joy Lane Biathlon, and as a school, we have decided to replace this year's Biathlon with 'Movement May'. Through this, we are able to open the fundraiser to the whole school, ensuring the event is inclusive of all.

We are pleased to confirm the money raised for Movement May will continue to go towards supporting our wonderful Joy Lane Swimming pool, enabling us to keep this as part of our fantastic curriculum offer.

This year's swimming pool fundraising event is inviting everyone to take part with getting fit during the month of May. All pupils at Joy Lane can take part in this sponsored home challenge, and we are really looking forward to seeing your creativity with how you move.

The idea is that children will get sponsors for taking part in some physical activity every day in May. Children that take on this challenge will receive their own fitness logbook to record how they have moved each day. Remember - movement can be walking the dog to playing football in the garden.

At the beginning of Term 6, logbooks and sponsorship money will be collected. For every £5 raised by a child, their name will be entered into a swimming pool raffle. Three names will be drawn for a chance to win a swimming pool fun session for that individual and their **WHOLE** class. Other prizes will be handed out for participation and creativity with activity logbooks.

We hope this gives everyone a chance to enjoy moving whilst supporting the fundraising for our swimming pool.



## HOUSE CAPTAIN CATCH-UP

Welcome to the weekly House Captain 'Catch Up'. From Monday to Thursday, we had lots of books and stationery to buy: it was after school and lots of people bought different genres of books, as well as pens, pencils, rubbers and more! This is brilliant as some of the profits will go to our school to buy new books!

Next week on Wednesday, there is going to be a Girls and Boys' football tournament at the University of Kent, and we will tell you how they get on next week. We are very excited! Good luck to all involved.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, Ofsted came to our school and interviewed some of our Year 6 students, as well as admiring their fabulous books and work.

On Tuesday, we had visitors who led a recycling assembly, and we learnt about how to make paper and what happens to your recycled waste. We also learned how important it is to recycle. Unbelievably, they made paper in front of us!

## WHITSTABLE CASTLE MAY DAY FESTIVAL



WHITSTABLE, HERNE BAY, CANTERBURY LIONS,  
BRING YOU ....

**MAY DAY  
FAMILY FUNDAY**

Monday, May 6th  
11 -4PM

AT WHITSTABLE CASTLE

\*STALLS \*MORRIS DANCING \*MUSIC  
\*ENTERTAINMENT \*PUNCH AND JUDY  
\*ICE CREAM \*CANDY FLOSS \*HOT FOOD  
\*FREE CHILDREN'S GAMES WITH CRAZEE HAZEE  
\*COCONUT SHY \*BOUNCY CASTLE

A Lions' Fundraising Event for Local People in Need





# ATTENDANCE UPDATE



Attendance data week ending 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024

JLPS Whole School attendance	95%
Number of Persistent Absentees (less than 90% attendance)	91 pupils 14.77%

Klee – 96.7%	Kahlo – 94.3%	Kandinsky – 89%
Van Gogh – 95%	Voysey – 94.3%	Vallotton – 96.2%
Picasso – 99.7%	Postgate – 93.7%	Potter – 96.7%
Riley – 99.4%	Rousseau – 96.8%	Ringold – 92.7%
Hockney – 95.7%	Heron – 92.5%	Hepworth – 97.8%
Degas – 91.2%	Dali – 95.5%	Da Vinci – 88.3%
Bailey – 95.2%	Banksy – 96.3%	Boyce – 96.4%
Oysters – 96.1%		

## ONLINE PARENT WORKSHOPS

As part of our Neurodiversity week, we are excited to share our partnership with the Emotional Well-being Team (EWT). We will be working closely together to provide workshops, information sessions, coffee mornings, and advice and support for all members of our school community. From September we will be welcoming a member of the EWT into school for a day a week where they will be working directly with children, families and staff to help further develop our whole school approach to emotional well-being. Watch this space for further information and updates including our Coffee Morning introduction for parents.

In the meantime, please make a note of the below dates in your diary. As part of this new partnership, the EWT offer a variety of virtual workshops available to our school community. With a wide variation, there is something for everyone. We will provide further information in the build up to the workshop via the weekly Newsletter and ClassDojo so keep an eye out!

### Online Parent Workshops

Aimed at parents of children in primary school

Kent Emotional Wellbeing Teams  
Medway Emotional Support Teams

- Understanding Your Child's Behaviour 01/05/24 5.30-7.30pm
- Introduction to Understanding Autism 13/05/24 10.30-12.30pm
- Supporting Your Child with Worries & Fears 23/05/24 5.30-7.30pm
- Starting Secondary School 12/06/24 10-12pm
- Understanding ADHD in Children 27/06/24 5.30-7.30pm
- Starting Primary School 09/07/24 12.30-2.30pm

*\*Workshop times alternate from term to term*

Our online workshops offer information around key topics to help understand what is going on for your child and strategies to support them, based on the latest evidence and practice.

If you would like to join, please raise your interest with your child's school so that they can send you the link. If you have any questions please speak to your child's school.

Our workshops are held on Microsoft Teams. You do not need an account to join. You will need access to the internet. Currently, this workshop is only available to parents/carers of children attending a EWT/EST school. Please speak to your child's school or check our website for our list of schools.

We look forward to meeting you.

www.nelft.nhs.uk

### DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE PROBLEMS WITH ANXIETY?

Being away from caregivers, General worries, School worries, Bedtime fears, Social worries, Phobias (e.g. spiders, dogs, injections) & more

#### OSI COULD HELP YOU

OSI (Online Support and Intervention) is an online platform designed to help parents to learn tools and techniques to help their child (aged 5 to 12 years old) to overcome difficulties with anxiety.

Parents work through weekly online modules that contain videos, quizzes, and interactive worksheets. Parents are also supported by a weekly telephone/video call appointment with a practitioner.

You can access OSI at a convenient time for you using any electronic device!

**GET IN TOUCH:**

Scan the QR code for more information on OSI.

If your child attends one of our schools, and you are interested in learning more about OSI and whether this is the right support for you, please email our team at: [EWTanESTenquiries@nelft.nhs.uk](mailto:EWTanESTenquiries@nelft.nhs.uk)

Best care by the best people



# UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD'S BEHAVIOUR WORKSHOP

As part of our partnership with The Emotional Wellbeing Team, we are excited to share this upcoming Parent Workshop around 'Understanding Your Child's Behaviour'.

**NELFT NHS**  
NHS Foundation Trust

**Online Parent Workshops**

Aimed at parents of children in primary school

**Understanding Your Child's Behaviour**  
Wednesday 1st May 5.30-7.30pm

\*Workshop timings change from term to term

Are you currently experiencing difficulties with your child at home? Would you like to come and meet with other parents and carers and learn about ways to enjoy your time more with your child?

You are invited to a workshop about understanding and communicating with your child. It will help you consider factors which influence behaviour. We also discuss techniques that you can use at home for behaviours that you feel are difficult to manage.

If you would like to join, please ctrl + click the link below or by entering the Meeting ID and Passcode within Teams:

[Join the meeting now](#)

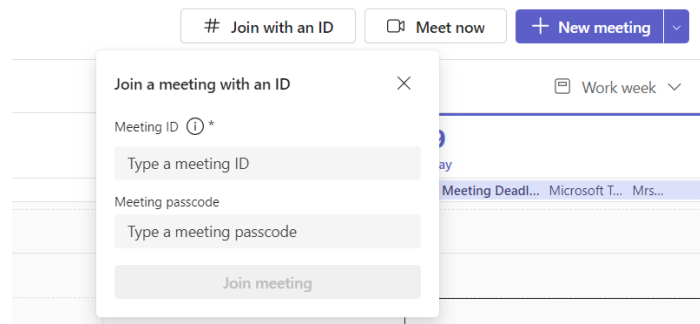
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We look forward to meeting you.

[www.nelft.nhs.uk](http://www.nelft.nhs.uk)

If you are joining a virtual workshop for the first time, you can do this by using the Meeting ID and Password through the calendar on Teams:




Please note that these workshops are not run by the school; therefore, any queries regarding these should be directed to [EWTanESTenquiries@nelft.nhs.uk](mailto:EWTanESTenquiries@nelft.nhs.uk).



# ONLINE SAFETY FREE EVENT FOR PARENTS & CARERS

Eastern Region Special Operations Unit



## Cyber Choices and Online Safety Events

For parents / carers of children aged 9 and up

You are invited to attend two **free** online sessions to discuss all things "cyber".

These sessions will be suitable for parents/carers of children in Year 5 (age 9) and above. This will be a fantastic opportunity to learn and ask questions regarding your child's online world and it shouldn't be missed!

**Part 1** will introduce you to the Cyber Choices programme which will be delivered by the Eastern Region Cyber Choices Team. They will provide:

- An overview to parents and carers on what cybercrime is.
- What the risks to young people are.
- How the Cyber Choices programme supports at-risk individuals.
- How you can refer a young person into Cyber Choices.

You will also hear from Kent County Council's Education Safeguarding Team, who will provide an overview of:

- Some of the potential risks that children and young people may experience online.
- Advice to support parents to make informed decisions and keep their children safer online.

Please visit the NCA website to find out more about [Cyber Choices](#)

Please register for **one** part 1 session only (as these will be duplicated), by clicking on the link below.

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024 @ 1000 - Part 1  
[Book here](#)

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024 @ 1300 - Part 1  
[Book here](#)

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024 @ 1600 - Part 1  
[Book here](#)

**Part 2** will be delivered by the Eastern Region Cyber Protect Team. They will provide:

- Advice on how to improve your personal cyber security.
- Identifying and protecting yours (and your children's) key accounts.
- Threats and techniques that cyber criminals may use to target you / your family.
- Benefits of family accounts.
- Parental controls on your router.
- Signposting to useful resources.

The aim of the session is to provide you with tools and techniques to improve the cyber security of your family.

Advice and guidance from the session will be in line with the Government's [Stop! Think! Fraud!](#) and the National Cyber Security Centres [CyberAware](#) campaigns.

Again, please register for **one** part 2 session only (as these will be duplicated), by clicking on the link below.

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024 @ 1000 - Part 2  
[Book here](#)

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024 @ 1300 - Part 2  
[Book here](#)

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024 @ 1600 - Part 2  
[Book here](#)

If you have any questions or would like us to cover a certain topic within our sessions, then please complete our [online form](#).

## PARENT & CARER CHECKLIST

- Next week will be **Week 1** of the [menu](#).
- Check out our [Joy Lane Opal Play Wish List](#) – can you help?
- Download a copy of our **2024/25 term dates** [here](#).
- Download a copy of our **Term 5 Event Dates** [here](#).
- We are in need of scooters, buggies, spades and suitcases for **OPAL Play** – can you help?
- Pick up a printed copy of the **Newsletter** and important dates from the school office foyer.

