



Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 24th May 2024

HAPPY HALF-TERM!

- HALF TERM -
- IS HERE -

OPAL PLAY – SANDPIT FUN!

Our beautiful sandpit is now being used and the children are enjoying our first big project. A huge thank you to the JLPS community, the FoJL and children for getting this play resource up and running in a short space of time.



If you would like to purchase something for the children to use in the sandpit, you can do so via our [Amazon Wishlist](#). Here are some of our most wanted items –



OPAL PLAY – NEW STAGING PROJECT!

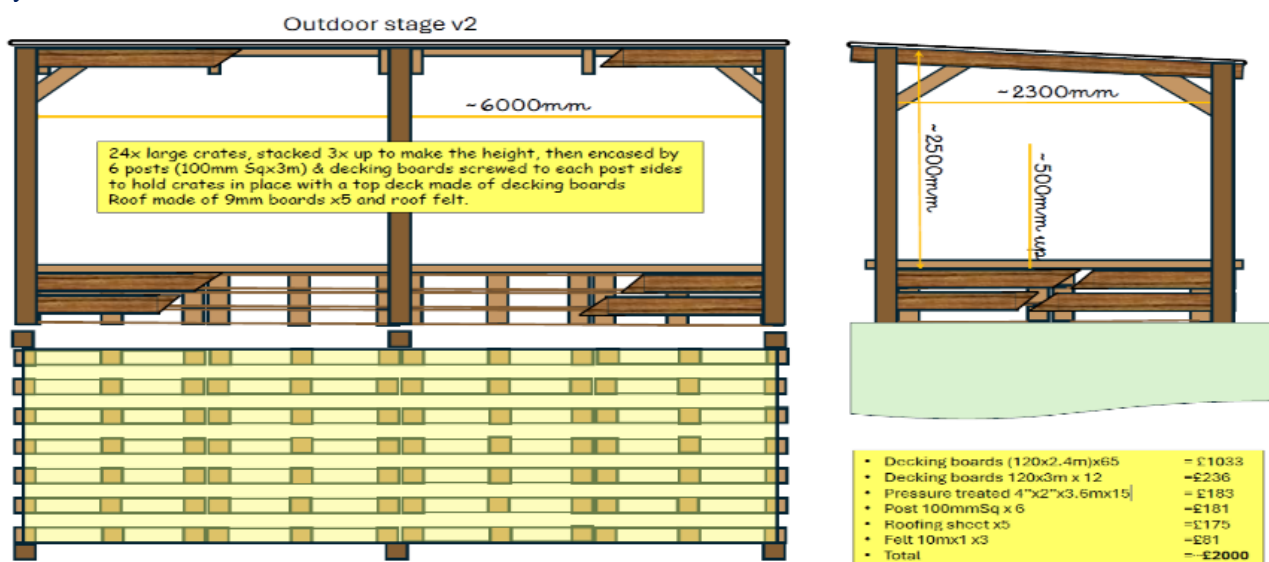


Project number two for OPAL is an Outdoor Performance Stage, which two members of our school community have offered to build over the summer holidays.

This is a very exciting and generous offer, and in preparation, we hope that we can quickly raise £2000 towards the cost of the weatherproof timber. At school, we have put together a drawing, as below, for your information, so you have an idea of what we plan to do. If you feel that you would like to contribute towards the cost of the timber, then please contact Mr Ashley Jones or the school office.



The OPAL team, Mrs Rawlings, and of course our children, are very excited by our next project.



ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Attendance data week ending 24th May 2024



JLPS Whole School attendance	94%
Number of Persistent Absentees (less than 90% attendance)	92 pupils 14.95%

Klee – 97 %	Kahlo – 98%	Kandinsky – 87.6%
Van Gogh – 97.8%	Voysey – 87.9%	Vallotton – 95.4%
Picasso – 95%	Postgate – 96.7%	Potter – 92%
Riley – 86.5%	Rousseau – 94.4%	Ringold – 91.3%
Hockney – 93.8%	Heron – 97.8%	Hepworth – 90.4%
Degas – 92.5%	Dali – 92.4%	Da Vinci – 90.4%
Bailey – 93.8%	Banksy – 94.1%	Boyce – 94.3%
Oysters – 91.3%		



YEAR 6 PROM – BUY TICKETS NOW!

A group of Year 6 parents are planning a Year 6 Leavers Prom! Buy your tickets [here](#). It is a momentous occasion marking the end of an era and the beginning of new adventures!

 **Date: Wednesday 17th July**

 **Time: 7-9pm**

 **Venue: Whitstable Umbrella Centre, Oxford Street, Whitstable.**

 **Ticket Price: £12.50**

 **Ticket Deadline: please buy your child's ticket by Wednesday 10th July**

Tickets include:

- DJ
- Photo booth
- Unlimited squash
- Light snack

Please be aware that this is not a school-run event. Please forward any queries to friends@joylane.kent.sch.uk.

AFTER SCHOOL ART CLUB @ JOY LANE

There are currently Term 6 places available for the Dot Kids Art Club at Joy Lane School.



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"Everything starts from a dot..."



ONLINE SAFETY

With children accessing screens more often over the two-week break, why not take this time to check your child's security settings on YouTube.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, users and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children. Should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps that we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about YOUTUBE

YouTube is a video-sharing social media platform that allows billions of people around the world to watch, share and upload their own videos with a vast range of content – including sport, entertainment, education and lots more. It's a superb space for people to consume content that they're interested in. As a result, this astronomically popular platform has had a huge social impact: influencing online culture on a global scale and creating new celebrities.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

YouTube is free and can be accessed via numerous devices, even without creating a YouTube account. Some content is flagged as 'age-restricted' (requiring the user to be logged into an account with a verified age of 18), but children can still view some mildly inappropriate material. This can include profanity and violence, which some young users may find upsetting.

CONNECT WITH STRANGERS

YouTube is a social media platform which allows people to interact with other (usually unknown) users. Account holders can leave comments on any video they have access to, as well as messaging other users directly. Connections with strangers online, of course, can potentially lead to children being exposed to adult language, to cyberbullying and even to encountering online predators.

SUGGESTED CONTENT

YouTube recommends videos related to what the user has previously watched on their account, aiming to provide content that will interest them. This is intended to be helpful but can also lead to binge-watching and the risk of screen addiction, especially if 'auto-play' is activated. Users without an account are shown popular videos from the last 24 hours, which might not always be suitable for children.

HIGH VISIBILITY

Content creators can also be put at risk – especially young ones who try to make their online presence as visible as possible. Creating and uploading content exposes children to potential harassment and toxicity from the comments section, along with the possibility of direct messaging from strangers. Videos posted publicly can be watched by anyone in the world.

TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

YouTube is teeming with trends, challenges and memes that are fun to watch and join in with. Children often find these immensely entertaining and might want to try them out. Most challenges tend to be safe, but many others may harm children through either watching or copying. The painful 'salt and ice challenge', which can cause injuries very quickly, is just one of many such examples.

SNEAKY SCAMMERS

Popular YouTube channels regularly have scammers posing as a well-known influencer in the comments section, attempting to lure users into clicking on their phishing links. Scammers impersonate YouTubers by adopting their names and profile images, and sometimes offer cash gifts or 'get rich quick' schemes. Children may not realise that these users are not who they claim to be.

Advice for Parents & Carers

APPLY RESTRICTED MODE

Restricted Mode is an optional setting that prevents YouTube from showing inappropriate content (such as drug and alcohol abuse, graphic violence and sexual situations) to underage viewers. To prevent your child from changing across age-inappropriate content on the platform, we would recommend enabling Restricted Mode on each device that your child uses to access YouTube.

TRY GOOGLE FAMILY

Creating a Google Family account allows you to monitor what your child is watching, uploading and sharing with other users. It will also display their recently watched videos, searches and recommended videos. In general, a Google family account gives you an oversight of how your child is using sites like YouTube and helps you ensure they are only accessing appropriate content.

CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

YouTube gives users the option of uploading videos as 'private' or 'unlisted' – so they could be shared exclusively with family and friends, for example. Comments on videos can also be disabled and channels that your child is subscribed to can be hidden. If your child is only uploading videos that are protected as 'private', they are far less likely to receive direct messages from strangers.

CHECK OTHER PLATFORMS

Influential content creators usually have other social media accounts which they encourage their fans to follow. Having an open discussion about this with your child makes it easier to find out how else they might be following a particular creator online. It also opens up avenues for you to check out that creator's other channels to see what type of content your child is being exposed to.

MONITOR ENGAGEMENT

YouTube is the online viewing platform of choice for billions of people, many of them children. Younger children will watch different content to older ones, of course, and react to content differently. You may want to keep an eye on how your child interacts with content on YouTube – and, if applicable, with content creators – to understand the types of videos they are interested in.

LIMIT SPENDING

Although YouTube is free, it does offer some in-app purchases: users can rent and buy TV shows and movies to watch, for example. If you're not comfortable with your child purchasing content online, limit their access to your bank cards and online payment methods. Many parents have discovered to their cost that a child happily devouring a paid-for series quickly leads to an unexpected bill!

Meet Our Expert

Clara Godwin (a.k.a. 'Lunatic!'), has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Upword Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.

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COMMUNITY / HALF-TERM EVENTS





FLYIN AT THE MUSEUM

in association with
LAA KENT STRUT FLYIN
WEATHER PERMITTING

HUNDREDS OF AIRCRAFT LANDING AT MANSTON

FRIDAY 24TH - SUNDAY 26TH MAY
10am-4pm Daily **NO NEED TO BOOK**

Light aircraft on the Museum's Taxi-way
Meet the Pilots **Charity Stalls**
Plane Spotting!
Younger Activity Sheet*
Sit in Light Aircraft! **Vehicles on Display**



***Normal museum fees apply**

24TH - 26TH MAY
Doors Open: 6.30pm
Talk Starts: 7.00pm
Tickets: £5pp

A tribute and talk about
THE LIFE AND DEATH OF
AMY JOHNSON

Booking Essential
Payment on the day
An evening dedicated to the
captivating story of legendary
Aviator Amy Johnson

For any queries please contact events@rafmanston.co.uk

**Escorted Tours from the Museum
to the Airport viewing area**

Allowing access to view hundreds of planes
and to have a chat with the pilots
£5pp

Proceeds to Charities - The Martha Trust, Brain
Tumour Research + The RAF MHM

Whitstable Library

ELMER DAY

Craft Event

Saturday 25 May



Between
**10:30am and
11:15am**

FREE to attend



FAR SKATEBOARDING LESSONS

SATURDAYS | 10AM & 11AM

SKATE FOUNDATION SKATE ACADEMY SKATE SHOP



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UNIT 77, JOHN WILSON BUSINESS PARK, CT5 3QT
FOR MORE INFORMATION, E-MAIL NICK@FARSKATE.CO.UK



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Wednesday 29 - Friday 31 May
3.30pm
Fenwick Canterbury

Calling all mini bakers!
Grab your aprons and get ready to whisk up some tasty cupcakes while grown-ups are treated to a delicious cream tea.
Scan the QR code to book today.




Please note that child tickets can only be booked with an accompanying adult ticket



GIRLS



DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

Hey everyone! 🌟 Even though the regular season's over, our Saturday morning football fun continues! 🏈🏀 Girls aged 4-11, join our FREE Development Centre from 9-10 am. Just register via the link below and bring your energy along. See you at The Belmont Stadium, Whitstable! 🏟️🏠



REGISTRATION:
[HTTPS://LINK.WTFC.UK/GDC](https://link.wtfc.uk/gdc)



Design an Olympic/Paralympic Sports Kit Competition



Design a kit for your favourite sport or country

The winning entry wins £1,000 for their school!

For further details see overleaf...





To celebrate the Olympics and Paralympics in Paris, County Square Shopping Centre is offering your school an exciting opportunity to take part in our 'Design an Olympic/Paralympic Sports Kit Competition' to

WIN £1,000 for your school!

Do you have a favourite sport or a particular country that you would like to design a kit for? You can be as creative as you like, but please submit paintings or drawings only and no bigger than A3.

Please **POST** your entries to:
"Olympics Competition"
Management Suite, 2nd Floor Ashford House,
County Square Shopping Centre
Ashford TN 23 1YB

OR **DROP** your entries to:
Olympics Competition Drop Box
Located on the ground floor of
Ashford House, County Square

Entries to be received between
Monday 3rd June and Saturday 8th June please.

Terms and conditions apply

More details scan here






PARENT & CARER CHECKLIST

- The first week of Term 6 will be **Week 1** of the [menu](#).
- Check out our [Joy Lane Opal Play Wish List](#) – can you help?
- Pick up a printed copy of the Newsletter, school dates and other leaflets from the school office foyer.
- Download a copy of our Term 6 dates [here](#) or pick up a paper copy in the foyer.
- As we move into Term 6 and the weather becomes warmer, please remember to apply suncream to your child before school and supply them with a sun hat for playtimes. Please ensure your child has a water bottle.
- Save the Date for the Reading Festival – Thursday 27th June, 3:30-6:00pm! Find out more here: [Reading Festival webpage](#)
- We look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 10th June.

