



Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 5th July 2024

EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we near the end of this academic year (doesn't time fly when you're having fun!), we have been organising the classes for the new academic year for all of our lovely children. On Monday 8th July, we will be sharing the names of the children's new class teachers, and you will receive a letter with the name of your child's class teacher and an 'All About Me' information sheet that you can share with your child. I am also sharing our Teacher Organisation structure for 2024 – 2025 below. You will notice that we are welcoming back to the Joy Lane team Mrs H Dodd in Year 1!

As ever, the new classes have been organised using our professional knowledge of the children's learning and social interactions and have ensured that the children have a friend with them in their new class.

This year, we will be saying farewell to Mr Walker, who is leaving us to work in his previous school setting, and I would like to thank him for his contributions towards the children's learning and well-being and supporting our teaching team - we wish him the very best of good luck. Sadly, we also say farewell to Mrs Willis. She has worked with the Joy Lane team for the past eight years, teaching across the whole school, and is now moving on to pastures new and eventually relocating back to her homeland of Scotland. A huge thank you to Mrs Willis, who has been a great asset to our team, and the children have benefitted from her fantastic teaching. It has been a pleasure knowing and working alongside Mrs Willis, and we wish her the very best of good luck and happiness in her new venture.

We have welcomed back Mrs Chamberlain to our team following her maternity leave, and we say adieu to Miss Robinson and Mrs Moorfield, who will be taking their maternity absence and look forward to meeting the new members of their families.

It has been lovely to see so many of you on our Sports Days and would like to thank the staff, especially Miss Lee, for rearranging these and keeping an eye on the (inclement) weather. Let's hope the weather remains dry for our Oysters SRP Sports Day next Tuesday!

I look forward to seeing you all in the final weeks of term for our many events: Year 2 productions, Year 6 productions, Pre-School and Year 6 Graduation Services and transition events for our new Reception children. Our Sharing Learning open afternoon, where you can collect your child's end of year reports and share your child's wonderful learning, will be on Thursday 18th July, so we hope to see you there too!



Teaching Organisation 2024-2025		
Oyster Bay Nursery		
Monet (Babies)	Matisse (Toddlers)	Mondrian (Pre-School)
Mrs L Cooper		Miss C Stokes
Reception		
Kandinsky	Kahlo	Klee
Mrs A Bowles Mrs C Chaplin	Miss A Lee	Miss B Salter
Year 1		
Voysey	Van Gogh	Vallotton
Miss G Sidders	Miss C Fuller	Mrs R Finch Mrs H Dodd
Year 2		
Potter	Postgate	Picasso
Mrs K Hodge	Mr S Dyer	Mrs N Dodd
Year 3		
Ringgold	Rousseau	Riley
Mr W Lowry	Mrs M Sharp	Mrs R Hollingsworth Mrs C Chamberlain
Year 4		
Hepworth	Heron	Hockney
Miss H Byrne	Mrs G Luckhurst	Mrs S Kyle
Year 5		
Dali	Degas	Da Vinci
Miss L Briggs	Mrs J Bottle	Miss S Plowman
Year 6		
Boyce	Bailey	Banksy
Miss B Crowe	Mr R Rogers	Dr V Heald Mrs C Wilson
Oysters SRP		
Wyburn	Warhol	Wiltshire
Mrs J Watson	Miss G Coveney	Mrs J Pearce Mrs L Crocombe
Senior Leadership Team	SENDco	Curriculum Support
Ms D Hines	Mrs S Bowler	Mrs L Rawlings
Mr M Ashley-Jones	Mrs L Crocombe: SRP Lead	Joy Lane Swim School
Mrs A Godden	Mrs K Pout	Mr R Dowling
Mrs S Harkins		Maternity absence:
Mrs L Rogers		Miss Robinson Mrs Moorfield

READING FESTIVAL SUCCESS!



Our third Reading Festival on Thursday 27th June 2024 was a huge success – the biggest and best one so far! Whilst we are busy working out the takings from the event, we are passionate that the Reading Festival remains a community event with free activities for all to enjoy. Any money that is raised will be spent enriching our reading curriculum, so thank you for your support of this school event. Check out our Facebook page next week for photos from the day, taken by our professional in-house photographers, Mr Hampshire and Mr Dyer.

LITTLE WANDLE BOOK RECALL

From Friday 12th July, Little Wandle reading books will no longer be sent home with the children. This applies to all children in Reception and Year 1, and any others accessing a Little Wandle intervention in Years 2 to 6. This will ensure that we can complete an accurate inventory of our reading materials and make necessary updates to our resources before the summer holidays. The children will still have access to our wide range of sharing books and can change these freely up until the end of term.

We will be following the same schedule for Bridging Books and Lexile books in Years 2 – 6.

We kindly ask that you take a moment to check at home for any Little Wandle reading books that may not yet have been returned. Please send any books back to school with your child as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping us maintain our reading programme.



INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS

Are you ready to start learning a musical instrument seriously?

We are excited to be able to offer a huge variety of instruments in school. Three professional musicians deliver these lessons in our well-equipped Music teaching areas, and we have many instruments which are available for free loan to families too.

It is very important to maintain a variety of instruments being taught in school, so we are sending out this message to advertise that there are currently places available for ukulele, flute, trumpet/cornet, trombone and bass guitar for this coming September. All of these would come with an instrument loan for free. We also have two remaining places for drums and two for guitar. Piano lessons have a waiting list. Please complete and return this [form](#).

Also, looking ahead to our Music club provision for the coming year, we intend to run junior and senior choirs, recorder club, pBuzz club, bucket drumming club and ukulele club. Our senior choir (Years 4-6) will be performing at the O2 in the new year as part of the Young Voices event. Take a look online to see what it entails and be sure to sign up when we advertise our places for this.

If you have been on our waiting list this year and are expecting to begin lessons in September, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Rawlings personally via Dojo to confirm your place is booked in.

EMOTIONAL WELLBEING TEAM COFFEE AND CAKE SESSION



We are thrilled to share with you that the wonderful Emotional Wellbeing Team will be hosting our first Coffee and Cake session on Friday 12th July at 2.30pm. During this session, the team will introduce themselves and explain the support they are able to offer and their role within the school. We are so excited to be able to work collaboratively with this team who provide valuable support to young people and their families and have already provided us with many training opportunities including the many around ADHD, autism and anxiety that have been shared with you.

If you would like to join this Coffee and Cake session, please complete the [Google Form](#) expressing your interest. Please note, spaces are limited and will be offered on a first come first serve basis so please only request a space if you are able to commit. Places will also be limited to one per family to ensure there is an opportunity for everyone that wishes to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.



THANK YOU!

Thank you to Ruby and Richard Foad for the kind donation of a boat for OPAL play. We can't wait to see it placed around our sandpit area for the children to enjoy very soon!



ATTENDANCE UPDATE



Attendance data week ending 5th July 2024

JLPS Whole School attendance		94%
Number of Persistent Absentees (less than 90% attendance)		85 pupils 13.82%
Klee – 87.3 %	Kahlo – 96.8%	Kandinsky –95.9%
Van Gogh – 95.9%	Voysey – 98.2%	Vallotton – 95.4%
Picasso – 97.7%	Postgate – 86.7%	Potter – 98.5%
Riley – 95.2%	Rousseau – 96.8%	Ringold – 96%
Hockney – 97%	Heron – 96.7%	Hepworth – 95.9%
Degas – 95.4%	Dali – 90.5%	Da Vinci – 91.7%
Bailey – 95.5%	Banksy – 98.6%	Boyce – 97.5%
Oysters – 91.7%		

YEAR 2 TO YEAR 3 TRANSITION MEETING

Mrs Sharp and Mr Lowry (current Year 3 Teachers) will be presenting two information talks on Tuesday 9th July at 9:00am and 5:30pm in the Lower School Hall (enter via the main school office).

The purpose of these meetings will be to inform you about the transition to Year 3 and how we will be supporting your child during this time. We aim to share with you the change in curriculum and the differences between Year 2 and Year 3 for your child. This will also be an opportunity for you to ask any questions about the upcoming transition and for us to share how you can further support your child during this time.

Please click on the [link](#) to indicate your attendance at either of the sessions.



PARENT WORKSHOP: SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD WITH STARTING PRIMARY SCHOOL

As part of our partnership with The Emotional Wellbeing Team, we are excited to share this upcoming Parent Workshop; 'Supporting your child with starting primary school'. Please see below for further details:

Online Parent Workshops

Aimed at parents of children about to start primary school

Supporting Your Child with Starting Primary School
Tuesday 9th July 12.30-2.30pm

Is your child about to start **primary school**? Would you like to come and **meet with other parents and carers** and learn about ways to **support your child with this step in their lives**?

You are invited to a **workshop which thinks about how to prepare and support your child with this**. We will consider **challenges and concerns** and discuss **techniques that you can use at home** to help them feel ready for starting primary school.

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](#)

Meeting ID: 355 034 600 396 Passcode: Mp4iZh

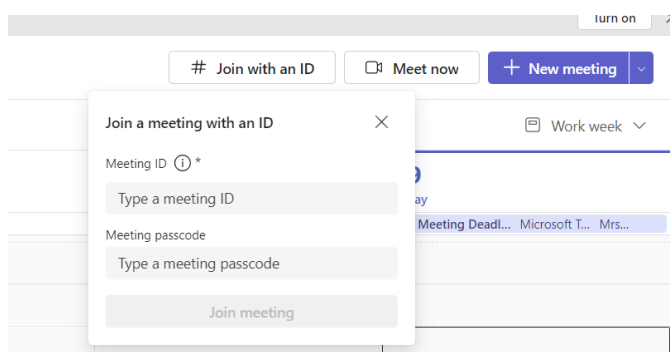
Our workshops are held on Microsoft Teams. You can create an account for free. You will need access to the internet. If you have any questions please speak to your child's school. Currently, this workshop is only available to parents/carers of children attending an EWT/EST school. Please speak to your child's school or check our website for our list of schools.

We look forward to meeting you.

www.nelft.nhs.uk

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 school therefore any queries regarding these should be directed to EWTandESTenquiries@nelft.nhs.uk



SPORTS DAY SUCCESS!

What a spectacular week for sports at JLPS! We kick started the week on Monday with Key Stage 2 Sports Days. It was so lovely to see so many smiles and lots of laughter as the children tackled the tricky 'Skipping Rope' race - what Persevering Parrots they were! We also saw the children take on the traditional events, including Egg and Spoon, Hurdles, Sprint and Relay. The Year 6 children enjoyed an extra special event of Tug of War! A brilliant effort from all of our Key Stage 2 children, who were cheered on by their wonderful spectators! Weren't we lucky with the weather!

Well done to the Winners of Key Stage 2 - VICTORY!!

Our Key Stage 1 and Early Years events were rained off on Wednesday, but what a difference a day makes - beautiful sunshine on Thursday allowed the events to go ahead. The children were thrilled that the events could be re-scheduled, and the beaming smiles made the afternoon even brighter! Children took part in field and track events and were such Go-For-it Gorillas, taking on all of the events with determination! We are so proud of you all - well done superstars!

A big well done to the winners of the Key Stage One and Early Years event - VICTORY!!

Thank you so much for your support with these events. The children love having spectators as it adds to the excitement of the day.

	DISCOVERY	MAYFLOWER	ENDEAVOUR	VICTORY
Year 3	246	152	195	226
Year 4	235	214	164	259
Year 5	103	181	162	193
Year 6	181	158	235	194
TOTAL	765	705	756	872

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB BOOKING – POLITE REMINDER

We are having increasing amounts of parents calling on the day to book for After School Club. Please remember that After School Club places should be booked at least 48 hours in advance; after that, we will not be able to accommodate your booking. Thank you for your understanding on this matter.



LIBRARY SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

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Summer Reading Challenge

Delivered in partnership with libraries

Marvellous Makers



Join the Summer Reading Challenge Saturday 6 July

Read 6 books
and collect a medal and certificate

*Suitable for ages 4 to 11. Children under 8 must be
accompanied by a responsible adult.*

FREE CHILDREN'S EVENTS

ALL SUMMER!

For more information and to book on to
any of our events, pop in to see us at the
library, call 03000 41 31 31 or email
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SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD

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Smartphone Free Childhood is a grassroots movement of parents who believe childhood's too short to be spent on a smartphone

We're on a mission to

01.

Bring parents together to start new and positive conversations about the problems of smartphones in childhood

02.

Empower parents to take collective action in their local communities - agreeing to delay giving their children smartphones until at least 16

03.

Demonstrate that parents are demanding change at scale, and therefore force the government and tech companies to act

Why we're doing this now

We've been put in an impossible position by the tech companies. It's a lose lose - either allow our children access to something all the evidence tells us is damaging, or say no and risk alienating them among their peers at a crucial stage of their social development. **We believe something needs to change, and it starts with all of us.**



Scan to find out more

How you can get involved

Join your regional WhatsApp group.

You'll find the links to all regional groups at linktr.ee/smartphonefreechildhood

Start a WhatsApp group for your school to begin a conversation with your community

- we've put together a toolkit to help you smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/resources

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This movement will always be digital first. But we recognise the irony, and we know not everyone who needs to know about this issue is online as much as we are.

This flyer is free to download so you can print it and hand it out at the school gates, social clubs, or any IRL situation.

Please:

- Keep to A4 size, fit to page, black and white single sided print
- Only print what you need, and use FSC certified paper if possible
- Don't attach to public or private property without consent
- Be mindful of 'no unsolicited mail' notices



HOUSE CAPTAIN CATCH-UP

Welcome to the Weekly House Captain Catch-up.

On Tuesday morning, the Year 6 boys played the teachers on the field for the annual football match but unfortunately lost 6-0. 😞 There was great sportsmanship shown from both sides. Throughout last week, there were multiple Sports Days for all the year groups with so many brilliant performances in a variety of races and events.

Year 6 have been working extremely hard on their production: 'Sherlock and Cinders'. They are looking forward to sharing their play with everyone, including Y6 parents. They even have a live band playing throughout the performance, who had their first rehearsal during the play today which went smoothly.

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Year 6 had their transition days to their new secondary schools and had an abundance of fun learning new things about their school and who they will be in a form with. This was a great way to see what they would be experiencing next year.

Freya, Emily, Naledi and Henry

RNLI POSTER COMPETITION



Lifeboats

Whitstable Lifeboat Station is 61 years old but the National RNLI is now celebrating its 200th anniversary in 2024, having been founded in 1824. Like at Whitstable, it has been very busy saving lives at sea and keeping people safe.

They are running a competition to encourage all children to be even more aware of the RNLI – especially before the start of the summer holidays, when many of you may well be likely to be heading to the beach and going in the sea.

The RNLI are asking the children to design an A4 poster with any theme relating to 'birthday congratulations', saving lives, having fun but staying safe on the beach etc and in any medium. If you would like to get involved, hand your entry to the school office FAO: Mrs Harkins by Friday 19th July. One winner will be chosen to be on display at the Lifeboat Station Open Day on Monday 26th August. Prizes include a "VIP" chance to be amongst the first that day to be able to get up into our shore-standing lifeboat and be part of the crew!



PARENT & CARER CHECKLIST

- Next week is 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.
- Please click on the [link](#) to book a place at the Year 2 to Year 3 Transition Meeting.
- Book two spaces per child for the Year 6 Graduation Event [here](#).
- Get involved in the RNLI poster competition!
- Come to the Emotional Wellbeing Team Coffee and Cake session, please complete the [Google Form](#).
- Look out for the letter coming home with your child on Monday with their new class details.

