



Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 3rd February 2023

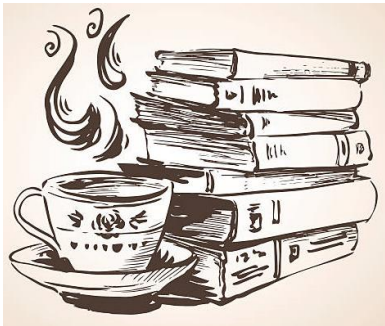
INTERIM PROGRESS REPORTS

We hope that many of you were able to collect your child's Interim Progress Report today. Oyster Bay Nursery reports will be sent out via Blossom and Oysters reports will come home via the children. If you don't meet your Year 5 and 6 child, please be assured that the report will be available for collection from the main school office all of next week.

Your child's Interim Progress Report will give you an overview of their learning and development in the core subjects, which we hope you find useful. We are always seeking to improve on how to share your child's progress with you and have decided to include this progress check in addition to the end of year 'Report of Achievement' that you will receive in July 2023. There is further information in the form of a covering letter in your envelope to go with the progress report.

We have suggested ways that you could help your child at home in the report, and you may also find it useful to access our homework information for [Reception](#), [Year 1](#), [Year 2](#), [Years 3 & 4](#) and [Years 5 & 6](#).

PARENT COMMUNITY READING CAFÉ – WED 8TH FEBRUARY



We are really looking forward to our first ever parent/carer Reading Café on Wednesday 8th February from 9 – 10am in the Upper School Hall. We have had a few interested parents sign up but would love to see more of you there!

Have a coffee and cake whilst browsing the adult and children's book swap stations, sign up to the local library and collect resources to support your child with their reading.

As part of the morning, Mrs Harkins and Miss Gillmore will be sharing their vision for reading for pleasure at Joy Lane and how the popular 'Book Banter' sessions are integral to this. If you want to find out more about what we do to support your child's love of reading, please book your space [here](#)!

This will be the first in a series of Reading Café sessions, each with a different reading focus, so watch this space for further dates!



PARENT/CARER GOVERNOR APPOINTED

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following our recent elections for a parent/carer governor to join our Governing body, I am pleased to announce that Mr Rennie, whose child is in one of our Reception classes, has been elected. I am sure his knowledge, skills and enthusiasm will support our whole school community, and I would like to thank him for putting himself forward for this volunteer position. I look forward to working with him as part of our Full Governing Board.

Have a lovely weekend.
Kind regards,

Ms D J Hines
Executive Headteacher

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK – W/C 6TH FEBRUARY

Children's Mental Health Week is an opportunity to shine a spotlight on the importance of children and young people's mental health. By getting involved, we will not only be raising awareness, but also vital funds to help more children and young people get the emotional support they need.



Place2Be is a children's mental health charity that works to improve the emotional wellbeing of children and young people. They help them to cope with wide-ranging and often complex social issues including bullying, bereavement, domestic violence, family breakdown, neglect and trauma.

This year's theme is **Let's Connect** and is about making meaningful connections. People thrive in communities, and this connection is vital for our wellbeing. Having healthy connections – to family, friends and others – can support our mental health and sense of wellbeing.

Here at Joy Lane, we will be spending time in the last week of term discussing mental health and wellbeing through PSHE lessons, assemblies and the wider curriculum.

On the last day of term (Friday 10th February), we are inviting the children to 'Dress to Express'.

Children are encouraged to wear clothing to 'express themselves' in their own unique way, highlighting the importance of being able to express our thoughts and feelings.

We will be fundraising for Place2Be on our [JustGiving Page](#) – this is a voluntary donation.



PARENT/CARER READING VOLUNTEERS – CAN YOU HELP?



We have already had many of our parent community sign up to support our budding readers. There is still time to express an interest in volunteering to read in school – simply complete the [Google Form](#) and we will be in touch with further details regarding training and getting started in Term 4.

All reading volunteers will be trained and be required to have a DBS check. The main thing we ask from you is a commitment to a series of reading sessions over a time period (e.g. twice a week for a term) so that we can plan your reading time into the children’s busy school day and you can have a bigger impact on the children’s reading progress.

Thank you in advance for your support.

ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Attendance data week ending 3rd February 2023

JLPS Whole School attendance	92.1%
Number of Persistent Absentees (less than 90% attendance)	155 pupils 25%



Klee – 85.5%	Kline – 92.8 %	Kandinsky – 89%
Van Gogh – 94.3%	Voysey – 93.1%	Vallotton – 92.5%
Picasso – 91.3%	Postgate – 92.3%	Potter – 90.2%
Riley – 93.8%	Rousseau – 94.7%	Renoir – 93.3%
Hockney – 93.5%	Heron – 88.3%	Hepworth – 93.2%
Degas – 91.8%	Dali – 94.5%	Da Vinci – 93.5%
Bailey – 90.2%	Banksy – 94.2%	Barnard – 94.9%
Oysters – 88.9%	School Average - 92.8%	School Target - 95.6%



TERM 4 DATES

Term 4		
W/C 20 th February W/C 27 th February	Year 5 Bikeability	
Fri 24 th February	Friends of Joy Lane Pre-loved World Book Day Costume Sale	Lower School Hall 3:15-4:15pm
Thurs 2 nd March	World Book Day	Dress up day!
Wed 8 th March	International Women's Day	In-school activities
Thurs 9 th March	Friends of Joy Lane Movie Night	4:30-6:30pm Lower School Hall
Fri 10 th March	RE Day	In-school activities
W/C Mon 13 th March	Science Week	In-school activities and home learning challenge
Fri 17 th March	Red Nose Day	Own clothes day
Tues 21 st March	NHS 'Who Cares' Production – Years 5 and 6	
Wed 22 nd March	Parent Community Reading Café	9-10am Upper School Hall
Fri 24 th March	Maths Day	In-school activities
W/E Friday 24 th March	Extended Learning Clubs finish	
Wed 29 th – Fri 31 st March	Year 5 Residential – Gilwell Park	
Fri 31 st March	Last Day of Term 4	Early Finish

TECH SUPPORT WITH MRS MOORFIELD

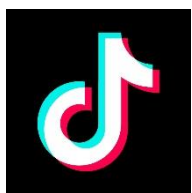
It has been great to see some of you popping along to seek advice from Mrs Moorfield regarding Arbor and ClassDojo. We also utilise many useful online applications to support our children at home and school, and Mrs Moorfield is able to help with any of the below:

- EdShed – Spelling Shed and Maths Shed
- Times Table Rockstars
- Letter-Join
- Collins eBooks

Mrs Moorfield is available in her drop-in 'clinic' between 8:40 and 9:15am every Monday.



INTERNET SAFETY – TIKTOK



TikTok has become one of the most popular social media apps on the planet, with 1 billion monthly active users.

Young people in particular love its short-form video focus, and we are all used to seeing the choreographed dance moves from some of our youngsters!

Parent Zone and TikTok have worked together to create a series about safety for teens when using the platform. Find out more here: [Featured guide: TikTok | Parent Zone | At the heart of digital family life](#)

PARENT / CARER CHECKLIST

- We finish Term 3 on Friday 10th February at the normal finishing times.
- **Book your space at our Reading Café on Wednesday 8th February [here!](#)**
- Next week is **Week 4 of the [menu](#).**
- **Pop along to our ‘Tech Support’ drop-in sessions with Mrs Moorfield, which are available each Monday morning between 8:40 and 9:15am.**
- Please complete the [Google Form](#) to show your interest in becoming a reading helper.
- **‘Dress to Express Day’ is on Friday 10th February!**
- **Don’t forget to collect your child’s Interim Progress Report if you haven’t already!**



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