



# Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018

## LOOKING FORWARD .....

### THE DAILY MILE

The Daily Mile has been part of our timetable for a whole term now, and it has been great to see the children getting involved to raise their levels of fitness, concentration and happiness!



The Daily Mile is an initiative which was started in February 2012 by Elaine Wyllie, who was then head teacher of a large Scottish primary school. She was concerned by the children's obvious lack of fitness and went on to prove The Daily Mile to be both sustainable and effective in combatting inactivity and obesity in her school. The result was that, in November 2015, the Scottish Government wrote to every Scottish primary school to recommend that they implement the scheme too. In addition, in August 2016 the UK government's Childhood Obesity strategy identified and supported The Daily Mile's contribution towards the recommended hour that children should spend taking daily exercise in school.

Most children will average a mile in the 15 minutes, with some doing more and some doing less. It is not PE, sport or cross-country but physical activity in a social setting which is aimed at improving the children's physical, social, emotional and mental health, and wellbeing. The children run in their ordinary school clothes with trainers being ideal but not essential. It can help children to focus and concentrate in the classroom and raise their attainment. And most importantly, the children really enjoy it!

Since 2015, The Daily Mile has been adopted by almost 3,000 schools in the UK alone, proving extraordinarily popular with thousands of children, parents and teachers. The initiative is also attracting strong overseas interest, and schools have signed up in over 40 different countries. Globally, it has been adopted by over 5,000 schools.

We will continue to participate in The Daily Mile over the coming terms, come rain or shine, and are now encouraging the children to work as a team to earn House Point tokens for each lap they complete. We look forward to seeing the benefits of this initiative as we move into the second term.

### FIREWORKS NIGHT – MONDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER



We are looking forward to a fantastic display! The weather forecast is looking favourable and we hope to see as many of you there as possible. Limited tickets are still available and these will be sold on the gates. Food and drinks will be served from 6pm together with light-up toys for the children.

Please note that the main Joy Lane and Vulcan Close gates will be open (the Valkyrie gate will NOT be open).

#### Cupcake Competition – Cakes available on Fireworks Night!

A Toys & Trends voucher is the winning prize for the Friends of Joy Lane

All entries need to be in on Monday morning and the goodies will be on sale



Cupcake Competition.

during the Fireworks Night.

**YOU'VE GOT TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!!**

### A WARM WELCOME

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Jo Meredith as our new Catering Manager. Jo will be happy to meet with parents and carers if they would like to discuss any dietary requirements or allergens.

## POLITE REQUEST

We would politely request that parents and carers refrain from smoking in the vicinity of the School grounds at the beginning and end of the school day when children and adults are waiting in confined spaces.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

The days are getting colder and the nights are getting longer – the perfect time to curl up with a good book! Not sure where to start? Your November Book Club is here! Start your Christmas shopping with a festive book or two – perfect for under the Christmas tree or even as a special treat to share on Christmas Eve.

Free books for your school!

For every £1 you spend within the leaflet, our school will receive 20% of the order value back to spend on FREE BOOKS to restock the library and classrooms.

*Why not try ordering online?*



1. Visit (<http://clubs-school.scholastic.co.uk/joy-lane>) to use our School Group Order. By using this link, the school will still benefit from free books!
2. Select the books that you'd like to order and add them to your basket.
3. Checkout and choose the 'school delivery' option. Your books will still be delivered to the school for free!

OR – follow the instructions below:

Fill in the order form on the back of the leaflet.

Then pop the order form into an envelope either with a cheque made out to Scholastic Ltd or your card details.

Return the envelope to the school office by the order deadline of Friday 16th November 2018.

Please note: Unfortunately we do not accept cash – only cheque or credit/debit card details please. (\*Please note that your payment will be sent *after* the books are delivered.)

Your books will be given to you via your school child 1 – 2 weeks after the closing date. Please let me know if you need to pick them up from the office instead.

## REMEMBRANCE DAY

Our Year 6 children will be selling poppies during break times and lunchtimes supporting The Royal British Legion Appeal. We have also been given a limited stock of:

- Erasers 50p
- Reflectors 50p
- Pencil Sharpeners 50p
- Pencils 50p
- Rulers £1



These can be purchased from the School office.

Remembrance Service – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November



The Joy Lane School community will be taking part in a whole school Remembrance Service on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30am. The assembly will close with Mrs Rawlings playing the Last Post, which is always a very moving experience. Please encourage your child to wear a poppy to the assembly.

## YEAR GROUP INFORMATION

### All Year Groups - Football

Please provide jogging bottoms and an old pair of trainers if your child plays football with Mr Good and Mr Coggin on our playing field during lunchtimes.



### Year 3 – Kent Life Stone Age Day

On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, the children will be visiting Kent Life. As part of their learning topic, they will attend various Stone Age workshops, including cave painting! A letter will shortly follow giving details of the itinerary of this exciting day.

### Hepworth and Heron Swimming Lesson

In place of this week's swimming lesson, Hepworth and Heron classes will be swimming on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

### Years 3 – 6 – SNACK SHACK!

Starting Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November, KS2 children will be able to buy fruit, healthy snacks and fruit juice at break times. A range of 'Free From' snacks will also be available. Everything will be priced at 40p – if possible, please send the exact money in with your child. Please bear with us as we gauge demand for this new venture! Key Stage 1 children will continue to receive their daily fruit at break time.

### Year 6: Isle of Wight Residential Trip Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019



Today is the cut-off date for the deposit payment to ensure your child has a place on this residential trip. Don't worry if you have missed this deadline; PGL has extended it to Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018. This payment of £65 should either be paid by card or a cheque payable to Joy Lane Primary School. Cheques should be in a named envelope marked 'Year 6 Residential Trip'. Once the deposit payment has been

made, your child will be added to our on-line payment system, enabling instalments 2, 3, 4 & 5 to be paid via our on-line payment system.

## FAVERSHAM LITERARY FESTIVAL



Submissions are now open for entries to Faversham Literary Festival's 2019 U11 short story competition. Entries must be no longer than 300 words. Deadline 31/12/2018. Submit online to: [info@favershamliteraryfestival.org](mailto:info@favershamliteraryfestival.org) or on paper to: 73 Athelstan Road, Faversham, Kent. ME13 8QN.

The winner will receive free tickets to a festival event and a signed copy of a book of your choice by one of our featured authors.

## TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES

We have been experiencing unforeseen technical difficulties this week with our systems. We have been unable to send correspondence and have had issues with our After School Club telephone which have now been rectified.

Our After School Club telephone number is: 07542 133247

## LOOKING BACK

### ATTENDANCE FROM 15/10/18 – 19/10/18

*Excellent Primary School Attendance means Better Progress & Attainment*

Kandinsky – 89.5%	Klee – 94.3%	Kline – 94.1%
Vallotton – 97.4%	Van Gogh – 95%	Voysey – 98%
Picasso – 89.7%	Postgate – 81.4%	Potter – 92.1%
Renoir – 93.7%	Riley – 98.9%	Rousseau – 99.6%
Hepworth – 96.3%	Heron – 92%	Hockney – 97.6%
Dali – 92.9%	Da Vinci – 97%	Degas – 89.3%
Bailey – 96%	Banksy – 92.3%	Oysters – 94.8%

### HOUSE POINTS FROM 08/10/18 – 12/10/18

Endeavour	Victory	Mayflower	Discovery
173	161	146	158

Congratulations to our Term 1 winners - Endeavour

### OLYMPIC READING REWARD SCHEME

Wow! Over 150 children took part in the end of term Reading Reward play session and had a great time. Our aim is to get every KS2 child out to play this term as a 'well done' for reading at home. For Term 2, all children have been set back to zero and they all have another chance to reach Gold and take part in an hour of fun on the field. Just a reminder of how the scheme works – children earn a star stamp in their Ocean Diary and a tick on their class chart for every night they read for their year group's target amount of minutes:

Years 3 & 4 = 10 minutes

Years 5 & 6 = 15 minutes



Weekends are also counted. Reading just twice a week would get them Bronze (earning 20 minutes play) and three times a week would earn them 40 minutes play for their Silver medal. We understand that parents lead busy lives and, therefore, children do not need to read to an adult; adults just need to sign to say their children have read, whether it be comics, sports reports, school books or the Joy Lane newspaper! If you have any questions about the scheme, please feel free to contact Dr Manson or Mrs Harkins.

### HOCKEY STAR VISITS JOY LANE!

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October, Key Stage 2 were lucky enough to receive a visit from England and GB hockey star (and Mrs Luckhurst's close friend) Grace Balsdon. After working with some classes in PE, she answered questions from the children about training and teamwork in a KS2 assembly. We look forward to seeing Grace again in the near future, as she has promised to come back and work with us!

### SCHOOL PHOTOS – REMINDER

The children's individual and sibling photograph orders are being collected on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November.

### SUCCESS

Congratulations to all at JLPS for attaining the Gold Literacy Mark awarded by the KM Charity Team. This award is in recognition of the work Joy Lane Primary School does in developing reading, writing, speaking and listening skills.