

Issue 19

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Updates ...

Please consider our neighbours ...

During drop off and pick up, please be aware and consider our neighbours' driveways and gardens. Please avoid blocking them in and driving on their gardens or verges. Many thanks for your consideration.

Keeping safe in the sun...

As this lovely weather continues, please ensure that your child comes to school with a named sun hat and water bottle daily. Children should have a high factored sunscreen applied at home prior to arriving at school.

We want the children to enjoy this weather safely. Thank you

Reminders ...

Please be reminded that parents and carers are responsible for their children on the playground until the doors open in the morning and after they have been dismissed at end of day. The school is not responsible outside of these times for your children on any of the outdoor play equipment.

The school strongly advises parents and carers not to address problems between children at school.

If there are any issues please mention it to the teacher who will address it by talking to the children.

From the leadership team ...

As the rest of us enjoy the lovely weather, the Year 2 children have started taking their SATs and Year 6 children are about to do so. We are confident in their abilities and ask parents and carers not to worry or put undue pressure on the children.

Meanwhile our Foundation Stage children have enjoyed a fabulous day at the Cotswold Wildlife Park and the Year 3s at Butser farm as you can see below. We are so pleased that at John Rankin, our children are able to enjoy an education in its widest possible sense, both in the classroom and through trips and other extra curricular activities.

Enjoy the sunshine!

Felix Rayner — Executive Headteacher

Foundation go wild ...

The foundation children went on a wonderful trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park as part of our 'Animals around the world topic'.



They were lucky to have beautiful sunshine all day and see a wide range of animals. They also met a zoo keeper who told us how to look after the animals.

Daisy - "It was great because I loved seeing all the animals".

Alex - "I loved seeing all the penguins"

Megan - "We spoke to the zoo keeper about the giraffes, zebras and rhinos. We saw the meerkats and one of them was looking out for birds of prey."



Year 3 Butser Trip...

On Wednesday 2nd April, we went to Butser Ancient Farm. We got on the coach and we drove there. When we got there, we went inside a smoky roundhouse with pictures painted on the walls. After that, we made jewellery out of copper wire and pottery out of clay and wet mud.



When we were finished, we had lunch in the smoky room. Next we carved chalk.

First we made the chalk smooth with flint. Then we rubbed enormous leaves on two sides. On one of them we carved a lucky picture on it. Then we went home. We had great fun learning about The Stone Age and the Iron Age!

By Kitty and Agnes - Willow Class.



Meet our Pastoral Care Team ...

Tina Kirk



Emotional Literacy Support Assistant

Michelle Evans



Family Support Worker

Tina Allison



Inclusion Lead

Here at John Rankin Schools we believe in ensuring that the 'whole child' is developed and that, only when a pupil is confident and resilient they are able to access learning fully.

This team of professionals, together with the Executive Head and Heads of Schools, meet together every month to ensure that pupils across the school are supported with a number of different pastoral needs. Attendance of pupils is tracked regularly across the federation and our Family Support Worker and Emotional Literacy Support Assistant provide support and strategies to children and families at school.

At the moment, the FSW and ELSA are delivering an excellent course entitled 'The Incredible Years' that supports parents in finding the most positive ways in which to engage with their children and create a happy and nurturing environment at home.

Please speak to a member of the team to find out more.



Doing their bit for our local area....

Persephone and Darcy are both very concerned about the environment so Persephone suggested a local litter pick. They have been out twice this week around Garford Crescent and down to school collecting rubbish and there was a lot! We are very proud of them for coming up with the idea. Thank you, girls! A reminder to us all to take our rubbish home or find a bin.

Doki Doki Literature Club....

Just recently, it has come to our attention, that some children in the Junior school are playing the above computer game.

On the surface, this game looks quite innocent, especially with 'literature club' in the title. In fact this game, which is especially appealing to teenage girls, revolves around a dark and addictive storyline which includes scenes of suicide and self-harm. Their official website quotes 'This game is not suitable for children or those who are easily disturbed'

If you would like any further information please contact Tina Kirk E.L.S.A.

Our own Marathon runner....

Ellie-Rose Bennett, our Year 5 teaching assistant, completed the London Marathon in 5hours 48mins. It was the hottest marathon ever recorded with over 40,000 runners. She raised a fantastic £2500 in total for MS-UK.

Since beginning her training on New Year's Day, Ellie has had to give up a lot of her spare time to train for this event, but really showed the children at school how, if you are determined, you can achieve your goals.

Thank you to everyone at school that supported her.



Learning Behaviours Workshop...

Thank you to all parents, carers and grandparents who attended our learning behaviours workshops over the last month. The feedback from these sessions was fantastic, feeling that it was a very thought provoking presentation.

If you missed it, we have put the presentation up on our website.

School Science Week 4th–8th June ...



During the week of 4th–8th June, the Junior and Infant schools will be having a Science week. The theme for this will be Exploration and Discovery. During this week, the children will have the opportunity to think about everyday discoveries and how they affect their lives by exploring science in the world all around us: from their home and schools, to their local area and wider environment. It is also a chance for the children to consider how exploration and discovery can have a positive impact on the future.

The children will have the opportunity to carry out a variety of investigations. (Further details of this week will follow nearer the time).

In order to enhance and support the children's learning, we are asking for anyone who has an interest in Science and who would be willing to give up some of their time, (before or during the event) to contact the school.

If you can help in any way, please contact Mrs Rance (Juniors) or Mrs Conway (Infants).



Key Dates 2017/2018

May 2018

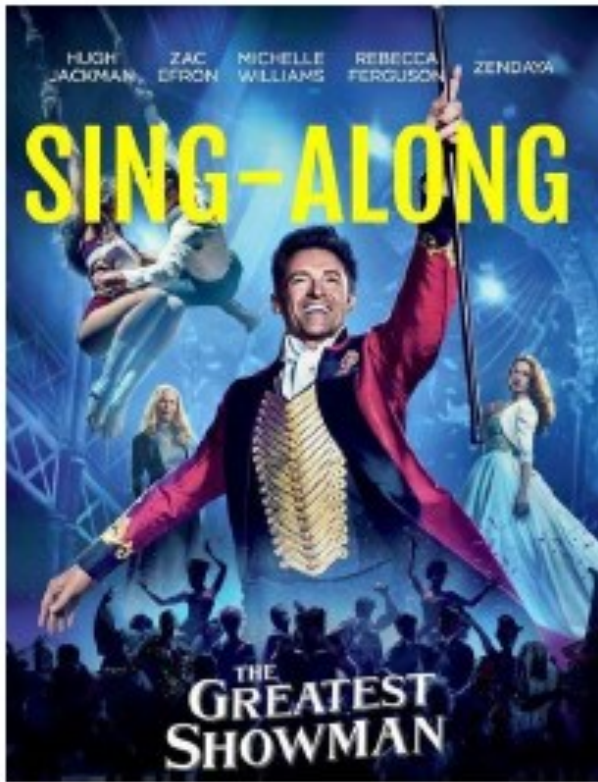
May 1st	Start of Y2 SATS
Thurs 3rd May	9am Learning Behaviours Workshop– All JRS parents invited (held at JRI)
Fri 11th	9am Year 4 Sycamore assembly
Mon 14th	Year 6 SATS Week
Thur 17th	2.30pm Year 1 Holly class assembly
Fri 18th	9am- Year 3 Oak class assembly
Wed 23rd	3:10- JRI disco
Thur 24th	9am Year 4 Ash assembly
Fri 25th	9am Special Awards JRJ
Fri 25th	Holiday - 26th May until 3rd June Inclusive

June 2018

Mon 4th	Start of Science Week
Thurs 7th	Reception new intake (Sep 2018) meeting 6.45pm
Fri 8 th	9am Year 3 Beech assembly
Fri 8th	Den day
Fri 15th	9am Year 3 Willow assembly
Tues 19th	Year 5 Park House Taster Day
Thur 21st	9am Year 5 Apple assembly
Fri 22nd	9am Year 4 Chestnut assembly
Sat 23rd	PTFA Summer Fayre 4-7pm
Wed 27th	9am Year 5 Lime assembly
Wed 27th	6:30 Year 2 (current) Parents' Open evening at JRJ
Thur 28th	2.30 Year 1 Hazel Class assembly
Fri 29th	Federation Sports Day

July 2018

Mon 2nd	Shuffle Day
Wed 4 th	Year 5 Cherry assembly
Fri 6th	Reserve Sports Day Year 6 Leavers' Disco
Mon 9 th	Beginning of Enterprise Week
Tues 10th	Year 6 Dress rehearsal for parents–9.15am
Wed 11th	6.30 Year 6 Performance
Fri 13th	6.30 Year 6 Performance
Fri 13th	Enterprise week sale at 2:30 in halls
Sun 15th	Y6 Leavers' Picnic 2pm–4pm
Mon 16th	9:15 Year 2 Leavers' assembly
Tues 17th	9:15 Year 2 Leavers' assembly
Fri 20th	9:00 Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 12.15 PM Family Picnic End of Term



JUNIOR SCHOOL MOVIE NIGHT

FRIDAY 18th MAY

- wear your PJs / onesie
- bring a blanket, pillow and your best singing voice

THIS IS THE GREATEST SHOW!!

PLEASE NOTE: this is a **PG** certificated film.

By permitting your child to attend you agree to them watching The Greatest Showman which is **PG** rated.



Doors open: 6pm (pizza available 50p/slice)

Film starts: 6.30pm

Collection: 8.30pm

Sweets and ice cream available to buy. Free drinks.

Suggested donation to Friends of JRJ - £2