



JOSEPH HOOD NEWS



>>> ANOTHER BUSY TERM!

SPRING TERM



Spring is such a wonderful time of year. The sun starts to shine and we all feel a bit brighter. There has been some fantastic learning and activities taking place throughout the Spring Term. The children have continued to show incredible enthusiasm, curiosity, and creativity, and we couldn't be prouder of their achievements so far.

Children have taken part in lots of exciting classroom projects this term and it has been wonderful to watch their joy and enthusiasm. Whether it's through hands-on science experiments- especially in Science Week, inspiring art lessons, or teamwork in sports, JHPS children continually demonstrate their hard work and commitment to their learning. It's been a truly inspiring term, and we are thrilled to see how much our children are progressing and growing in confidence.



>>> TOPICS

Nursery & Reception: Traditional Tales & Let's Get Growing

Year 1: Castles and Dragons

Year 2: New World Discoveries

Year 3: Pole to Pole

Year 4: Around the World in 80 days

Year 5: Energy and Sustainability

Year 6: The Natural World and Fossils



SPRING CURRICULUM

➤➤➤ CURRICULUM ENRICHMENT

So far this Spring term we have enriched our curriculum with the following educational visits and experience Days:

Windsor Castle, The Science Museum, Morden Hall Park, The Wonderdome, BFI Imax, VR workshops, Science Day, World Book Day, The Natural History Museum, First Aid, Chinese New Year workshops.

The children have had some amazing opportunities to explore London and the local area. We look forward to even more experiences in the Summer Term!



➤➤➤ SPORT AT JHPS

There has been lots of sport happening at school this term. We now have a new Taekwondo club. This is extremely popular. Cheerleading club also seems to be a firm favourite. Year 1 have participated in Playball at lunchtimes. Year 4 and some of Year 6 had their 2-week swimming block. It is always amazing to see how quickly the children make progress in a short amount of time. JHPS has sent teams along to several inter-school sporting events this term too: tag-rugby, Dance festival, football, gymnastics, tennis, boccia.

HOUSE TEAMS

House Points so far ...

- Piccadilly: 753
- Circle: 761
- District: 899
- Central: 863



RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL

▶▶▶ WHAT IS A RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL?

This year, we are working towards gaining a 'Rights Respecting School's Award'. There are four key areas of impact for children at a Rights Respecting school; wellbeing, participation, relationships and self-esteem.

The difference that a Rights Respecting School makes goes beyond the school gates, making a positive impact on the whole community.

- Children are healthier and happier
- Children feel safe
- Children have better relationships
- Children become active and involved in school life and the wider world

The United Nations convention consists of 54 articles in total, with each article referring to a right. UNICEF uses the UNCRC as a framework for its work for all the world's children and has developed the Rights Respecting School Award (RRSA).

In assemblies at Joseph Hood, the children have started to learn about many of the 'articles' and how we can respect these rights in our daily school lives.

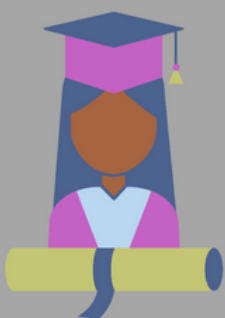
Some of the most important rights they learn are:

Article 28: the right to an education;
 Article 27: the right to a home;
 Article 42: the right to know their rights;
 Article 31: the right to relax and play;
 Article 24: the right to nutritious food and clean water.



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Right to a good quality education



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The right to food, clothing and a safe place to live



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A right to the things that will keep you safe, clean and well



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Right to play and rest



▶▶▶ PTFA

Thank you to the PTFA for all of their ongoing support. The volunteers have successfully organised several events this term: Silent disco, Bingo night, Easter Hampers and Foodie Fridays.

Currently, the PTFA are working towards raising funds for our new playground rubber flooring, upgrading our outdoor play-bridge and tunnel area and buying some computers for the Computer Room. The PTFA is a vital part of the school and without their help we would not be able to fund some of our larger projects to benefit the children.

We will be holding a PTFA meeting in the Summer Term to discuss the last few events and how we can organise volunteer helpers.

THANK YOU

Due to personal commitments, Jaclyn Hughes will be stepping down as Chairperson of the PTFA. We would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to Jaclyn. We have appreciated her hard work and commitment to the PTFA and the children of JHPS.



➤➤➤ READY, RESPECTFUL, SAFE



At JHPS, both children and staff work towards a motto: 'Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Safe'. This motto is reinforced daily in classrooms, in assemblies and through conversations with all children so that everyone is aware of the school's expectations. The children have come up with actions to go with each of the mottos.

➤➤➤ ATTENDANCE

ATTENDANCE AWARDS **100%**

Congratulations to all of the children who have achieved 'Silver' award. This means that they have achieved 2 full terms in school. This is a great achievement- especially with all of the sickness and viruses in school this year. They will receive their certificates and will attend the 'Silver Breakfast' in the Summer term. Well done!

Remember: 2 full terms over the year is rewarded with a 'Silver Breakfast' with Mrs Wright. 3 full terms will be 'Gold' award- a certificate, a voucher and afternoon tea, also with Mrs Wright.

Class	%	Class	%
Hummingbirds	92.7	Skylarks	95.3
Chaffinches	95.2	Woodpeckers	96.4
Kingfishers	92.5	Owls	93.8
Nightingales	94.8	Eagles	95.4
Parrots	95.7		
Toucans	95.1	Robins	90.5
Swallows	95.8	Wrens	93.5
Doves	96.6	Puffins	91.1

Above is the attendance from September 2024 - April 2025

Well done to Doves Class! They will receive extra playtime on Friday morning as a reward.

SUMMER TERM 2025 -KEY DATES

- 22/04 - FIRST DAY OF SUMMER TERM
- 12/05 - SATS WEEK - YEAR 6
- 21/05 - RECEPTION SPORTS DAY @9.15AM- MAIN PLAYGROUND
- 22/05 - KS1 SPORTS DAY @9.15 AM- MAIN PLAYGROUND
- 22/05 - YEAR 5 AND 6 SPORTS DAY @2PM - OLD RUTS, POPLAR RD
- 23/05 - NURSERY SPORTS DAY @9.15AM
- 26/05-30/05 - HALF TERM
- 05/06 - YEAR 3 AND 4 SPORTS DAY @9.30 AM- OLD RUTS, POPLAR RD
- 09/06 - YEAR 4 RESIDENTIAL TO STUBBINGTON
- 20/06 - WHOLE SCHOOL PARENT AND CARER OPEN AFTERNOON
- 22/06 - YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL TO PGL LIDDINGTON
- 02/07 - TRANSITION DAY - MEET YOUR NEW TEACHER
- 09/07 - PARENTS AFTERNOON- SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.30PM
- 10/07 - YEAR 6 PERFORMANCE @9AM AND 4PM
- 17/07 - LAST DAY FOR NURSERY
- 18/07 - LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM - SCHOOL CLOSSES @1:30PM



from Mrs Wright & Mrs Saville

