



NEWSLETTER



JOSEPH HOOD NEWS



AUTUMN TERM

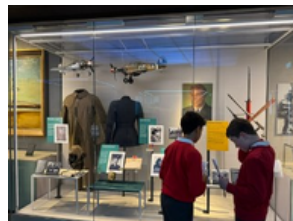


WELL DONE EVERYONE!

As we reach the end of the Autumn Term, we would like to say a huge thank you to our pupils, staff and families for all your hard work and support. It's been a busy term filled with learning, laughter and plenty of memorable moments, and it's been great to see everyone getting stuck in and doing their best.

We are incredibly proud of our pupils and grateful to our staff for everything they do each day.

This term has seen us make some new changes to the way we can move forward with our 'pupil voice'. Our new 'Changemaker' groups have been well received by all pupils and are already making a difference.



We hope you all enjoy a well-earned break, and we look forward to seeing everyone back next term.

TOPICS



- Nursery & Reception:** Amazing Autumn / Let's Celebrate
- Year 1:** Marvelous me / People who help us
- Year 2:** The Great Fire of London / A local area study of Wimbledon
- Year 3:** Stones and Bones
- Year 4:** Rotten Romans / Marvelous Merton
- Year 5:** The Amazon and the Rainforest / The Maya
- Year 6:** The Victorians / World War II



AUTUMN CURRICULUM

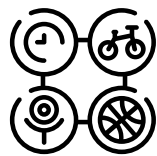
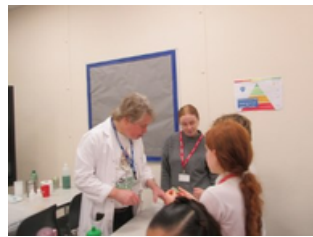
CURRICULUM ENRICHMENT



This Autumn Term we have enriched our curriculum and cultural capital with the following educational visits and experience Days: The Imperial War Museum, Wimbledon Bookfest, Morden Hall Park, Fishbourne Roman Palace, Raynes Park High- Science and Art workshops, Cannon Hill Common, Butser Ancient Farm, Maya Workshop, Raynes Park Library, String Fever Concert, Wimbledon Tennis Museum, St Lawrence's Church and the Polka Theatre.

We also had our Multi-cultural day. St Mary's Ukrainian School came in to teach us dance and singing. Several parents came and shared their language and culture with different classes. Thank you.

Year 6 also had their annual residential to Little Canada on the Isle of Wight.



KEEPING ACTIVE!

We have participated in several inter-school sporting events this term:

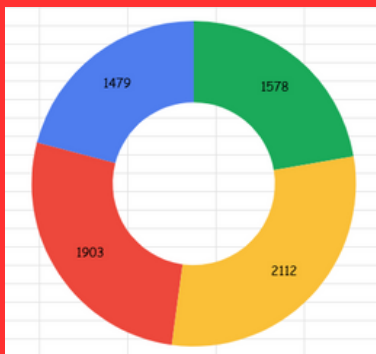
Inclusive kurling- where we won 2 silver medals! Well done. Football development, girls football, tag rugby, sitting volleyball, Cross country, dance.

Alongside this, Year 3 have been doing their 'Daily Mile', Year 5 had a dance coach in for their PE lessons and our sporting clubs have grown in popularity- taekwondo, cheer-leading, playball, multi-sports, dance.



HOUSE TEAMS

House Points so far ...



Our Year 5 boys put on an outstanding performance at the inter-schools Football Championships, finishing an impressive 13th out of 32 teams! Their teamwork, determination, and resilience were evident in every match. We were incredibly proud that the team was awarded the REFSPECT Award, recognising their exemplary respect towards referees, opponents and each other throughout the tournament.



Be Ready

Be Respectful

Be Safe



At Joseph Hood, we are committed to ensuring that every child's voice is heard and valued. Through being part of our 'Pupil Changemakers', our children develop leadership, teamwork, and communication skills that will serve them throughout their lives.

Pupils at Joseph Hood Primary like to make a change! We have several students who are part of our Pupil Changemaker Groups. Each group had to write their own mission statement and their own actions for the year ahead.

District: Max and Giselle Circle: Bethan and Seb Picadilly: Luiza and Harley Central: Josh and Carla.

House Captains

Our mission is to lead with kindness, confidence and integrity, creating a school where every voice is heard, every pupil is supported and every achievement is celebrated. We want to inspire pride and belonging: in our Houses, in Joseph Hood, in our school community.

Our Pupil Changemaker groups are:

- House Captains
- Eco Ambassadors
- Reading Champions
- Sports Leaders
- Rights Respecting Changemakers
- Pupil Wellbeing Ambassadors

Check out the mission statements and actions for the year from all of the Changemaker Groups on our school website.

<https://www.josephhood.merton.sch.uk/page/?title=Pupil+Changemakers&pid=61>

After a long wait from the suppliers, our Changemaker Groups finally received their official badges:



➤➤➤ OUR AMAZING PTFA



Thank you to the PTFA for all of their ongoing support. The volunteers have successfully organised several events this term: Bingo Night, Autumn Fair, Wreath Making, our Christmas Bazaar and Christmas meet Santa event.

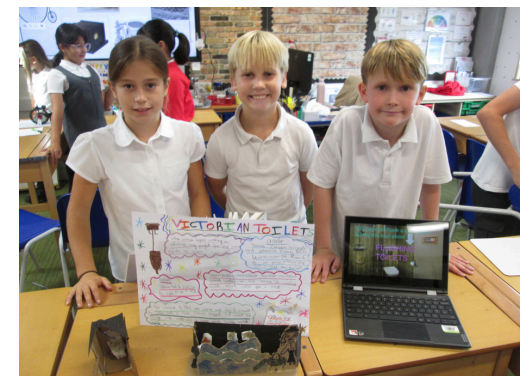
The PTFA continue to work tirelessly towards raising funds for us to be able to upgrade some computers for the Computer Room, alongside annual purchases such as Wimbledon Bookfest Subscription, transport support for residential and Year 6 hoodies.

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. If you would like to help in any way, please contact Lauren or Hannah.



THANK YOU

➤➤➤ A FEW MORE PHOTOS FROM THE AUTUMN TERM



➤➤➤ SOMEONE IS RETIRING!

In 1992, a young lady called Lorraine started work at Joseph Hood First School. Yesterday, Mrs Merkell retired after 33 years of dedicated service to the children and families of Joseph Hood.

We held a special assembly to celebrate all of her hard work.

We will miss her dearly but we wish her good luck in the next phase of her journey. Keep in touch Mrs Merkell.

We will also be saying good bye and good luck to Miss Sarah Emmett, who is one of our lunchtime supervisors. She will be going off to spend more time with her baby.



We will miss you!

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➤➤➤ OUR SCHOOL PETS

Buddy is our school dog. He is so gentle with the children and has recently started going for walks to the park with Miss Shepard and some children.



Our newest members of the Joseph Hood family are Peanut and Pip. These two new additions have a real character and they love to eat! If you would like to 'borrow' our guinea pigs for a weekend or over a holiday, please speak to Miss Shepard. They love a cuddle.



➤➤➤ ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Good attendance at school is the single most important factor to ensure that young people have maximum life chances – attendance is strongly linked to educational achievement. Promoting positive school attendance is everyone's responsibility.

Good attendance is important in order for children to:

- Achieve their potential.
- Develop a positive attitude towards school and maintain good habits of punctuality and attendance.
- See themselves as an important part of the school community and to value and respect school life.



SPRING TERM 2026 -KEY DATES

- 5th January- Return to school
- 15th January- Years 4,5 and 6 VR workshop
- 23rd January- Parent workshop- Key Stage 2 Maths
- 28th January- Year 5 at Science Museum
- 2nd February- Year 4 swimming starts (2 week block)
- 5th February- Year 1 trip to Windsor Castle
- 6th February- Parent workshop- Key Stage 2 SATs (Year 6 parents/carers)
- 9th February- Children's Mental Health week

- 16th February- HALF TERM WEEK

- 23rd February- INSET Day- school closed to children
- 24th February- All children back to school
- 27th February- Parent workshop- Multiplication Check- (Year 4 parents / carers)
- 5th March- World Book Day
- 10th March- Parent conferences (online)
- 11th March- parent conferences- face to face
- 20th March- Parent workshop- Key Stage 1 Maths

- 27th March- LAST DAY OF THE SPRING TERM

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
from
Mrs Wright & Mrs Saville

