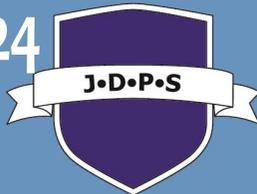


19th January 2024



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Dear parents and carers,

It has been another chilly week this week but thankfully it's looking set to be a bit warmer next week. This has not stopped a week school visits for many of our children:

Year 2 visited the Science Museum on Tuesday to explore everyday materials in the real world linked to their Science unit

Our JD singers performed at the O2 on Wednesday evening as part of the Young Voices choir. This was a fantastic opportunity for them to experience performing in such a huge venue.

Year 3 visited the Horniman Museum on Thursday for a workshop around Prehistoric Britain which links in to their learning around the Stone Age

Year 5 visited the planetarium at Greenwich Observatory on Thursday to link in with their Science unit about the Solar System

Next week looks set to be action-packed too with our Y6 children visiting the Black Cultural Archives in Brixton and our Year 4 children visiting Kew Gardens. We also have the first tournament of the our Year 5 and 6 girls competing on Friday so GOOD LUCK girls! There will be more opportunities for different groups of children to participate in tournaments as the year progresses and we will keep you updated on this.

I hope that you manage to keep warm this weekend and enjoy whatever it is you have planned. We will see you bright and early on Monday morning.

Miss Rooney

This week's class attendance winner is:



RED 3
98.5%

Attendance

Our whole school attendance target is **97%**

Our overall attendance this week is **94.3%**

**Well done to the classes who achieved above
whole school attendance!**

Class	Attendance	Lates
Nursery	87.1%	4
Reception Red	91.6%	2
Reception Green	94%	1
Red 1	96.2%	1
Green 1	96.2%	0
Red 2	92.2%	3
Green 2	95%	3
Red 3	98.5%	2
Green 3	97.9%	1
Red 4	93.6%	0
Green 4	96.2%	5
Red 5	90.4%	4
Green 5	97%	3
Red 6	97.5%	0
Green 6	90.9%	3



Hamza
Red 1



Al-Amin
Green 2

Years 1,2



Tasneem
Green 4



Doris
Red 5

Years 3,4,5,6



Golden Tickets This Week:

Melody G1, David G1, Anas R1, Emmy G2, Kaylee R2, Lana R2, Kahmello R2, Ayaan G2, Inayah G3, Janae G3, Rhama G4, Hope R4, Aston R4, Winston G4, Musa G5, Tamera G5, Kamar R5, Abubakar R6

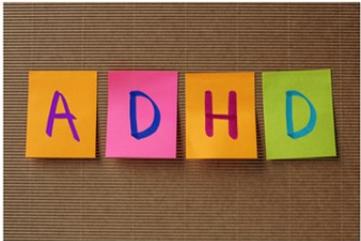


Diamond Tickets This Week:

Kawthar G1, Aaliyah G1, Kyra R1, Ira R1, Osinachi G2, Eliza-Rose R2, Patrick R2, Jaydem G3, Jordan G3, Akilah R4, Muizza R4, Iyla G4, Akeem G4, Amy G4, Luis G5, Berkay G5

PARENTS INFORMATION BOARD

Supporting a Child with ADHD



Challenge the stereotypes and get the facts with Jane Keyworth
Thursday 1st Feb (7pm to 9pm) £24
 Available to book now via the website
facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Sign up today to start sparking your children's curiosity!

Punctuality Reminder

School gates open at 8.40 a.m. every day. Children need to be in their class at 8.45 a.m. so that they can start their lessons promptly. Children who arrive late are greatly disadvantaged because they miss starting the day with their peers and the beginning of lessons. It is also very important that children establish good routines and habits in preparation for the rest of their lives. Punctuality is a life skill that they need to develop whilst they are young.

Congratulations to Red 4
[Homepage -DoodleLearning](http://Homepage-DoodleLearning)

Join the Back to school Doodle Maths challenge by completing challenges every day.
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TINY Happy PEOPLE

Your words build their world

The resources on this page will help you support your child with saying their sounds and writing their letters. There are also some useful videos so you can see how they are taught at school and feel confident about supporting their reading at home. Find our full Reception and Year 1 teaching programme overview [here](#) to see what your child will learn and when.

Term Dates 2023-24

Term	Start	End
Spring 1	Thursday 4th January 2024	Friday 9th February 2024
<u>Half Term</u>	<u>Monday 12th February 2024</u>	<u>Friday 16th February 2024</u>
Spring 2	Monday 19th February 2024	Thursday 28th March 2024 @ 2pm
<u>Easter</u>	<u>Friday 29th March 2024</u>	<u>Friday 12th April 2024</u>
Summer 1	Monday 15th April 2024	Friday 24th May 2024
<u>Half Term</u>	<u>Monday 27th May 2024</u>	<u>Friday 31st May 2024</u>
Summer 2	Monday 3rd June 2024	Friday 19th July 2024 @ 2pm

Bank Holidays- Monday 6th May 2024

**INSTAGRAM/
TWITTER**

Please make sure you follow us on Instagram and Twitter, @JDPsOffice. We will be posting live updates and pictures to show what is going on within your child's school day.

Top Tips for... MANAGING SCREEN TIME

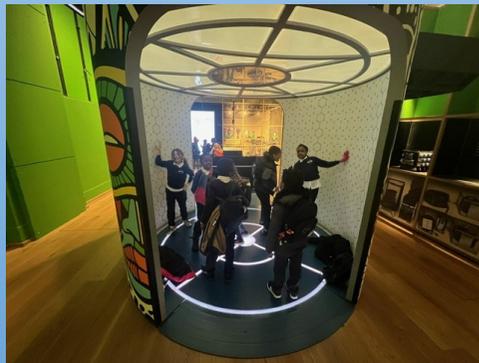
According to the latest stats, people aged between 8 and 17 spend four hours on digital devices during an average day. Obviously, a new year is ideal for fresh starts and renewed efforts - so lots of families are trying to cut down their combined screen time right now, creating more moments to connect with each other and relying less on gadgets to have fun. Our top tips on reducing screen time are for everyone, so you can get your whole family involved in turning over a new leaf this year!

- GET OUT AND ABOUT** - If the weather's decent, head outside for a walk every 45 mins to the local shop would be the most effective way to cut down on your screen time.
- TRY A TIMED TRIAL** - When you're taking a screen break do a different activity for 15 mins, then gradually increase your challenge to 30 mins before the alarm goes off!
- GO DIGITAL DETOX** - Challenge yourself and your family to do a digital detox. Turn off your phone for 24 hours, then build up to a full day or even an entire weekend!
- LEAD BY EXAMPLE** - Set your family an example by successfully managing a screen-free day. If you can't get a step out of the gym, you can't expect your children to do it either.
- ACROSS TECH-FREE ZONES** - Restrict the number of screens in certain areas of the house. Anywhere your family gathers together, like at the table in the dining room, should become a 'tech-free zone'.
- HOLD A SCREEN TIME ANNUITY** - As a family, create specific windows when it's OK to use screens. Use shared time on phones or gaming with siblings weekly to encourage togetherness.
- BE MINDFUL OF TIME** - Stop yourself from being glued to your device at the end of the day. Consider if your screen time is generally used for educational or creative purposes - can you boost your wellbeing by using your screen time for something else?
- PARK PHONES OVERNIGHT** - Set up an overnight charging station for everyone's devices - preferably away from bedrooms. This helps break the habit of late-night scrolling.
- SWITCH ON DND** - Research shows that multi-tasking like message alerts and social media notifications can be distracting. Turn off non-essential notifications on your phone to help you focus on the task at hand.
- TAKE A FAMILY TECH BREAK** - Set aside time each week when the whole family puts their phones away and does a fun activity together, playing a board game, going for a walk or just having a chat.
- SOCIALISE WITHOUT SCREENS** - When you're with friends, try not to be constantly checking phones. This can be a great opportunity to be heard more than your attention span being on a phone.
- WIND DOWN PROPERLY** - To get a good night's sleep, tablets and so on just before you go to sleep. Instead of your getting overly tired by a device you get your mind more relaxed tonight!

Meet Our Expert: **DEVICE BOX** with The National College and National Online Safety.

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Year 2 Science Museum Trip



Year 3

Horniman Museum Trip



JD Singer Young Voices

JD Singers have been absolute superstars this week performing at the Young Voices Concert at The O2 Arena. They sang, danced, signed and rapped their hearts out alongside thousands of other children from up and down the country, Urban Strides, and MC Grammar! We were sat with Childeric Choir and Purple Voices Choir from John Keats giving us the chance to make some new friends.

JD Singers would like to thank all the parents and staff involved for their continued support and for ensuring that we were able to take part in such a fabulous experience. We would also like to thank Mr James, Ms Banks, Ms McCulloch and Mr Crane for not only accompanying us on the trip but also their fantastic dance moves! For any adults that were unable to attend, or would like to watch it back again, copies of the concert can be purchased [here](#).

Ms Trotman

