

JENYNS FIRST SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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Our Values - Ambitious - Positive - Respectful



Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, we have had another super week here at Jenyns School. On Monday we welcomed our Improvement Partner into school. She and I spent the morning visiting writing lessons in each class. We were both impressed with the exciting learning we witnessed, the engagement of the children and the care and attention of our staff. I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank everyone at 'Team Jenyns' for demonstrating how fabulous a school we are.

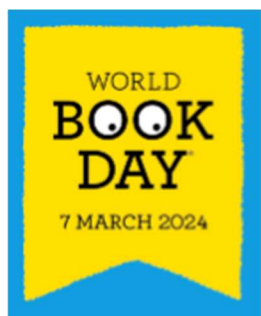
We have also had a full Governing Body meeting on Wednesday evening plus a visit from a Hertfordshire Adviser discussing with Mrs Turner and I the economic downturn we are all facing and how school might respond to this. One of the ideas, of many, that we discussed was to increase our Preloved Uniform collection with an 'amnesty' of outgrown Christmas Jumpers. Our thinking is that we can store them and pass onto families next November (details to follow).

I am also working with Mrs Jenkins of our FOJ to refresh the delightful Quiet Area in the playground. Mr Page is busy replacing some fencing panels and laying out more gravel. I'm sure that, like me, we are grateful for our beautiful school grounds and are really looking forward to Spring, which is just around the corner, so we can once more enjoy longer periods of time outdoors.

I continue to feel blessed to be spending this term with you all and look forward to speaking with you in the playground next week. Have a wonderful weekend in this mild weather.

With my very best wishes,

Mrs King
Headteacher



On the 7th of March it is World book day. Last year, the children were asked to decorate a toilet roll tube as a favourite book character and this was a great success. The entries were amazingly varied and creative. Instead of the children dressing up, we would like to repeat the idea, but open it up to decorate either a cardboard tube or if they would prefer, a wooden spoon. The choice is yours. The entries will be displayed in the library and a winner will be chosen from each class.



CLASS 1

During this week we have had great fun exploring our new core text We're Going on a Bear Hunt. We have been getting fit as we dig in the mud outside ready for our bear hunt through the mud. We have been colour mixing with powder paints to make brown, to paint bears this week and of course it has been number day! We have been collecting data on our tally charts, comparing quantity and using mathematical language- fewer and more than.



Our stars of the week are Felicity- Captain Concentration and Aubin- Incredible Improver

CLASS 2

Forest School

We thoroughly enjoyed our first session of forest school this term, we were busy identifying signs of winter and trying to identify trees by the leaf litter around them. We spotted lots of bird nests, catkins and even spotted some spring bulbs appearing. We took bark rubbings of some of the trees we identified. We finished by playing a group game of rock, paper, scissors.



PE

In PE, we have been enjoying our gymnastics and been working on our balances. We have also been trying to hold our poses for longer in Yoga by breathing slowly and deeply.



Music

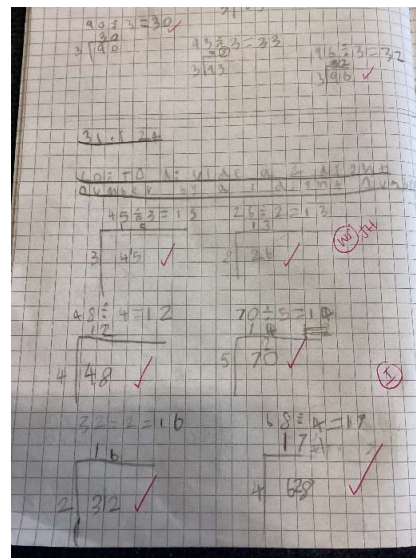
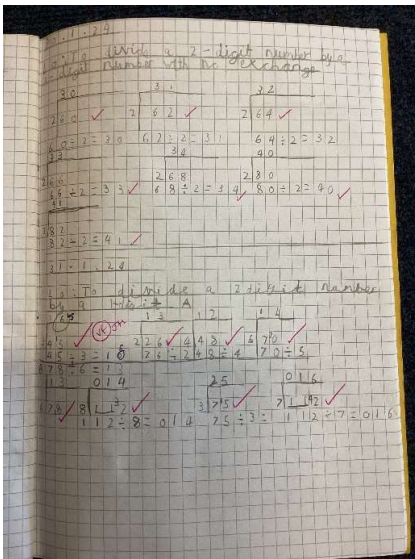
In Music, Class 2 have been learning a call and response song and have enjoyed trying out some different musical instruments to add to their performance.



Our stars of the week are Jenson and Jaxon.

CLASS 3

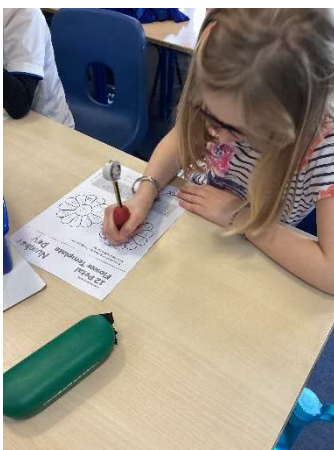
This week, class 3 have been perseverance superstars in maths. We have tackled division (using the bus stop method) and made amazing progress!



In Art, we started to create our final piece of an abstract volcano using material. We looked at Frank Bowling and watched a video of how he painted his fabric. Then, we had a go at making our own - using the same technique.



Number day was great fun too. We tackled some tricky maths riddles, a Fibonacci puzzle and created our own times table flowers too.



Our certificate award winners this week were Ronnie, Lucy and Sarah – well done all of you!

Useful dates

- Tuesday 6th February – Safer Internet Day
- Friday 9th February – Year 1 & 2 Speed stacking event
- Thursday 15th February – Parent Assembly 2.45 p.m.
- Friday 16th February – Parent Reading morning 8.45 a.m. – 9 a.m.
- Monday 19th – Friday 23rd February – Half Term
- Friday 1st March – Dance Festival
- Wednesday 6th March – Bags2School – 9 a.m.
- Thursday 7th March – World Book Day
- Friday 8th March – Whole school Science workshop a.m.
- Thursday 14th March – Year 1 & 2 Multi skills at Edwinstree School
- Thursday 14th March – Class 3 Netball skills at Roger de Clare School
- Thursday 14th March – Parent Conversations 3.30 p.m. – 6 p.m.
- Monday 18th March – Parent Conversations 3.30 p.m. – 6 p.m.
- Thursday 21st March – Rocksteady Music Concert 10 a.m.
- Friday 22nd March – Whole school P.E. Enrichment Day
- Thursday 28th March – Term Ends 12.15 p.m.
- Monday 15th April – Term begins
- Wednesday 24th April – Multi skills event for Class 3 at Roger de Clare a.m.
- Thursday 25th April – Class 3 Edge Outdoor Trip
- Tuesday 30th April – Football Festival for Class 2 at RTFC a.m.
- Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday
- Friday 24th May – Dance Days workshop
- Monday 27th – Friday 31st May – Half Term
- Wednesday 12th June – Class photos
- Thursday 18th July – Rocksteady Music concert 10 a.m.
- Friday 19th July – Term Ends 12.15 p.m.

Friends of Jenyns News

Belated New Year wishes from Friends of Jenyns! We hope that you have smoothly transitioned back into the school routine after the Christmas holidays!

The beginning of 2024 has been promising, marked by the delivery of the Big Cat Collins books for Class 3, significantly enhancing their library. We eagerly anticipate seeing these books in the hands of the children in the upcoming weeks. This contribution, coupled with the donation of books for classes 1 & 2 at the end of the 22/23 school year, has broadened the school's selection of both fiction and non-fiction books by over 400 titles!

World Book Day - Book Sale

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 7th March. Friends of Jenyns are hosting a book sale offering all books for just 50p or £1 each. Weather permitting, the sale will take place either on the playground or in the Hall/Blue room after school, from 3.20pm. We accept both cash and card payments.

Braughing Wheelbarrow Race – Saturday 13th July 2024

Did you know... the trim trail, climbing frame and slides were all made possible by Friends of Jenyns donations! Parent Power at its finest!

For over 15 years, Friends of Jenyns has managed the bar and raffle at the Braughing Fair & Wheelbarrow Race, the school's primary fundraiser. These funds support various school activities and resources including books; zoo, pantomime & theatre trips; school discos, sports and school equipment throughout the year. Last year alone, this event raised over £7k for the school!

Whilst it is our most significant fundraiser, it also requires extensive planning and organisation. Without the assistance of parents, teachers, friends, families and local residents, running the bar and raffle wouldn't be possible. We appreciate everyone that has expressed an interest in helping this year, but we still need more hands on deck!

If you can contribute to the set up (Thursday/Friday beforehand), the event day (raffle or on the bar), or the clear up on Sunday, please inform Anne Jenkins (Class 1/3) or Nic Donno (Class 1/2) by next Friday, 9th February. Regrettably, if we lack the necessary support, we may have to pass the event to another charity or business, which is not our preferred outcome. Thank you!

Friends of Jenyns Committee

The Annual General Meeting was held at the end of 2023, during which committee members were elected for the upcoming year. I'd like to acquaint you with the committee members for the 2023/2024 term:

1. Anne Jenkins: Chair
2. Kim James: Treasurer
3. Rachael Evans: Secretary
4. Nic Donno: PR & Marketing
5. Nic Donno: Class 1 Rep
6. Nic Donno: Class 2 Rep
7. Darren Black: Class 3 Rep
8. Sarah Garrett: Bags2School Coordinator

If you would like to be more involved in Friends of Jenyns, please don't hesitate to get in touch 😊

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Book Sale on Thursday 7th March!

Many Thanks

Anne Jenkins and the Friends of Jenyns' Committee



60TH ANNIVERSARY
EST. 1964



SAVE THE DATE

SAT 13TH JULY 2024
12-6PM

BRAUGHING FAIR &
WHEELBARROW RACE

Bags2School will be collecting bags on the morning of Wednesday 6th March.

This is a great opportunity to clear out those unwanted items in your wardrobe while making money for our school!

Please leave bags by the school hall doors before 9am on the above date.

Thank you!

BAG 2 SCHOOL
FREE FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOLS
In partnership with your school or organisation



Jenyns First School



Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.



PLEASE USE YOUR OWN BAGS (THERE IS NO LIMIT).

When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:

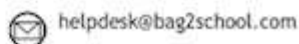
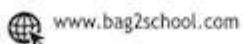
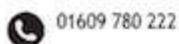
Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.

(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)

The more we weigh the more we pay!
Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit

Please return your Bag2School on:

Wednesday 6 March 2024 by 9:00am





WASPS OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB

A warm safe environment where children aged 2 to 13 years can learn, grow and have fun!

WE ARE RECRUITING!

We are looking for someone with the following qualities:-

The ability to read a book, dressed as a princess and sing all the words to Let it Go!

Be able to communicate with children of all ages in funny languages

Does not mind getting their hair done by a 3 year old

Likes being covered in shaving foam and paint

Can rustle up a healthy snack with pretend food

Is able to build the largest marble run

Knows the rules to children's football (very important, no joke!)

Has bundles of energy - well more than the children at least

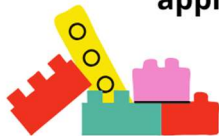
If you feel you have any of these qualities then please continue reading ...

WASPS Out of School Club based at the Community Centre in Puckeridge, Hertfordshire are looking for an experienced Playwork Assistant to join their team of qualified professionals for 20 hours a week. Extra hours may be available during play schemes or to cover for staff shortages.

We ask for applicants to be a minimum of Level 2 qualified in either Early Years or Playwork and a car driver as you will be required to transport children in your own vehicle to and from local schools.

We offer rates of pay above the National Living Wage, petrol expenses for using your own vehicle in collection of children, pension and free childcare for children aged from 2 years old for staff.

Please call Nicola on 07904391133 or email nicola@waspsclub.com for an application form or for further details.



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