

JENYNS FIRST SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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Our Values - Ambitious - Positive - Respectful



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all kept safe in the storms. Goodness, what changes in temperatures we have been experiencing just lately. Thank you for making sure your children come to school each day with waterproof coats for wet playtimes.

Well, we have enjoyed another super week in school. Everyone has worked hard to look after our beautiful planet by thinking carefully on Energy Saving Day on Tuesday. Thank you everyone.

Our teachers have been once again working with our new SEND consultant who is providing valuable support and excellent direction as well as signposting us to further training.

This coming Monday we shall be welcoming our School Improvement Partner into school. Together we shall be doing a 'Deep Dive' into writing throughout school. I know that she will be impressed with our children's keen attitudes to their learning and their very good manners.

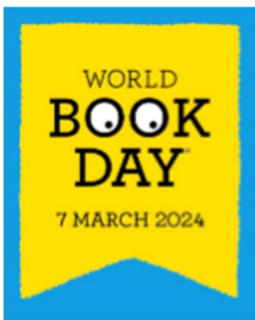
I am so enjoying working with you all, with the staff and children in school and the strong team of governors. Thank you once again for making me so welcome. I do hope you have a wonderful weekend.

With my very best wishes,

Mrs King
Headteacher

Two up-coming dates for your diary

On the 1st of February we will be celebrating Number Day at Jenyns. The children are all invited to wear something number related. If they do not wish to dress up, they must wear school uniform. They could decorate an old T-shirt or they may have a top with a number on it. During the day we will be exploring lots of number puzzles, games and investigation challenges.



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

This week we have enjoyed getting outside as the weather has got warmer. We have been learning about bark and taking bark rubbings and leaf rubbings using wax crayons. We also found fungi, nests and mini-beast. The children are developing their phonic knowledge through play, puzzles and games and have shown what incredible improvers they are as they learn to read and write tricky words. We have had lots of Cool Co-operators working together to achieve ambitious goals!



Our Stars of the Week are Nancy for being a Cool Co-operator and Henrik for being a Have-a-go-Hero. We are very proud of you!

CLASS 2

In Science this week we have had lots of fun testing objects to find out and describe some of their properties. We started by sorting objects as to whether they were transparent or opaque. Then we tested different objects to find out if they were waterproof or not.



In Year 2 maths, we have continued learning about money and finding ways to solve two step problems with money and how to give change.



In Year 1 maths, we have been comparing numbers using the greater than and less than symbols ($<$ $>$ $=$). We have also been ordering sets of numbers too. We also had fun investigating a mathematical challenge to make the totals 5,6,7 in as many different ways as possible by knocking skittles down .



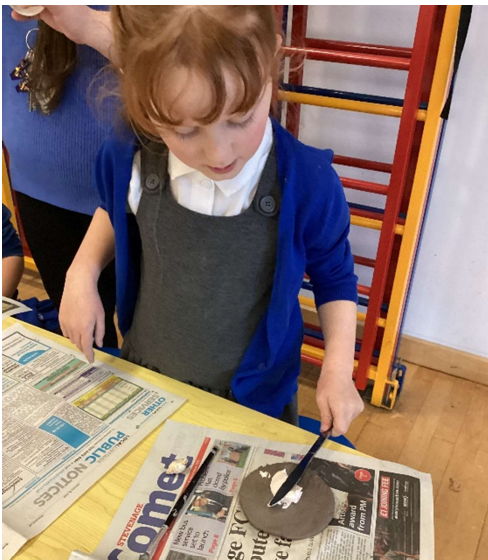
Well done to Erin, Duncan and Harrison who have been showing super hero powers in their lessons this week.

CLASS 3

This week, class 3 have been very busy for DT week. We designed and then built volcanoes using bottles, cups, wire, newspaper, lentils, beans and Modroc. We will have great fun creating explosions using vinegar and bicarbonate of soda when they are painted and dry.



Science, we created fossils using Plaster of Paris and a selection of shells and leaves. We then tried to match the original object up with its fossil by matching the patterns it created.



Our certificate award winners this week were Albert and Charlie.

Useful dates

- Thursday 1st February – Number Day
- 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
- 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.
- 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.

This winter, Hertfordshire County Council wants to make sure that advice and support is available to help every resident deal with the rising cost of living.

Practical help is available for those who need it most. To make sure everyone knows what financial and practical support is available, the council is highlighting advice and services Hertfordshire residents can access on this informational flashcard:

All information can be accessed via Hertfordshire County Council's 'Cost of Living' webpage. Head to www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/winterhelp

Free School Meals

Over 6,000 households in Hertfordshire could be eligible for free school meals but so far haven't applied (Oct 23).

As well as missing out on a free school meal, households could be missing out on:

- school milk (Year 3 and over)
- food vouchers during school holidays
- SaverCard which gives half fare bus travel to 11-19 year olds (usually £20)
- help with music lesson fees
- free school holiday activity camps (www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/happy).

For each child that is eligible for a free school meal (through low income), your school will benefit from additional pupil premium which will help to improve education for disadvantaged pupils.

Please visit www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals for further details.

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

