

JENYNS FIRST SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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Our Values - Ambitious - Positive - Respectful



Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing this bathed in beautiful sunshine this Thursday afternoon. How wonderful it is at last to get outside and feel the warmth of the sun after so much cold rain again this week. However, the wet weather has naturally not dampened our spirits at Jenyns School. We have had another wonderful week of exciting learning.

As you can see from our photographs, it has been national Science Week and we have loved joining in with pupils across the country. My thanks to Miss Hargrave, who is our Science lead, for inviting 'Sublime Science' in to school to embellish all the wonderful activities already organized by our fantastic classroom staff.

Our Class 3 pupils have also had extra fun in PE this week by visiting Roger de Clare School for netball on Thursday. Next Friday (22nd) will be a whole day of enrichment PE for all our pupils in Classes 1, 2 and 3 led by Danny and Alfie from Royston Town Football Club who provide our school with so much additional PE expertise on a daily basis. My thanks, once again, to Miss Hargrave who also leads PE and Sport at Jenyns school for co-ordinating these activities.

As you know, Mr Sadler came into school again on Tuesday and absolutely loved meeting you on the playground. He had a busy day orientating himself into all things Jenyns. He joined me in a Curriculum governors meeting first thing, a Pupil Progress meeting with Mrs Baxter as well as staff training by Anne Gorolini (our District School Effectiveness Adviser) on subject leadership after school. We also managed to pack in a finance meeting with Mrs Turner in addition to a few hours of discussing all the wonderful things that makes Jenyns school so special. Mr Sadler is returning for another whole day on the final Tuesday of this term (26th March). We shall make sure to come outside to speak with you again then. Incidentally, I have it on good authority that Mr Sadler is his current school's resident DJ for children's discos. Watch this space!

We are thrilled to be joining in with national Red Nose Day at school this Friday. We are all invited to wear something red to school and to donate, if we are able to, to this excellent cause. It is a special one this year as the comedian Lenny Henry is retiring from hosting this event after 29 years right from its foundation year. What an inspiration he is.

We are pleased to be meeting with you all this week and next to celebrate your child/ren's progress. Please do contact Mrs Turner if you have not signed up for a meeting yet.

As for our governors, they are busy meeting with myself and our class teachers this week and next to discuss our subject leadership at Jenyns School. Like all teachers, we have additional responsibilities for subject leadership and may I take this opportunity to thank both our governors and our teaching staff for being so proactive in arranging these important monitoring and information sharing meetings. I shall look forward to my second Full Governing Body meeting next Wednesday evening.

Looking ahead to next week, we have the Rocksteady Music Concert on Thursday 21st and our wonderful, very hardworking staff are looking forward to attending training on the next two Wednesday afternoons from our SEND adviser who has been providing much valued support and guidance to us all this term.

So, another busy week at our fabulous school. I do hope you have a relaxing weekend and I look forward, very much, to my final two weeks at Jenyns School. I absolutely know that I am handing over to a very capable and hardworking person in Mr Sadler.

With my very best wishes,

Mrs King
Headteacher

HCL have informed us of an increase to the cost of some meals from April 2024:

Junior meals will cost £3.35

There is no change to Universal Free School Meals or Nursery meals.





We hope you all enjoyed celebrating Mother's Day last weekend 😊 The children really enjoyed making the labels for their Mum's daffodils!

Planning for the Braughing Fair & Wheelbarrow Race is coming along quickly! A big thank you to Mr Neil Donno for supplying the generator – we wouldn't be able to run the bar without this! We have also applied for our temporary events notice from the council (alcohol license) and have begun the search for raffle prizes! Any parent prizes gratefully received!

Thank you to everyone that has agreed to do a stint of volunteering throughout the weekend. We are still looking for parent volunteers throughout the weekend - even if it's just for an hour on the raffle or the bar, setting up on the Friday and tidying away on the Sunday – every little helps. Just 10 more parent helpers will make such a big difference! Please chat with myself or Nic Donno if you would like to be involved.

Thanks again for all your support!

Anne
Friends of Jenyns

Useful dates

- 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
- Tuesday 16th April – Class 2 trip to Mountfitchet Castle
- 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.

CLASS 1

During Science week, Class 1 have been learning about how blossom is appearing on trees now that it is Spring. The drawings they have produced following our Spring walk have been very creative and they have added blossom by printing with paint and adding collage with tissue paper. They have been measuring the Amaryllis they have watched growing from a bulb, as it has grown taller each day. After freezing toy people in ice last week, they explored how ice melted under various conditions using their own ideas and making their own predictions. Hands-on exploration with magnets has enabled the children to discover which things are attracted and which are not. The children have been considering why this may be. We have a lot of Dr Curious Superheroes!



Science workshop- Sublime Science



Melting ice



Spring blossom



Magnets



Plants- growth

This week are very proud to give certificates of the week to David and Winter. Well done!

CLASS 2

Science week started with a bang! We were very excited to start our week with a workshop from Sublime Science! A scientist came in and had great fun exploring chemical reactions, how to make snow, making music using a straw and how to alter the sound. Finally, the whole school went out to playground to launch a rocket! We were surprised to see how far it travelled.



The theme for science week this year was time so our observations were based around this, thinking about how long it would take before a reaction would happen.

We made a mixture of sugar, water and red food dye and left across the week to see what would happen. The water evaporated and left behind sugar crystals.

In class, we had good fun investigating which biscuit was best for dunking and lasted the longest without the sugar dissolving.

We made our Greek Water timers and used these for another science challenge. We began by thinking how long a minute actually was and started predicting how many star jumps or different things we could do in a minute and then we tested our predictions.



We also had good fun growing a rainbow, and discussed how the water travelled through the paper towel.



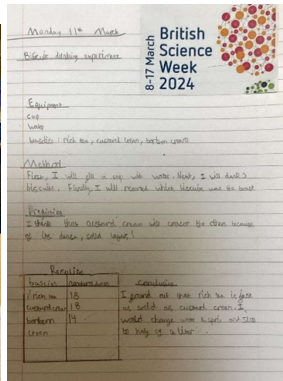
Our certificate winners this week are Solvej and Emeya. Well done!

CLASS 3

To celebrate Science week, the whole school were treated to a 'Sublime Science' workshop. Each class enjoyed interactive scientific demonstrations (including making slime). As well as this, we finished the morning with a rocket launch flying across the playground. The morning was enjoyed by all and certainly a highlight of our science week.



We carried out a science experiment to test the strength of different biscuits. We made it a fair test by only changing one thing and recorded our results in a table. We wrote detailed conclusions and considered how we might change the test if we were to do it again.



Our certificate award winners this week were Ronnie and Miles. Well done both of you!



Public Health Nursing 5-19 Team Newsletter

Welcome!

The school nursing team continues to support children in Hertfordshire mainstream schools.

Ways to contact us

School Nursing Duty line:
0300 123 7572
(Mon-Fri 9am-5pm)

Our referral website, which also has information about our service:



[School nurses in Hertfordshire
\(hertsfamilycentres.org\)](https://hertsfamilycentres.org)

Social Media



#hct_schoolnursing
hctconhalth.hct



@HCT_SchoolNurse



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Emotional Health

Children can use many techniques to help reduce their stress and relax. There are many techniques on www.healthforkids.co.uk that you can teach your child to help them relax during times of stress. It's important that these are practised when you child is in a calm state.



Why not try the lanterns game to help your child express how they are feeling?



It's all about finding out what works for you and your child.

Chicken Pox

Chicken pox can appear at any age. It usually gets better after 1-2 weeks, without the need to see a GP. An itchy, spotty rash is the main symptom, which can appear anywhere on the body.

Chicken pox appears in 3 stages:

1. Small spots appear
2. Spots become blisters
3. Blisters become scabs

Other symptoms may include high temperature, generally feeling unwell and loss of appetite.

Children will need to stay off school until all spots have scabbed, usually 5 days after the spots appear.

For more information, check out www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox

Headlice

Headlice can make your head feel itchy or like something is moving in your hair. Treat headlice as soon as you spot them. You can treat headlice without seeing a GP.

To remove headlice, comb the hair with a special fine-toothed comb. You can buy these online or at pharmacies. There's no need to keep your child off school.

Lice can be removed by wet combing:

1. Wash hair with ordinary shampoo, apply lots of conditioner.
2. Comb the whole head of hair, from the roots to the ends.

Do wet combing on days 1, 5, 9 and 13 to catch any newly hatched head lice. Check again that hair is free of lice after 17 days. See www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/ for more information.



Measles

Measles infection is caused by a virus, and spreads between people very easily. Around 1 in 15 people with measles can become seriously unwell.

What are the symptoms of measles?

A high temperature, runny or blocked nose, sneezing, a cough, red sore eyes.

Having the MMR vaccine is the best way to prevent measles.

To find out more, check out the National Measles Guidelines:



(UK Health Security Agency, 2024)

Special Educational Needs

The Hertfordshire Local Offer has lots of information about services for you if you have special educational needs and disabilities.

[The Hertfordshire SEND Local Offer](https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/special-educational-needs)

SPACE supports young people who are neurodivergent. Whether you think you may be, are going through the diagnostic process, or have already received a diagnosis, SPACE are here to support you.

[SPACE Hertfordshire](https://www.spacehertfordshire.org)

