# JYS

## OCTOBER 2022 ISSUE

Welcome to this academic year's first edition of the JYS Magazine. We will continue to share a snapshot of life in school, so that you can celebrate the achievements of all children across the school. This half term, pupils and staff have written articles to share what has been happening over the past 7 weeks in each year group. I am sure as you look through the pages, you will see how busy the school has been and how hard staff and pupils have been working to make sure that JYS is a productive and enjoyable place to learn. Keep an eye out for our Christmas issue.



## YEAR R

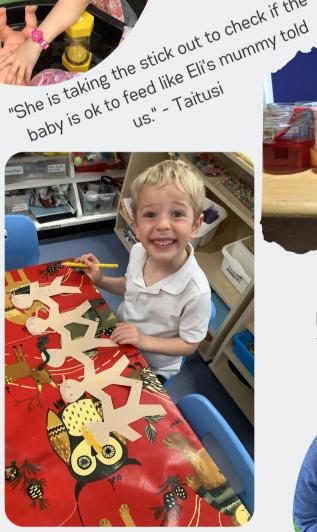
Year R have had a busy first term at JYS. Here are some photos and quotes that give you an idea of the things they have been doing...

> "Henry and Joseph told us when it is bath time...their mummy said Henry held Toby in the

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"We learnt about fires. We learnt about all the fire stuff they have in their fire engine. Axes and hoses and their fire helmets keep their head safe." - Ellis





"She is taking the stick out to check if the

"We made paper dolls of our family. Families are all different!" - Rosie

"We put colour in the pots and it went in to the next glass...it was walking" - Alex



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This half term, we have had fun working collaboratively together on lots of imaginative and creative tasks, both in our classroom and in our Year 1 outside area! As part of our 'Weather Wizardry' learning theme, we have been finding out more about the seasons and looking at the information given in weather forecasts. We've even filmed our own weather forecast report bulletins!

One particular highlight of this half term has been the start of our Forest School sessions. We have already learned new skills, including fire lighting, and have enjoyed finding lots of autumn treasures, both on the school field and at Brandy Hole Copse!

"I liked the art we've done, like making 'Hamilton's Hats' and doing our sculptures outside." - Charlotte "It's been fun finding 'one more than' and 'one less than' in maths." - Tatiana "I really, really enjoy our Forest School sessions!" - Ruby

"I really love writing . . . about everything! I like using adjectives to describe things." - Lisa

"I liked our Weather Wizardry topic and making our own weather forecast videos." - Sophie

"It's fun to be with my friends, making things with the Mobilo in Discovery Time." - Hector

"I like counting in maths. I've got better at counting forwards and backwards." - Albie "Phonics is fun. I like learning new sounds and finding out how to read new tricky words like 'come' and 'some'." - Rosie P







#### What's been happening in Year 2?

We loved listening to Matt Carr, the author, telling us about his story books. He had a different hoody for each of his stories. He told us the story of Ginny the hamster. But was waiting for his new hoody to arrive!

We have been learning about Harvest and where our food comes from. Mrs Saunders brought in blackberries from her garden and we made apple and blackberry crescent rolls. They tasted delicious - especially with a little ice-cream!

We have been learning about the life of Mary Anning who was a famous fossil hunter. We were very excited to meet Jimmy, Chichester's very own fossil hunter! He told us lots of interesting things and he brought in some of the fossils he had found. The largest was a Mammoth's knee (which we all thought was a bottom!).

We got the chance to hunt for our own fossil in the stones. We found sharks' teeth and unicorn horns.

We were also very excited to meet the fireman. They told us about their very important job and how they help people. We sat in the engine and even got to use the hose! Some of us dressed up in their clothes. The jackets and trousers were reflective so they could be seen in a fire.











### WHAT YEAR 3 HAVE BEEN UP TO THIS TERM!

We've had a really fun start to Year 3! Our main topic has been Chichester, and we recently went on a walk around the city centre with local history expert Paul Ullson. We learnt about some of the important buildings and how they've changed through different periods of history. After seeing the stained-glass windows in the cathedral, we also made our own versions for the classroom. Our Science learning has been all about light, so we know that these are made using translucent materials!

We've enjoyed having several visitors in already this year, including the author Gareth P Jones. We were given signed copies of his book 'Solve Your Own Mystery: The Time Thief' and got to hear and join in with his brilliant songs about the characters!

We also took part in an eco road-show and enjoyed learning about the different ways we can help look after the planet. These workshops included a variety of activities that were enjoyed by us all.

In Year 4, we have been exploring Geography through our overall learning theme 'Make a Change'. In this unit, we have explored the impact that humans have had on our environment (both positive and negative), how animals have adapted to these changes and how we can all become better citizens of our planet. It has been an eye-opening topic, which has led to some fantastic discussions - and has even allowed us to consider changes which can be made within the school!

We have also been able to explore lots of fun opportunities to learn in a hands-on and creative way. We began our brand new Ukulele lessons in music and started to learn Japanese in our language lessons.

Some of the highlights we recall are:

- The wind turbine challenge, where children worked in teams to create a model wind turbine;
- Outdoor sketches of our natural habitats. We explored the pond area and identified different

habitats;

Creating biomes in a bottle;

- The Eco Roadshow, ran by the fantastic people from Sussex Greener Living;
  - Beginning our swimming lessons;
  - And finally, making our own books to go in our class library.

Felix says, "I enjoyed the Eco Roadshow day because we learnt lots about the environment. We did some growing, a wheel of fortune and finally connections!"

Fynn says, "I remember doing pencil sketching. I enjoyed doing it because we got to draw and go out to the pond. We found some new cool things that I have never seen before."

Shiori says, "I really enjoyed our Geography topic because we got to read this really interesting book called 'Hope Jones Saves the World! It's about Hope making a protest to save the world."



#### Written by Dylan and Poppy

Lots of exciting things have happened in our first half term, but one of our favourites has to be our Roman Day...

On the 14th of October we had a Roman Day with our local historian Paul Ullson. He came into school to run workshops and we had a "dress up" day. The day started with us filling out a page of questions to ask his Roman character so we could find out as much as we could about life during the time period.

After a short break, it was time for us to all get our bright red and gold shields that we had made as part of our homework project. We were taught about Roman battle formation and used our shields to create a "Testudo" (Tortoise) while the Year 4 class threw beanbags at us to see if our defences held! Some of us had made very elaborate shields that were covered in coins unfortunately these did not all survive the battle!

Just before Paul Ullson ended his session with us, we all made chalk drawings of artefacts found during the Roman time period. We were encouraged to look carefully at each item and then represent it on black paper. We all loved our Roman dress up day.

This week we have been visited by WSCC Fire and Rescue service. We were taken out in groups and shown all the different features of a fire engine and how the different equipment is used to respond in an emergency situation. This was really interesting and it looked like a very challenging job.











#### <u>English - The Lost Words</u>

Last week, we were introduced to a magnificent spell book called 'The Lost Words'. It is about common words used to describe nature that is disappearing from the English countryside. We focused on starlings, barn owls and jackdaws. We have then used the book as an inspiration to plan and write our own poems about a creature or plant of our choice. We will also be creating a class poem about a barn owl. We have looked carefully at the work of other poets, analysing the language that has been used so that we can put some of the techniques into our own work. By Noah, Yusuf and Jack

#### <u>Maths</u>

This half term, we have been learning about place value, long multiplication and long division. At first, lots of us found long division quite hard, but as a class we have supported each other and now all got there! We have also been focussing on factors and word problems - we are really enjoying maths in Year 6!



By Hugo and Harry



#### <u>Art</u>

In art we have been looking at how to paint using watercolours and linking this to the book 'The Lost Words'.

We have been learning about different types of brush strokes; flat wash, graded wash and direct painting. We will be making our own artwork to go alongside our poems inspired by 'The Lost Words'. These will end up in a spellbook with our amazing watercolour pictures. By Poppy, Megan and Ellie

#### <u>Japanese</u>

Konnichiwa!

This year we have the amazing opportunity of learning Japanese. Every Tuesday and Thursday, Year 6 take part in these sessions - although we wish it was more! We have learnt an incredible amount already. The things we have learnt include Japanese greetings and numbers up to 99. We are all really enjoying it - Sayonara!

By Phoebe, Ines and Joey

#### <u>Humanities</u>

In humanities we have been learning about the Ancient Maya. This began with a series of questions about the civilisation and looking at the main cities in Mexico (where the Mayans lived) Paul Ullson came in and we were able to find out about daily life in this

time period. We also learnt to write our names and how the number system was different. We have also been finding out about how they worshipped different gods such as the Moon God.

By Mille, Gracie and Ava

#### Eco Roadshow

This event taught us about how to make the world a better place. We took part in various different sessions, each with a different focus. We looked at where our food comes from and focussed upon the journey of a banana - it was interesting to see how many electronics it takes to get a banana to a supermarket. It was also interesting to find out how much more enviornmentally friendly it is to eat local produce. During the day we also learnt about how to grow our own food and make our own compost.

It was an interesting day for everyone!

By Molly and Emily





#### Roles and responsibilties

In Year 6 we have lots of responsibilities. These include: school council, house captains, table tennis monitors, lunchtime helpers and librarians. Every roles is important and helps the school to run smoothly. By Alex, Archie and Frazer

#### P.E and Sports

This term we have been learning netball with Mrs Dutton and have looked at all the positions and rules. At the end of each session we have played matches set in our house teams and have really enjoyed this.

We have also had 3 weeks of squash training with Tim from the tennis club. We had a go at some hand-eye coordination, ball skills and racquet work. At the end of the 3 weeks he choose some people to go to the tennis club and play on the courts.

By Isaac and Liam

## JYS SPORTS Autumn Term

We are looking forward to our inter-school competition program beginning after half term. This will children competing in Dodgeball and football. As the year continues, the range of sport available will include cross country, swimming galas and even some new-age kurling!

This half term though, we have had a number of children take part in the mini London marathon. This is the second year we have taken part, and children were tasked with running 2.6 miles across their break / lunch times. It is always great to see so many children being involved in this, and once the pin badges arrive from the organisers we will hand them out.





We have been encouraging the children to take part in some intra-school competitions too, with children taking part in different sports and playing within their House Teams.

Year 2 enjoyed a large game of "Sharks and Fishes".

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 played Benchball. Year 5 had hoped to put their basketball skills in to practice, but the rain meant that they also played Benchball. Year 6 had hoped to be playing netball.

We plan to have more of these intra-school competitions each half term, led by Mrs Dutton.

Both Mr Neaves and Mrs Dutton would like to send a huge **THANK YOU** to all of the parents and children who have supported and sponsored them with their own running this term. For those that have somehow missed this, Mrs Dutton ran the London Marathon, and on Saturday 15th October, Mr Neaves ran a 50km route from Ringwood to Bournemouth. They were both raising money for St Wilfrid's Hospice.

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Paul-Neaves1

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Kerry-Dutton1\_





## Thank you..

Over the past half term we have had many people do small things that have made a big difference to our school. We would like to thank the following:

All the volunteers who have been giving up time on a weekly basis to hear children read. This is making a big difference and the children are really enjoying the experience. Staff have all commented on the positive impact it is having in the classroom.

All the adults who have helped with school visits this term, from forest school to the trip to Chichester Harbour and our History walk. Your support has helped these events run smoothly and safely for all.

The team of volunteers that gave up time to re-organise the school library. This group gave up an extraordinary amount of time to help with labelling books, sorting new stock and re-organising the space. This has had an enormous impact and would not have been possible without so much help.





A big thank you to people who have been kind enough to send books through to the school from the wish list (<u>https://amzn.eu/ehse6Ed</u>). This is providing us with fresh reading material which is being launched fortnightly in assemblies - we are overwhelmed by your generosity.

A big 'Thank You' to Andrew Minto for his kind £150 donation to the Friends following the ice cream sales on last day of term.

With the cost of living rising across the country, we understand donations are not possible for everyone and would like to reassure parents that these are not compulsory and your family comes first. Many of the events coming up will be designed to give back to people who may be in a difficult position, for example - nearly new uniform sales, pre-loved toy sale.

If you feel able to donate to the 'JYS Friends' next event, they will be collecting pre-loved toy/games donations on Fri 11th Nov - for a stall at the Autumn Fair.

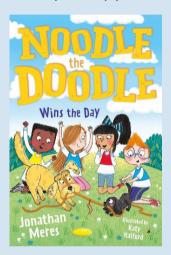


The books in the list below have been released recently. All of the titles can be found in our library or borrowed from the library in Chichester. If you have any suggestion for next terms list, please let us know.



Be open, be honest, be you! Big Bright Feelings for little people. Tilda's world is just as she likes it . . . until one day, it turns completely UPSIDE DOWN. All of a sudden, everything is topsy-turvy, and nothing feels right. Things that were once easy now seem incredibly challenging. Can Tilda discover a new way to approach her problems and believe in herself?





#### For ages 6-8 and up Noodle the Doodle Wins the Day

Sports Day has arrived at Wigley Primary and everyone is excited to take part in unusual events like book balancing, frisbee tossing and seeing who can race in the most layers of clothes! Of course Noodle the doodle is desperate to join in all the fun, but when he gets a new partner-in-crime, Daniel the spaniel, are the canine capers going to spiral out of control or can Noodle win the day ...?

#### For ages 8 and up Escape Room

When twelve-year-old Ami arrives at The Escape, she thinks it's just a game - the ultimate escape room with puzzles and challenges to beat before time runs out. Meeting her teammates, Adjoa, Ibrahim, Oscar and Min, Ami learns from the Host that they have been chosen to save the world and they must work together to find the Answer. But as he locks them inside the first room, they quickly realise this is no ordinary game.





#### For ages 9 – 11 and up The 1,000 Year Old Boy

The astonishing, beautiful new story for all readers of 9 and over. Alfie Monk is like any other nearly teenage boy – except he's 1,000 years old and can remember the last Viking invasion of England. Obviously no one believes him.

So when everything Alfie knows and loves is destroyed in a fire, and the modern world comes crashing in, Alfie embarks on a mission to find friendship, acceptance, and a different way to live...

... which means finding a way to make sure he will eventually die. Obviously no one believes him.



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