

Jessie Younghusband School

JYS News

8th July 2022



Summer Reading Challenge

West Sussex have launched their summer reading challenge that runs across the holiday period. This year it is titled 'Gadgeteers'. This is always a great way to entertain children over the summer period and keep them reading whilst they are away from school.

The 'Gadgeteers' Summer Reading Challenge starts in your local library on Saturday 9 July 2022. You can register using the following link

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/libraries/more-library-services/library-services-for-children-and-young-people/summer-reading-challenge/>



Lion King costume reminder

Costumes are being kept simple, however if at all possible, could your child bring a white t-shirt or white school polo shirt and plain grey or black trousers, leggings or shorts (to be left in school from Friday 15th July). If you are unable to provide this, please let us know so that we can try to assist with this.



Summer workshops

During the first week of the summer holidays, Theatre Arts UK will be providing summer workshops at JYS.

These will run on Monday 25th July - Wednesday 27th July, with children being able to attend for one or all of the sessions.

Each day will involve a range of music, drama and dance workshops aimed to improve children confidence and performance skills.

If you would like to reserve a space, please see the attached flyer for costing and contact details.

Farewells

As we head towards the end of the academic year, we have some members of staff we need to thank for all their hard work and wish them a farewell.

Mrs Jo Taylor has worked in the school office since 2017 and has been a valued member of the JYS team. Many of you will know her as your first point of contact when phoning or popping in to the building. Sadly, Mrs Taylor is leaving the school at the end of the year to relocate to Devon to be closer to her family. We wish her all the very best for the future.

Mrs Donna Gonçalves has worked with the JYS team over the past academic year. She has been a great addition to our TA team, working across many classes and with lots of pupils, in groups and on a 1:1 basis. Mrs Gonçalves is moving to join the team at Parklands School, where she will be taking up a full time, permanent position.

I am sure you all join us in wishing both members of staff the very best for the future.

This week's news...

On Wednesday of this week, almost all of our Year 6s spent the day at their new secondary school as part of their end of year transition. This meant that we were able to get the children who were at Jessie to spend most of the morning with their new teachers in their new classrooms. This allowed them to find out more about each other and to start looking forward to September and what might be in store for them!

Thursday was a busy day for the school, with Year 2s having their "Bug Day" and a whole day dedicated to all things "mini beast"! They made worm truffles, looked at three different habitats, pond-dipped for newts, explored different tree canopies, explored a wormery and dressed as bug hunters. They had an amazing day.

Twelve of our Y6s went to a baseball tournament at Oaklands Park on Thursday afternoon and joined the Chichester Falcons for two hours of t-ball baseball. They were delighted to come home as bronze medal winners!

And if you were on the playground on Friday morning, you will have seen the Y5s arriving for their Alien Day! The end of the year may be looming, but we are still going strong at JYS!

