



JYS News

Newsletter: 19 ~ 10th March 2023 Aspire ~ Respect ~ Enjoy

Retrieval Practice

Over the past year and a half, we at Jessie have been bringing in Retrieval Practice as part of some lessons to try and help the children remember what they are learning. Put simply, Retrieval Practice is the process of bringing our long-term memories to mind. When we transfer knowledge from our long-term to our working memory, the connection is strengthened in our brain, so that it is less likely to be forgotten in the future. Retrieval Practice has consistently been found to be the single most effective way of making sure learning sticks.

Retrieval practice can take many forms. However, the guiding principles are that it should:

1. Involve effort on the part of the learner (the more effort, the greater the resulting strength of connection!)
2. Be low stakes (minimal pressure from adults)
3. Involve instant feedback, so children can identify areas of strength and gaps in their knowledge
4. Rely on memory alone (no referring to books or materials)

If you are interested in learning more about Retrieval Practice, we recommend this video which has been created for parents:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U_-TaSzYmx8

Five benefits of Retrieval Practice

1. It's a powerful strategy to support learning.



2. It can identify gaps in knowledge.



3. Can lead to better organisation & transfer of knowledge.



4. Retrieval review is valuable for the student, teacher & parents.



5. Regular retrieval practice encourages students to study & self-test more.



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This week

We have been involved in a lot of sport recently. Last week, we had about 30 of our Years 5 and 6 children running in the Corporate Challenge - running in the dark around a course in the centre of Chichester!

On Tuesday, Mrs Dutton took our Dodgeball team to Chichester College to participate in a Sussex Schools Championship. Having come runner up at a competition at the Westgate Centre at the end of 2022, we went through to this round where we played well enough to be placed 5th!

Wednesday saw Mr Neaves and Mrs Dutton drive the netball team to Bognor for the next round of a Stinger Netball competition. We came 5th within our local area.

It was also a pleasure to welcome Paul Ullson back in again this week to continue his work with Year 3. On Wednesday, his focus was Bronze Age and Iron Age.

Important Dates Coming Up

Friday 17th March - Comic Relief (wear something fun or red and bring a cash donation for the charity - ParentMail was sent out on 09.03.23)

Friday 24th March - Quiz Night for Parents (tickets are still available from The Friends of JYS)

Friday 31st March - Last day of Spring Term

Monday 17th April - Summer Term Begins

Friday 28th April - TT Rockstar Day (details to follow)

Monday 5th June - INSET Day (School shut to pupils)

Thursday July 20 - Last day of term

House Points

Children earn house points for different things throughout the week, and here are the weekly results:



	This week	Total (Since Jan '23)	Total (Since Sept '22)
Ash	123	847	2328
Beech	59	704	2077
Maple	88	950	2348
Oak	66	925	2367