

JYS News

Newsletter: 22 ~ 22nd March 2024

Aspire ~ Respect ~ Enjoy



World Down Syndrome Day

Yesterday we 'rocked our socks' in celebration of World Down Syndrome Day. Seeing so many people wearing their bright and colourful socks helped to remind us that each one of us is unique and that we are all equally valued members of our JYS school community. All the children did an excellent job of demonstrating our school value of 'respect' during our special assembly, in which we learned more about Down Syndrome. Eli in Year 1 helped Mrs Neville to present the assembly, telling us about his little brother Zeke who has Down Syndrome. We were also thrilled to welcome Tallulah, Delilah and Austin's big sister who has Down Syndrome, to join us for the morning. Once back in their classes, the children had the opportunity to learn more about Down Syndrome with their teachers and to have their photo taken with their friends, in our 'This is Us!' giant picture frame which Tallulah brought around to each class!



We are delighted to inform you that the JYS Friends have organised a fantastic Easter Egg Hunt for the children to take part in. The Egg Hunt will take place in the school grounds at the beginning of next week. All children participating will receive a chocolate egg to take home with them. Children with special dietary requirements have been catered for and they will receive a dairy free/vegan egg. Please may we ask that children bring in a £1 donation on Monday (this was included in the "activities payment" at the start of the year) to cover the cost of running the event.



This Week

It was great to be able to take a squad of swimmers to Arun Leisure to participate in the gala on Wednesday. We were one of 16 schools represented there, and as ever our children were a credit to the school. Not only did they swim with great heart, but they behaved brilliantly and supported each other when they weren't swimming.

We had children qualify for finals in all individual races, and we did superbly in the relays, either winning or placing very highly in each of the four races. It was a disappointment then, when the gala had to be stopped at about 3/4 of the way through when one of the competitors from another school was ill in the water. However, the children understood why we were stopping and came back to school in high spirits, having swum their best.

House Points

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



	This week	Term Total (Since Jan '24)	Year Total (Since Sept '23)
Ash	92	1059	2299
Beech	72	971	2214
Maple	90	1106	2405
Oak	82	992	2240

Important Dates Coming Up

- Friday March 22nd - Quiz Night (adults only) 19:00 - 22:00 - **POSTPONED!!!**
- Monday March 25th - Year 3 to Butser Ancient Farm
- Tuesday March 26th - Thursday March 28th - Year 5 Residential Camp
- Friday March 29th - Sunday 14th April - Easter Holidays
- Monday 15th April - Summer Term begins
- Monday June 3rd 2024 - INSET (school closed)
- Saturday 15th June - JYS Summer Fayre! 14:00 - 16:00**
- Monday 15th July - Summer Show @3.30pm
- Friday July 19th 2024 - Last day of term
- Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd July 2024 - INSET (school closed)