

# JYS News

Newsletter: 20 ~ 8th March 2024

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## Belle and The Dog Mentor Programme

### Who is Belle?

Belle is Mr Hanna's dog who is currently undergoing training via The Dog Mentor programme to work as a therapy dog at JYS. This week, we started to introduce the school to Belle and Belle to the school.

She had her first adjustment session in school on Wednesday and will return next Wednesday for her second session. The following week, her full training from The Dog Mentor Programme begins. Following this, Belle will gradually be introduced to spend short periods of time interacting with children under strict supervision, either in groups or in one-to-one situations. Belle's main place of residence is Mr Hanna's office, which is secure and separate from the classrooms.

The Dog Mentor Programme will focus upon training key staff and Belle to work in a therapeutic capacity. With a background in teaching and extensive experience as a dog trainer and study in neuro-linguistic programming, Jenny (our trainer) has developed a specialised programme to help train dogs to be a positive therapeutic intervention in schools.

We would once again like to extend our thanks to JYS Friends for funding this wonderful opportunity.



### This Week

On Tuesday morning we were treated to an assembly by Professor Poopnsticken from Magical Maths and the children were amazed and delighted by her tricks and maths skills! The professor then went and spent part of the morning with our Year R children. We have had Magical Maths running an afterschool club in the Autumn term, and fliers are available to sign up for the Summer term too.

After school on Thursday, it was Mr Harman's turn to be at the front of the room as he delivered a session to Year 6 parents about the upcoming Year 6 SATs. In this session, he explained how the children can best prepare for them and how the parents can support us during SATs week in May.



### 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   | 77        | 884                        | 2124                        |
| Beech | 61        | 812                        | 2049                        |
| Maple | 92        | 901                        | 2200                        |
| Oak   | 66        | 832                        | 2080                        |

### Important Dates Coming Up

- Thursday March 14th - School Discos
- Friday March 15th - Comic Relief (wear something red and donate £1)
- Friday March 22nd - Quiz Night (adults only) 19:00 - 22:00
- 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)
- Friday July 19th 2024 - Last day of term
- Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd July 2024 - INSET (school closed)