

JYS News

Newsletter: 05 ~ 10TH October 2025

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School Updates

This week, we welcomed Mr. McGinley to our Jessie School community. He is currently the Headteacher of a school in Littlehampton. We are very fortunate to have his support as the Interim Headteacher of Jessie Younghusband during Mr. Hanna's unexpected absence. Mr. McGinley is very grateful for the warm welcome he has received so far, and I'm sure you will all continue to extend a warm welcome to him and wish Mr. Hanna a speedy recovery.

On Monday, 13th October, St Paul's will be coming into school to conduct a Harvest assembly. Please check the letter accompanying this newsletter for information about donations.

Could we please ask that you park considerately and sensibly around the school site if you drive to school—thank you.

This Week

On Monday, Year 5 were once again immersed in the Ancient Roman World with a trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace. It was an action-packed day with a maths themed workshop, investigations of the Roman gardens, explorations in the hands-on area and of course careful observations of the famous Mosaic floors. Stand by for more detailed reports, straight from the children's themselves, in the next issue of the JYS magazine!

Year 3 visited Bishop Palace Garden, which ties in with the class literacy work the children are doing at the moment: "Descriptions of a Garden." They spent some time observing the garden's plants and flowers and enjoyed a snack and a drink before walking back to school in time for lunch.

Year 1 & Year 2 were treated to an exciting morning on Tuesday, taking part in the Chichester Children's Bookfest. The fantastic author and illustrator Zehra Hicks joined the classes to share her book 'Panda and Penguin Find A Thing'. Every child wrote their own sequel to the book, and got a signed copy of Zehra's original to take home and keep. We love taking part in the Children's Bookfest each year, and know how special it is for every pupil to get a copy of the book directly from the author - it was lovely to see so many of them inspired by reading.



This week, all our classes from Year 1 to Year 6 competed in the interhouse cross country races. Mrs. Dutton was extremely proud of how all the children applied themselves and supported each other—a great representation of our Jessie values! The children collected points for their house teams, with points awarded for podium winners and best attitude and effort. There can only be one winning house for this term, and the winner is Maple. Well done to everyone for their fantastic efforts.



We started the week with a special whole school assembly on Monday morning, led by our 'Eco Expert' Mrs Ritchie. Mrs Ritchie taught us all about the carbon cycle and we learned that carbon is really important for life on Earth. Did you know that carbon can be found in the air, in diamonds, in lettuce and even in humans (about 18% of our body mass is carbon)? Mrs Ritchie spoke to us about how the burning of fossil fuels upsets the natural carbon cycle and causes the Earth's atmosphere to warm up which isn't good for our planet. She then told us about some 'greener' renewable energy sources which can be used instead, such as hydroelectric power, wind power and solar power. We are all pleased to see that the roof of our new school building is covered in solar panels!

House Points

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



	This week	Term Total Autumn Term	Year Total
Ash	65	683	683
Beech	120	720	720
Maple	77	621	621
Oak	131	824	824

Important Dates Coming Up

October 20th until 24th - Year 1 Forest School (excluding Thursday)
October 22nd and 23rd - Parents Evenings (info to follow)
October 27th until 31st - Half Term Break
November 3rd INSET DAY (School closed to all pupils)
November 6th - Little City to visit school for YR, Y1, Y2
November 7th - History man (Mr Ullson) to visit year 4
November 14th - Children in Need (more details to follow)
November 20th - Autumn Disco
November 21st - Flu Vaccinations