

JYS News

Newsletter: 19 ~ 1st March 2024

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Spotlight on "The Corporate Challenge"

What is it?

The Corporate Challenge is a unique series of evening road races for all ages and abilities, run around Chichester city centre. Distances range from 1400m for primary school children up to 4.5km for adults. Races start at the Assembly Rooms on North Street and are conducted under UK Athletics rules.

Each year, this event is offered to all of the pupils in Years 5 and 6, and every year there is always a large number of children who put themselves forward to compete, and a wide range of abilities. What surprises everybody on their first run is how busy it is and how many people come out to support the runners.

On Wednesday this week, we had 26 children turn out in the dark, cold and rain to run through the city streets. All of the children pushed themselves to do their best, "encouraged" by Mr Neaves' shouts (he had no voice left Thursday morning!) and cheered on by the hundreds of onlookers. It was lovely to see so many children taking part, and to witness them supporting each other when they weren't running. We even had children from Year 5 who weren't running - as well as former Jessie students - come along to support those who were.



This Week

Tuesday morning, Year 3 continued with their Forest Schools sessions and spent time finding tracks and evidence of the many small animals that make their homes on, or near, the school grounds.

On Tuesday afternoon, we were visited by James Clowes. He spent time with Year 2 and Year 1 in their PE sessions. James plays boccia for England and narrowly missed out on representing our country at the last paralympics. He has cerebral palsy, lives in Denmead and has just celebrated his 30th birthday. James brought his kit, demonstrated his skills and answered the children's questions. His mum, Mandy, accompanied him and he also brought his wheelchair with him. Year 1s learned to play boccia earlier this year in PE.



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	127	807	2047
Beech	114	751	1980
Maple	142	809	2108
Oak	99	766	2014

Important Dates Coming Up

Friday March 8th - World Book Day celebrations

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)