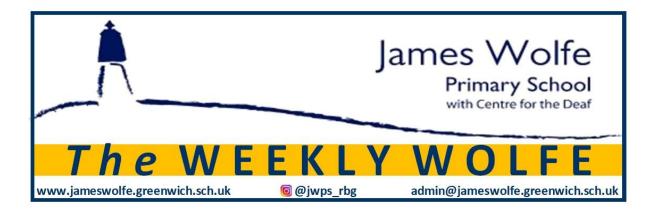
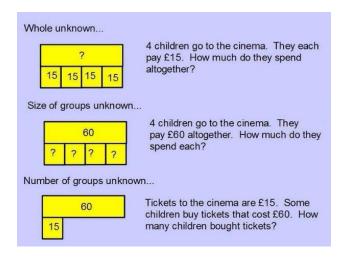
# **Thursday 24th November 2022**



## Dear Parents,



Last week, we celebrated Maths Week across the school. This was a good opportunity to think about how important maths is in our daily lives.

Throughout the week, children took on 'Barvember' challenges, which involved answering five questions every day (some harder than others), using known strategies, including bar models. As the image above shows, these are a fantastic visual way to represent a calculation and underpin our teaching of maths across both campuses. Children across the school enjoyed the challenge of the questions and solving them using this method, alongside lots of class discussion.

I am well aware that this may not be an approach you have seen before - it certainly wasn't used when I was in school! Therefore, it may be worth asking your child how they use a bar model in school, using the image above as a reference point. Alternatively, you could talk to your child's class teacher if you would like to know more.

As part of our PROUD assemblies this week, we will also be celebrating those children who did particularly well in theses maths challenges. It has been wonderful to see the children's enthusiasm and motivation to prove what they know and compete as part of their class. Well done to all those who took part! More information can be found below.

I wish you all great, maths-rich, weekend!

Kind regards, Mrs Simpson

# Winter Newsletter 2022

## **WINTER NEWSLETTER**

Yesterday, we sent out our Winter Newsletter, which gives details of school events running over the Christmas period and links for booking performance tickets. You can find a copy at <a href="https://www.jameswolfe.greenwich.sch.uk/s/Year-N-6-Winter-Newsletter-Nov-2022.pdf">https://www.jameswolfe.greenwich.sch.uk/s/Year-N-6-Winter-Nov-2022.pdf</a>.



#### **ENGLAND ROCKS MATHS COMPETITION**

As mentioned above, pupils have taken part in a maths competition over Maths Week and you can see a list of the winners below:

Firstly, huge congratulations to 4M, as they got over double the points of the class in second place. What incredible perseverance they have shown.

- 1. 4 MERCURY
- 2. 5 JUPITER
- 3. 6 SATURN
- 4. 6 MOON
- 5. 3 CEDAR
- 6. 4 PLUTO
- 7. 4 SUN
- 8. 5 NEPTUNE
- 9. 3 ASH
- 10. 5 EARTH
- 11. 6 GALAXY
- 12. 6 URANUS
- 13. 5 MARS
- 14. 3 POPLAR
- 15. 3 OAK

For individuals, the Top 10 looks like this:

- 1. Pranav R 4 MERCURY
- 2. Samuel O 6 MOON
- 3. Kiarra M 6 SATURN
- 4. Kirtan P 4 MERCURY
- 5. Reggie B 4 MERCURY
- 6. Kinuko K S 4 PLUTO
- 7. Poppy W-T 5 JUPITER
- 8. Luke N 5 JUPITER
- 9. Riley E 5 JUPITER
- 10. Ansuman S 3 CEDAR

Well done to everyone who took part - you are truly fantastic mathematicians!



### **NUTS AND SESAME SEEDS**

We remind all parents that ours is a nut-free school, including packed lunch boxes, and that chocolate spread is often nut-based as well. This includes sending in chocolates such as 'Celebrations', 'Roses' or 'Quality Street' for birthdays or the end of term, as these include the likes of 'Snickers', 'Hazelnut Swirl' and 'The Purple One', all of which contain nuts. We also ask that sesame seeds are not brought in to school. It is very important that this policy is adhered to.



## **REPORTING ABSENCES**

When reporting your child's absence by phone, please could all parents ensure they speak clearly and slowly, so there is no confusion regarding the message they have left, as the office staff will often find it is difficult to make out what has been said.

Please can parents also be specific about the reason for an absence and not just say, for example, that their child is "unwell".

If your child has an appointment in the morning, please leave a message on the attendance line stating if they are returning or not, so that a dinner can be booked if required. Please can parents make sure they inform the **school office** (rather than the teacher) in advance and provide evidence if their child is going to be arriving late or out of school for part of the day due to an appointment. This information is required so that we may organise the school day, such as dinner numbers.

Parents can call the school, then press 1 to leave a message for the Attendance Officer.

# Friends of James Wolfe School

Hi everyone,



There's just over a week to go now until our fantastic Christmas Fair! We will be out in the playground at Randall Place selling wristbands and raffle tickets from Monday. Wristbands are £2 a child and will get them access to both the crafts and to see Santa in his grotto. The raffle tickets will be £2 for a strip of five or 50p a ticket. We have some fabulous prizes available, so remember, you have to be in it to win it!

We still need help with the fair, so if you can volunteer some time on the night, please do get in touch.

Please follow/like us on Twitter/Facebook to find out more about what we do, as well as about upcoming social/fundraising events. All are welcome!

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# **IMPORTANT DATES**

# **Autumn Term 2022**

Monday 21st Nov.to Friday 2nd December -- Year 4 Pluto Daily Swimming Course Monday 21st Nov.to Friday 2nd December -- Year 4 Venus Daily Swimming Course Monday 28th Nov. -- Year 2 Beech & Elm Christmas Journey Trips to St Alfege Monday 28th November -- Year 6 Galaxy & Uranus Trip to the Olympic Park Monday 28th November -- Year 5 Earth & Mars Trip to Leake Street Tunnel Monday 28th November to Thursday 1st December -- After-School Activities End Tuesday 29th Nov. -- Year 2 Rowan & Maple Christmas Journey Trips to St Alfege Tuesday 29th November -- Year 6 Moon & Saturn Trip to the Olympic Park Tuesday 29th November -- Bow Arts Celebration Event (7x Y2 & 6x Y6 Children) Wednesday 30th November -- Year 5 Jupiter & Neptune Trip to Leake Street Tunnel Thursday 1st December -- EFL Kids Cup (CAFC Training Ground) Thursday 1st December -- Centre London Performance Studio Trip Friday 2nd December -- FJWS Christmas Fair Monday 5th Dec. to Friday 16th December -- Year 4 Sun Daily Swimming Course Monday 5th Dec. to Friday 16th Dec. -- Year 4 Mercury Daily Swimming Course Tuesday 6th December -- Nursery Christmas Performance Thursday 8th Dec. to Friday 9th December -- Reception Christmas Performances Friday 9th December -- Randall Place Advent Window Opening (3:30pm) Monday 12th Dec. to Tuesday 13th December -- Year 1-6 Christmas Performances Tuesday 13th December -- Centre Trip to Frank Barnes Christmas Show Wednesday 14th December -- Randall Place Christmas Dinner Thursday 15th December -- School Choir Carol Singing Trip to Canary Wharf Thursday 15th December -- Royal Hill Christmas Dinner Friday 16th December -- Royal Hill Advent Window Opening (3:15pm) Friday 16th December -- Class Parties - Children May Wear Party Clothes Friday 16th December -- Last Day of Term Tuesday 3rd January -- First Day of Term - INSET DAY Wednesday 4th January -- Years R-6 Return to School Wednesday 4th January -- Nursery Closed Thursday 5th January -- Nursery Children Return to School



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TO ALL PARENTS/CARERS OF CHILDREN IN RECEPTION TO YEAR 6

Flu vaccination clinics

It is not too late for your child to receive the flu vaccination

If your child did not receive the nasal flu vaccination at your school session and you would now like them to receive this, or you would like the alternative injectable flu vaccine which does not contain porcine gelatine, clinics will be available on the following dates.

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October at Gallions Reach Health Centre

Thamesmead SE28 8BE - from 10.00am to 1.30pm

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November at Bostall House Goldle Leigh Site Lodge Hill Abbey Wood SE2 0AS - from 10.00am to 1.30pm

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December at Lee Green Fire Station 9 Eltham Rd

SE12 8ES - from 10.00am to 1.30pm

If you are interested and would like more information or would like to book an appointment, please call the immunisation team on

Protecting your child can stop flu spreading and infecting those around them who maybe more vulnerable.

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Oxleas NHS Immunisation Team can be contacted by email at

oxl-tr.immunisations@nhs.net

For more information on the flu vaccination programme please go to www.oxleas.nhs.uk/immunisation also www.nhs.uk/child-flu

# What is Barvember? What's the point?

Barvember is organised by White Rose Maths to encourage everyone to use the bar model. We believe that the Bar Model is a useful tool for helping children visualise and then solve maths problems. Even some of the most complex problems can be seen much easier when represented visually.

Barvember provides an opportunity for everyone to just do some maths

We know that the bar model is not the ONLY way of visualising a problem and we also know that these problems can be solved in the other ways.

# Why should we take part?

We hope for the fun of doing maths. Lots of rewards available too; BARS of Fairtrade chocolate and places on our courses to name a few.

# How do I share my solution?

- Tweet it to us @WhiteRoseMaths and use #barvember
- Send it to <u>support@whiterosemaths.com</u>





# Young Education Services

Working with local children in the heart of Greenwich since 1992 At YES we can help pupils fulfil themselves academically.

Now booking small group and 1:1 tuition at our James Wolfe Royal Hill Campus location

Not sure of your child's ability? Book a formal assessment with us.

SECONDARY ONLINE TUITION, HOLIDAY COURSES AND MOCK EXAMS AVAILABLE

To book or find out more about YES please call or visit us online at www.youngeducationservices.co.uk Call: 07935 422 553 or 07850 132 904 James Wolfe Campus, Royal Hill, London, SE10 8RZ







### TRAVEL TO SCHOOL

We are committed to making travel to school safe, comfortable and sustainable. We encourage children, parents and teachers to walk, cycle or scoot to school, in order to help free up more space on public transport for others.



# **EMAIL SETTINGS**

Please can parents make sure they check their email settings, as some of our official emails appear to be diverting to parents' spam/junk folders. Please can all those who do not recall receiving any emails from us this term check their spam/junk folders to see if they are there and make sure their settings allow emails from 'James Wolfe' and 'jameswolfe' through the filter. All letters to parents that are for whole year groups or more can also be found on our website at https://www.jameswolfe.greenwich.sch.uk/school-newsletters-and-parent-letters.



#### **PUPIL ASSET**

Parents are able to edit their own details in Pupil Asset, so, if you have switched phone numbers or even spot a mistake, there is now no need to make a request from the school office, you can just log in and make the change yourself.

To log in to Pupil Asset, parents can either download their Parent App or log in to their ParentPortal. To create a password for the ParentPortal, please go to http://parents.pupilasset.com/ and select Login Via ParentPortal, then First Time Login. Alternatively, you can download their app, either for iPhone from https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/pupil-asset-parent-app/id1490994393, or for Android from https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.rnparentapp. Tap First Login then enter the email address we have on record for you. When you tap Submit, PA will send you an email which will allow you to set your password. Your password will need to be at least eight characters long and include a number, or you will be unable to log in. Please inform us if your email address has changed. Once you have created login details you will be able to sign in with them on the Login screen. Full instructions can be found at https://www.pupilasset.com/help/how-to-guide/parental-communicationcontactsemailsmspattr-/parents-app-overview-a-guide-for-parents. The app/portal will initially only be used for dinner payments -- you will not, for example, be able to select meals as demonstrated in the guide and, indeed, our rules regarding this will remain the same.



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