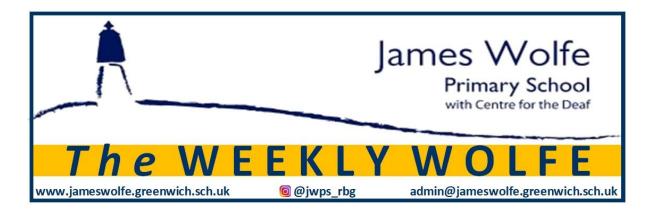
At James Wolfe, we are constantly striving to further enrich the opportunities and experiences for our pupils -this may include playground improvements, extracurricular activities, development of indoor spaces (e.g. libraries), special provision, inspirational visitors and experiences. If you would like to make a contribution to our fundraising efforts, please go to our Go Fund Me page at <u>https://gofund.me/3f7ee947</u>. We will share updates on how we spend these donations in the Weekly Wolfe. Thank you in advance for your contributions.

Thursday 25th May 2023



Dear Parents,



Last week we had the grand opening for our Secret Garden at Royal Hill and it really was a special day. The Mayor of Greenwich came to cut the red ribbon and we were able to thank Stuart Smith from Blakeney Leigh, who not only embraced my vision for the garden but also did this as a social value project for free! Pupil Leaders within the school have already started developing the garden by planting seeds and the D&T Ambassadors have launched a competition (see below) to help decorate and embrace wildlife in our Secret Garden. Have you worked out where the Secret Garden is located?!

Our History Heroes have also been busy, launching the most incredible day last week to celebrate History Heroes, not only of the past and present, but also those they think will be remembered in the future. Their assembly was outstanding and really showcased their knowledge and enthusiasm for the subject.

Plus, our Deaf Buddies have been running a poster competition to raise awareness of our d/Deaf community and the number and quality of the entries has been phenomenal!

It is fantastic to see our children lead these subject areas -- developing their leadership skills, taking on responsibility and being creative and innovative. The children showcase our PROUD values every day and I look forward to sharing more pupil leadership work in the future.

Have a lovely Half Term break and we look forward to seeing you for a very busy but amazing final few weeks of the Summer term!

Kind regards, Ms Gallagher



AUTHOR VISIT

As part of this week's Science Week celebrations, Ramya Julian, a local authorillustrator (and dentist), visited our school. Ramya talked about the process of writing and publishing, following which she read from her rhyming picture-book *Women in STEM* (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics), featuring Marie Curie, Mary Seacole, Muthulakshmi Reddy and Wang Zhenyi, finishing with positive affirmations to motivate and inspire our pupils.

You can order a signed copy of this book, or any of her other books (rhyming picture books based on diverse heroes), directly from <u>https://www.ramyajulian.com/shop</u>. Please order by Sunday 11th June. The autographed copies will be delivered to the school in the first week of July. If you have any other questions regarding payment or ordering, please email <u>info@ramyajulian.com</u>.



DINNERS

Please can parents note that a swap from packed lunches to school dinners, or vice versa, can only be made on the first day back after a holiday. If you wish to make a change, please ensure we are informed on your child's return to school.



FREE HOLIDAY MEALS

Any child in Royal Greenwich can get a free lunch this Half Term, as the Council's holiday meal scheme returns to libraries and leisure centres. Grab a healthy, nutritious packed lunch throughout the week, with no forms or fuss -- just turn up and tuck in! Serving times vary, so please check their website for details at <u>http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/holidaymeals</u>.

WOUCHER SCHEME

FUNDS FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Funds will once again be provided over the holiday by Royal Greenwich to those FSM families who consented. If parents are not in receipt of Free School Meals for their child but feel they would qualify, they should apply at <u>https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals</u>. Should you find you are not eligible but are experiencing hardship, please contact the school.



APPLYING FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR YOUR CHILD

As you may know, publicly funded schools in England receive additional funding in the form of the Pupil Premium to support the learning and achievement of their pupils. In order to benefit from this funding, we need parents to apply for Free School Meals through the Local Authority.

Whilst all children are already entitled to Universal Free School Meals in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, if parents do not apply for Free School Meals themselves through the Local Authority, the school will miss out on the additional funding and your child could be missing out on vital benefits.

These benefits include:

- School clothing grants of £50 when your child is in Reception and £50 when your child is in Year 3.
- Holiday grants of £15 per week per child during the school holidays to assist with food costs.
- Financial assistance with the cost of the residential school journey when your child is in Year 6.

You can check your eligibility and find out more about these additional benefits via the following <u>LINK</u>. If you would like to apply for Free School Meals/Pupil Premium funding, click <u>HERE</u>. The funding received by the school will go towards new resources and additional support, and will allow us to run extra-curricular activities.

Should you have any questions or require any assistance with making your application online, please contact the school office who will be happy to help. Many thanks for your support.

IMPORTANT DATES

Summer Term 2023

Monday 22nd May to Friday 26th May -- Science Week Thursday 25th May -- Year 1 Carnival (2:30pm) Friday 26th May -- Year 2 Picnic Friday 26th May -- Boys' Football Team Fixture Day Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June -- Half Term Thursday 8th June -- Boys' Football Team Fixture Day Friday 9th June -- Year 6 Saturn Windrush Trip to Maritime Museum Friday 9th June -- Year 6 Parents' Stay & Read Session Monday 12th June -- Year 5 Earth & Mars Viking Trips to Maritime Museum Tuesday 13rd June -- Year 6 Galaxy & Moon Fundraising Bake Sale Thursday 15th June -- Boys' Football Team Fixture Day Friday 16th June -- Piano Students' Recitals (RH 9:30am / RP 2:00pm) Monday 19th June to Friday 23rd June -- Year 6 School Journeys Monday 19th June -- Year 5 Neptune & Jupiter Viking Trips to Maritime Museum Wednesday 21st June -- Girls' Football Medal Presentation at Meridian Sports Grnd Monday 26th June -- New Reception Parents Meetings (9:30am / 2:30pm) Wednesday 28th June -- Year 6 Lion King Trip to Lyceum Theatre Friday 30th June -- Boys' Football Team Medal Presentation

<u>CLASS CELEBRATION</u> <u>ASSEMBLY DATES</u> <u>RANDALL PLACE</u>		
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CLASS CELEBRATION

Friends of James Wolfe School

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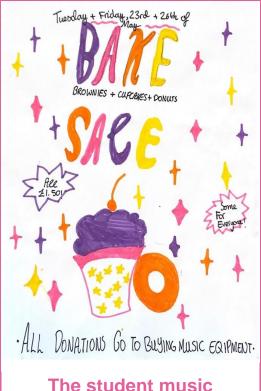


Our Summer Event will be on Friday 30th June, so please save the date! We will be revealing more details very soon. In the meantime, as we will be holding a raffle, if you are able to donate anything please get in touch with Nigel at <u>Nigel65au@gmail.com</u> -- thank you!

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!

Email: friendsofJWS@gmail.com Facebook: <u>https://en-gb.facebook.com/FJWSGreenwich</u> Twitter: <u>https://twitter.com/fjwsgreenwich</u>

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The student music leadership team will be hosting a Bake Sale at Royal Hill before and after school tomorrow, Friday 26th May, to raise money for music equipment.



To help celebrate the grand opening of our Secret Garden, Royal Hill pupils are invited to design and make a decoration to inhabit and enhance our brand new outdoor space! Please note that Mrs Renouf will be available at lunch times on Thursdays and Fridays in 4S to support those less confident but who wish to create and enter. The winners will have their creation installed in the garden and will help our Randall Place pupils make some garden decorations during the next half of term! Please use recycled or recyclable materials and make sure you choose from the three categories. Good luck!



• fun, friendly environment for children to make new friends and learn new skills

To register visit our website: www.breeslittlestars.co.uk <u>OR</u> Email: club.holiday@breeslittlestars.co.uk Tel: 07961 713476

Student finance and childcare vouchers accepted

If you would like your child(ren) to attend this after-school club, you will need to complete a registration form for each child on the Cheqdin system. Once you have done this, you will be able to make bookings and payments online. Availability is determined on the day of booking, as this will change daily.

To register, please

visit https://cheqdin.com/app/portal/pu blic/registrations/bree-s-little-starsjameswolfe/MjU0OQ%3D%3D?fid=MTU2O

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YEAR 6 WEST END SHOW FUNDRAISING

Our Year 6 children are currently organising fun events in order to raise money so that they may all experience The Lion King musical at the famous Lyceum Theatre in London's West End. Firstly, they will be running a Bake Sale at Randall Place after school on Tuesday 13th June. Then, on Tuesday 18th July, there will be a sponsored 'Wacky Walk' in Greenwich Park, where they will wear fancy dress and customised clothes in this joyous jaunt around our beautiful Royal Park -- there may even be some Lion King characters on show! Please look out for sponsorship forms coming home soon; if you are able to, please add your name and encourage friends and relatives to do the same. You can also contribute on our dedicated Year 6 **gofundme** page here at https://gofund.me/e685061a. A big thank you from the team!



JEWELLERY, EARRINGS AND NAIL VARNISH

We would like to remind parents about our school uniform policy linked to jewellery and nail varnish. We do not allow the wearing of jewellery at school, as it can easily become accidentally caught by another child during playtimes or other physical activities. In addition, jewellery items may get lost at school, so they are safer left at home. The only exception to this are single stud earrings (no hoops or dangly earrings, please) and watches. Children cannot wear nail varnish to school, so please remove this the night before.



BREAKFAST CLUB BOOKING

Breakfast Club is available for booking via our online booking system, with bookings by the day or term available. Places are allocated on a first come, first served basis and are limited. To book. please go to the SchoolHire website at <u>https://jameswolfe.schoolactivity.co.uk</u>. If you would like to cancel a booking, please request this from the school office, who will generate an automatic refund for any session that has not yet taken place. Please note, however, that only whole bookings can be cancelled, not individual days from a booking -- we would have to cancel the whole booking and you would then have to re-book for the days required.

Please can we remind parents that pupils must arrive by 8:30am.

The charge for the week remains at £12.50 (£2.50 per day), which must be paid when making the booking. Parents with Pupil Premium children or those who wish to pay with childcare vouchers must contact the school office before setting up a SchoolHire account, or they will be charged as normal.



PARENT CONCERNS

If any parent has a concern about anything that has happened in school, please talk to your class teacher. The school does not support parents directly talking to other parents about incidents that may have happened in school. This can be unsettling for some parents and the best way to resolve any issue is for the school to look into what may have happened. If any parent wishes to talk about something that is worrying them, then please call the school office, who will be happy to make an appointment with Mrs Curtis (Randall Place) or Mrs Simpson (Royal Hill).



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, then press 1 for the Attendance Officer's voicemail.





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