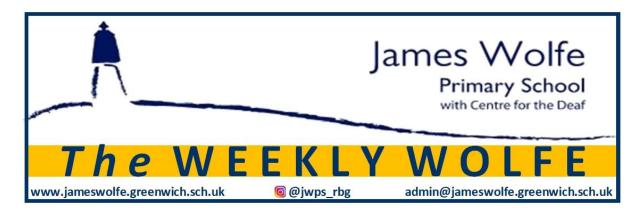
At James Wolfe, we are constantly striving to further enrich the opportunities and experiences for our pupils – this may include playground improvements, extracurricular activities, development of indoor spaces (e.g. libraries), special provision, inspirational visitors and experiences. If you would 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 19th October 2023



Dear Parents,



We come to the end of such a fantastic first term back. Yesterday we invited senior leaders from across Greenwich to our school to showcase the amazing learning taking place. They were rightly impressed by the learning and noted how brilliant the learning behaviour was across the school. Each child spoke eloquently about the prior learning which supports them in their new learning -- and were excited about what it was they were learning. We were very PROUD of the children and want to take a moment to thank you for all your support.

This term, the children have been working on our **'This Is Me'** whole-school project. Each class has been inspired by an artist; considering who they were/are and how this influenced their art. The aim was to develop children's artistic and cultural awareness in order to support their imagination and creativity, and an importance was placed on developing their understanding, self-expression, vocabulary and ability to communicate through the arts. As you walk around the school, the progression of creativity both in the artwork and poetry is truly inspiring. I noticed the children walking around the school, pointing out their art, reading their poems and admiring others'. I hope you found a moment at Parents' Evening to admire your child's work and I want to take this opportunity to thank you for meeting with your child's teacher. A strong home-school relationship really supports your child in making progress.

I wish you a lovely half-term break and look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 31st October.

Kind regards, Ms Gallagher



SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD

Show Racism the Red Card's annual **Wear Red Day** will be taking place tomorrow, Friday 20th October, and we will be marking this at James Wolfe with pupils invited to come into school wearing red. Show Racism the Red Card (SRtRC) is the UK's leading anti-racism educational charity. It was established in January 1996, thanks in part to a donation by then Newcastle United goalkeeper Shaka Hislop. If you would like to donate to the charity, please do so at their website: <u>https://www.theredcard.org/</u>.

Join us. Wear Red.



COATS

Please can parents ensure their child(ren) bring a coat to school, as many pupils are still not doing so, despite the cold and wet weather. Please can parents also make sure their child takes the correct coat at the end of the day and, should the wrong coat end up at home, it is returned to school the next day.



SEND COFFEE MORNING

Ms Minkoulou will be holding a Coffee Morning on Wednesday 22nd November between 9:30am and 10:30am at Randall Place. This session will be based on Educational, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) and any questions you may have around those. This session is relevant for parents of children with an EHCP and those who are interested in what they are and what they mean for a child and their needs.

If you would like to join us, please contact the school office to add your name to the list for the session. Other sessions have been planned throughout the year around other areas of SEND. We will share these dates with you soon.



SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATION DEADLINE

Please can we remind all parents of Year 6 children that the secondary school application deadline is Tuesday 31st October. For more information, please visit <u>https://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/info/200286/apply_for_a_school_place/1937</u> /apply_for_a_secondary_school_place.



INSET DAY

A reminder that Monday 30th October is an INSET day and children should not attend school.



UNIFORM

For a limited time, School Trends, our uniform supplier, are offering 10% off everything with code 'TREAT' at checkout. This offer ends at midnight on Sunday evening and you can order now from https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/uniform/.

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VOUCHER SCHEME

FUNDS FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS

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



PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

We have launching an Autumn Photography Competition for pupils to enter over the next few weeks and up until the end of November. The competition is a fun way of getting creative with your camera, celebrating the natural world and enjoying the great outdoors! All entries should be sent via email to <u>admin@jameswolfe.greenwich.sch.uk</u>. **The closing date is Sunday 19th November.** Entries will be judged by our art leadership and the winning photographs framed and displayed in 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>.



DEBORAH UBEE TRUST

The Deborah Ubee Trust is a Greenwich/Lewisham-based charity that promotes emotional health and wellbeing, and offers a range of therapeutic services. They support people of all ages and from all walks of life, irrespective of their ability to pay. It's easy for life to sometimes feel overwhelming, so if you're looking to bolster your wellbeing, understand and deal with anxiety or build your self-esteem, please join them this autumn for one of their workshops. Available to adults (ages 18+), the Trust's wellbeing workshops are facilitated by its practitioners and will provide the tools and methods to support individuals to adopt positive wellbeing into their daily lives. To find out more, visit their website at https://thedeborahubeetrust.org.uk/.

Friends of James Wolfe School

Hi everyone,



Thank you to all those that attended our AGM last Friday, where we discussed our plans for the year ahead and elected an new committee. Our core committee is now as follows:

Chair/Secretary - Katey Hearn Treasurer - Emma Turner Chair of Diversity and Inclusion - Sarah Harris

Any parent of a child at James Wolfe is automatically a part of the Friends -- but if you would like to get more involved, please get in touch.

With the Christmas Fair fast approaching, we are looking for people who are happy to have an estate agents board outside the front of their house advertising the fair. These boards bring us a nice amount of commission, so if you can help please email us.

Please follow/like us on X(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: https://en-gb.facebook.com/FJWSGreenwich X(Twitter): https://twitter.com/fjwsgreenwich

IMPORTANT DATES

Autumn Term 2023

Sunday 1st October to Tuesday 31st October -- Black History Month Thursday 19th October -- Year N, 1-6 & RL Parents' Evenings Thursday 19th October -- Year 4 Venus Trip to Creekside Discovery Centre Friday 20th October -- Wear Red Day Friday 20th October -- Year 4 Mercury Trip to Creekside Discovery Centre Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October -- Half Term Monday 30th October -- INSET Day -- Children do not attend school Tuesday 31st October to Friday 10th November -- Year 5 Earth Intensive Swimming Friday 3rd November -- Orchestra Explorers Concert at Trinity Laban (33 pupils) Monday 6th November -- Royal Hill Individual Pupil Photos Wednesday 8th November -- Girls' Football Team Fixture Thursday 9th November -- Year 5 Neptune Trip to Royal Observatory Planetarium Monday 13th November -- Year 5 Jupiter & Earth Trips to Observatory Planetarium Monday 13th to Friday 24th November -- Year 5 Neptune Intensive Swimming Tuesday 14th November -- Year 5 Mars Trip to Royal Observatory Planetarium Tuesday 14th November -- Boys' Football Team Fixture vs St Alfege Wednesday 15th November -- Girls' Football Team Fixture Wednesday 22nd November -- SEND Coffee Morning (RP 9:30am)

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ROYAL BOROUGH OF GREENWICH DIRECT SERVICES TO SCHOOLS

Starting Thursday 9th November 2023

- Every Thursday 3:45pm 4:45pm * Term Time Only
 - Cost: £300

Free for parents of deaf children.



For more details or to sign up. E-mail: admin@jameswolfe.greenwich.sch.uk

Address: James Walfe Primary School Randall Place Greenwich SE10 9LA



RBG Poetry Competition In celebration of National Poetry Day on October 5th, we are inviting all students from Royal Borough of Greenwich schools to enter our poetry competition. The theme for National Poetry Day is REFUGE. You can write any type of poem that you like inspired by the theme of refuge. Maximum number of lines is 20. There will be a winner and runner up for each key stage: Key Stage I Key Stage 2 Key Stage 3 Key Stage 4 Make sure you include your full name, school and year group when entering! Key Stage 5 Email your entries to Lizzie Deadline: Church on 8 Elizabeth.church@royalgreen Friday 24th November ROYAL borough of GREENWICH wich.gov.uk









At Danson House and Greenwich Market Every Thursday to Sunday in December By supporting these Greenwich & Bexley Community Hospicerun Grottos, families will be helping their team support patients and their families with special care at a time when they need it the most. Thank you so much.



DOGS

Please note that, although we have introduced a school dog into school, dogs are not allowed on the school premises. The school dog has had training and a risk assessment completed. It is so lovely to see our families walking to school. It supports children's wellbeing and helps them get some light exercise before they start school. As a result, we have noticed more families are walking their dogs and some have been bringing them into school. Please remember that not all children are comfortable with dogs and you are not allowed bring them onto school premises or tie them to the railings outside. Thank you.

Reporting an absence.
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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.



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 Price (Years N & R), Mrs Curtis (Years 1 & 2), Mr Armson (Years 3 & 4) or Mrs Simpson (Years 5 & 6).



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.

