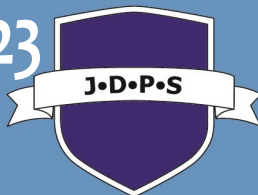


6th October 2023



# John Donne Primary School

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Dear parents and carers,

It has been another wonderful week of learning at John Donne.

Our specialist teachers for poetry and Spanish have been inspiring the children in Years 3-6 since the beginning of term. Ms. Naomi has been working with classes where they are starting to learn a poem to perform as an ensemble. It is really allowing children who can sometimes be a bit shy shine which is fantastic to see. They will be performing their poems in an assembly closer to Christmas.

Mrs. Moya is inspiring a love of Spanish in her lessons this half term and every half term. The children are always so motivated and excited about their Spanish lessons and always have so much fun! Ask your child to talk to you about what they have been learning in Spanish.

We have been running open mornings every Thursday morning for any families whose child is looking to start Reception in September 2024. They have been a great way to show off our school and show people more widely what wonderful things we have to offer at John Donne. If you know of any families who have children ready to start Reception in September please let them know that we are running open mornings on a Thursday from 9:30am-10:30am.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and we will see you on Monday.

Miss Rooney

## This week's class attendance winner is:



**RED 6**  
99.2%

### Attendance

Our whole school attendance target is **97%**

Our overall attendance this week is **94.4%**

**Well done to the classes who achieved above  
whole school attendance!**

Class	Attendance	Lates
Nursery	93.1%	4
Reception Red	95.0%	4
Reception Green	87.3%	2
Red 1	97.7%	9
Green 1	95.0%	6
Red 2	96.3%	5
Green 2	91.3%	3
Red 3	91.7%	5
Green 3	98.6%	2
Red 4	96.8%	2
Green 4	91.2%	6
Red 5	97.3%	7
Green 5	93.5%	2
Red 6	99.2%	0
Green 6	91.7%	4



### Punctuality Reminder

School gates open at 8.40 a.m. every day. Children need to be in their class at 8.45 a.m. so that they can start their lessons promptly. Children who arrive late are greatly disadvantaged because they miss starting the day with their peers and the beginning of lessons. It is also very important that children establish good routines and habits in preparation for the rest of their lives. Punctuality is a life skill that they need to develop whilst they are young.



Osinachi  
Green 2



Adefolawe  
Red 5

Years 1,2



Amiyah  
Red 1

Years 3,4,5,6



Eryk  
Green 5

### Golden Tickets This Week:

Jacob R1, Tawseef R1, Oliver G2, Hassanah R6, Ezra R2, Raphael R2, Teegan R3, Folashade R3, Janae G3, Jordan G3, Khalid R4, Zane G4, Jamal G4, Farrah G5, Sahr G5, Darin R6, Samuel R6



### Diamond Tickets This Week:

Dora R1, Neriah G2, Raphael R2, Oprah R2, Ayaan G2, Kevin R2, Mubarakah R2, Gymfi R3, Serenity R3, Adeola G3, Daniel G3, Abdulhamid G4, Jevina G4, Omotoyosi G5, Ines R5, Patrick G6, David G6, Tunmise R6, Anaiya R6

**Van Cols  
Schools  
Photographers**



**we're  
coming to take  
your  
picture  
on...**

**Thursday 9th Day**

**November Month**

Starting on  
11th October 2023:

10.00 - 11.00 am:  
Women only  
Exercise Classes

All ages and levels welcome.

11.00 - 12.30 pm:  
Well-Being and Moving  
sessions for adults

All genders, ages and abilities.

*A series of Free  
activities, food and events  
hosted by  
The Purple Ladies*



FREE

From 15th November 2023:

1.00 - 3.00 pm:

The Cossall Social Cafe:

An open space offering a  
Free light lunch, tea/coffee & snacks.

Skill exchange:

A platform to help one another  
with projects and different abilities.



No sessions on Christmas holidays

Cossall Hall - 48 Mortlock Close - SE15 2QE ph: 07946744398 e: info@thepurpleladies.com

# PARENTS INFORMATION BOARD



At John Donne, we are continuing our yearly celebration to showcase the aspirations and achievements of black people around the world. In the UK Black History Month is celebrated through the month of October. We are all aware that black history and its trailblazers have been creating history every day through millennia.

As the half term holiday falls in the middle of October we will continue our Black History focused learning throughout November. Each year group will be investigating the achievements of surprising and unusual black inventors and pioneers. Keep an eye out for the Black History Month email with more information and learning links!

In addition to our learning, we will be doing a new initiative to fundraise in support of the [Sickle Cell Society](http://www.sicklecell.org.uk).

## What is Sickle Cell?

Sickle cell is a disorder of the haemoglobin in the red blood cells.

- SCD is inherited from both parents, sickle cell trait is inherited from one parent.
- SCD can affect anyone, although it predominantly affects people from African and Caribbean backgrounds.
- Approximately 1 in 70 babies born in the UK carry sickle cell trait.
- Approximately 15,000 people in the UK have sickle cell disorder.
- Almost 300 babies are born in the UK with sickle cell each year.
- Children with SCD are at increased risk for stroke, the risk is highest between the ages of 2 and 16.



## Who are the Sickle Cell Society?

The Sickle Cell Society is the only national charity in the UK that supports and represents people affected by a sickle cell disorder to improve their overall quality of life.

First set up as a registered charity in 1979, the Sickle Cell Society has been working alongside health care professionals, parents, and people living with sickle cell to raise awareness of the disorder. The Society's aim is to support those living with sickle cell, empowering them to achieve their full potential.

<http://www.sicklecellsociety.org/about-us/>

If you have any items for the raffle, please leave it with the Office and mark it clearly that it is for the Black History month raffle supporting [Sickle Cell Society](http://www.sicklecellsociety.org).

Thank you for your continued support in making Black History month a year-on-year success.



**Reception Information Sharing  
Meeting taking place at 08:45 – 09:15  
on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November in the  
community space.**

**From  
Thursday 28th of September**



## YOUTH CLUB @

**Cossall TRA Hall - 48 Mortlock Close - SE15 2QE**



Football table,  
Acrobatics,  
Table tennis,  
Aerial Silks,  
Afro/ Street Dance,  
Diabolo, Juggling  
and more ..

**FREE ENTRY**



Drop-in anytime between  
5.30PM - 7PM  
Every Thursday during  
school term  
Age: 11 years and above

For more information [Click link](#)



**Congratulations to GREEN 3**  
for being the top doodling class  
in the past week.

Keep doodling everyone.

[Homepage -DoodleLearning](#)

## Term Dates 2023-24

Term	Start	End
Autumn 1	Monday 4th September 2023	Friday 13th October 2023
Half Term	Monday 16th October 2023	Friday 27th October 2023
Autumn 2	Monday 30th October 2023	Wednesday 20th December 2023 @ 2pm
Christmas	Thursday 21st December 2023	Wednesday 3rd January 2024
Spring 1	Thursday 4th January 2024	Friday 9th February 2024
Half Term	Monday 12th February 2024	Friday 16th February 2024
Spring 2	Monday 19th February 2024	Thursday 28th March 2024 @ 2pm
Easter	Friday 29th March 2024	Friday 12th April 2024
Summer 1	Monday 15th April 2024	Friday 24th May 2024
Half Term	Monday 27th May 2024	Friday 31st May 2024
Summer 2	Monday 3rd June 2024	Friday 19th July 2024 @ 2pm

**Bank Holidays- Monday 6th May 2024**



## School Menu

w/c **9th Oct 2023**



**INSTAGRAM/  
TWITTER**



Please make sure you follow us on  
**Instagram and Twitter, @JDPSoffice.**  
We will be  
posting live updates and  
pictures to show what is going on within  
your child's school day.





## Nursery

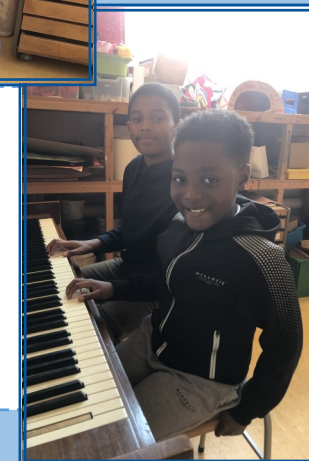
Nursery have been learning about autumn and the changes that take place.

They collected brown natural objects to create collaged autumn leaves.



## Piano Classes

Piano classes with Miss Hollweg.



# LEARNING AT JOHN DONNE...



## Year 2

Year 2's visit into nature to explore what living things live in our surrounding area.

