



Minibeast Adventures in Year 2

Year 2 had a brilliant time kick-starting their Minibeasts topic last week. They enjoyed a dress up day where ladybirds, bees, spiders, and caterpillars were happily coming through the school gates ready for their day of learning. The children all showed fantastic teamwork making incredible 3D bugs out of just plastic bags, coat hangers and sellotape! In the sunny meadow, they went on a bug hunt and enjoyed practising their observational drawing skills of minibeast habitats. There was yet more excitement and creative buzz back in the classroom when the children designed and made their own minibeast snacks!

A Message from Mrs Hewins

It's been a fabulous start to the summer term this year, with children across the school enjoying their new topics. It was delightful to see the excitement in Year 2 last week when they had their minibeast immersion day, and Year 5 so inspired by their Disney rehearsals! These are memorable moments to treasure.

We are feeling hopeful about the plans for the rest of the term, with a few key special events pencilled in the diary, such as the Summer Fair, Sports Days, trips and performances. We will be touch when we are able to with firmer plans for these events.

Please may I remind families that children with covid-19 symptoms will only be able to return to school after a PCR test. We can't accept Lateral Flow tests if the child has any symptoms. Please see the recent parentmail for more details. Thank you.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new staff this term: Shaun Achayra, our new Inclusion and Safeguarding Lead, and Matthew Garber, our new Nursery Teacher. Gina, our current Nursery Teacher, will be leaving to have her baby at the beginning of May. We wish them all well in their new chapters!

Updates to Charges

The price of a school meal will be increasing from £2.10 per meal to £2.20 per meal after half term. Meals for children in Nursery, Year 3, 4, 5, and 6 will be charged at this rate. The option to choose a school packed lunch on Tuesdays and Thursdays will continue. Meals in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will still be free for parents as part of the government universal free meal scheme.

EASYFUNDRAISING

Thank you for everyone who signed up with easyfundraising to support our cause: "Jubilee School PTA (N16)"! Every donation you raise by shopping online will make a big difference to us. Please also encourage your friends and family to join in too. Sign up if you haven't already. Don't forget to use easyfundraising whenever you buy anything online. It's a quick and easy way to support our school. You can raise free donations for us with thousands of popular retailers. Every penny helps. Go [here](#) to register with EasyFundraising and select the 'cause' you want to support which is "Jubilee School PTA (N16)", or download the app.

Parent and Carer Survey

Each year, we welcome your views as a parent or carer of children at Jubilee by conducting an anonymous survey. We value your feedback and use this to plan our next steps to further improve the school. Thank you so much for taking the time to complete this survey for us. We will not respond individually to comments recorded in this survey, but we will provide a general summary and response from the school.

Please respond before Friday 21st May, and only fill in the form once. We have sent the link via parentmail, but if you missed this you can find the survey [here](#).

Thank you for your support!

Uniform

Please ensure that all your child's jumpers and cardigans have names clearly on their labels. We've noticed a recent surge in lost uniform and it is very tricky to reunite items and their owners without these labels.

Warmer weather may be on the way in the next couple of months. Please ensure that children do not wear sandals with open toes or heels to school. All children must have closed toe and heel shoes for safety reasons. Thank you!



Art in Year 1

In Year 1, we have been taking inspiration from the greats to create our own flower masterpieces. These flowers in vases are our versions of Vincent Van Gogh Sunflowers. These beauties are by Spruce class.

White Rose Maths

Introduction to Place Value

Maths with Michael

We understand that many parents feel like maths has changed and can sometimes find it difficult to keep up to date with modern teaching methods in maths. These videos are a really useful way in highlighting some of the ways we teach our Maths lessons at Jubilee. The first video is all about **Place Value**. Click the picture to watch!

Party Bags

A year has passed since birthday parties were legal, and we know that many children have sadly missed out on special events to celebrate this year. We have noticed that recently, possibly due to the fact that families have been unable to hold parties, many children have brought party bags into school to give out to their classmates. We are now asking families **not** to bring in party bags for children at school for several reasons, including the frequently high sugar content of typical items in the bags, and also the allergies that children may have. We will still allow children to give out one small item, but we will regretfully not be able to give out party bags containing many items. Please ask your child's teacher if you need any further guidance. Thank you for your understanding.

Collecting Children

Parents and Carers **must** ensure that the office is notified if there will be a different or new person collecting your child at the end of the day. This is essential for safety reasons.

Applying to Nursery

Jubilee Nursery has places available for three or four year olds, starting in September. We have full or part time places available. Please find our application forms and more information on our [website](#). If you have any questions, please email Kate at admissions@jubilee.hackney.sch.uk

Volunteering

We are now accepting volunteers into the school. If you have spare time and an interest in supporting learning, please send an email to admin@jubilee.hackney.sch.uk

All volunteers are interviewed and subject to a DBS check. We have opportunities for supporting with reading, creating displays, providing in class support, supporting in Early Years (nursery and Reception), and also with gardening or Forest schools sessions.

Great BIG garden Tidy!

(Date to be confirmed...)

During next month, we will be inviting volunteers into school to help support us with tidying the gardens. We will need help from adults and children to weed, sweep, clear, prune and tidy! The PTA will be organizing the date and the arrangements for this day. There will be a parentmail invitation sent out with more information soon!

Welly Boot Donations

Early Years are looking for donations of wellies in good condition to fit children aged 3-6 years. Please bring any that your child is no longer using to the main office. Thank you!



Messages from the PTA

Summer Fair

3rd July 2021

The crisis had put a halt to all our classic fundraising events, such as the popular Winter and Summer Fairs. At first we were cautious about planning a large event such as the Summer Fair this year, but now in the light of the latest announcements that outline 21st June as the date for the end of restrictions, we are now in the mind that we can plan a fair. This is a fantastic opportunity to generate funds, but also bring the community back together, and making special memories. We will soon begin the Summer Fair planning and organisation and we need helpers. We would also like to do an Auction at the Summer Fair, so please check at work & home if you can organise / donate any special prizes that we can auction. Please email jubileen16@gmail.com if you can help with anything.

Performance Hall Upgrade

We are currently discussing the New Hall / Performance Hall improvement works. It is a beloved and well used space by every child in the school across the years, for drama productions, assemblies, music showcases and performances and in need of an upgrade of the lighting and sound equipment. We have, from previous PTA fundraising efforts, raised and reserved 6k for these upgrades. We expect an additional 5K to cover the rest of the upgrades. If there are any parents/carers that have expertise in this area, the school would love to hear your advice and have your support. Please send an email to jubileen16@gmail.com if you would like to join the discussion group evaluating how to best proceed and /or if you have any ideas. Please also email your PTA or speak to the school if you have ideas about grants available for these types of projects.

Gardening

Our vision is for Jubilee Garden to be a learning experience and resource for all Jubilee pupils, as well as providing a place of sanctuary and calm for those most in need at Jubilee, be that pupils with behavioural or learning challenges, those without access to open spaces or gardens at home, or staff needing a little quiet time away from the school building. Feedback from school staff, parent volunteers and pupils is that this space and these lessons provide something very special that have become embedded in the life and culture of our school. With Covid-19 social distancing measures, all our Garden activities were paused. We would now love to organise again a gardener coming weekly but also a rota of parent volunteers to support them. The PTA has reserved some funds to support these activities, and we just need to reinvigorate the **PTA Gardening Committee** inviting parents and carers who may have a special interest in gardening, to come forward and get involved. There are many planting areas that need TLC at Jubilee, and we would love to have the families at Jubilee participating in keeping Jubilee looking beautiful and at its best. Send us an email to jubileen16@gmail.com if you are interested to join the PTA Garden Committee.



Who to Contact

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Wild World Heroes: The Summer Reading Challenge!

The Summer Reading Challenge 2021 is called Wild World Heroes, and is a celebration of **reading**, nature and action for the environment. Developed in partnership with WWF, the **world's leading independent conservation organisation**, **Wild World Heroes** will inspire children to stand up for the future of our planet.

To complete the challenge, children are asked to read at least six library books over the summer holidays. They can be any books you like, novels, facts books, jokes, poetry, and e-books! You can register at your local library to take part. The library will give the children collector cards and their certificate as rewards for their reading progress.