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REMINDER School reopens on the 22nd April 2025 Please see the back of the Newsletter for important dates



Message from Executive Principal

Dear Learners and Parents,

We've had another action-packed term culminating with Eid and Easter celebrations. Spring has finally sprung, and it's been wonderful for our learners to be outside more and see some of the outdoor spaces being developed with planting from last term coming to life.

We have been busy preparing for next year, in particular changes to some of our sites, including getting Jack Clark ready to welcome more early years learners, Roger Cannon ready for KS2 learners and Whitkirk learners moving within the SILC. We've also been planning transition sessions for our Year 6 and Year 11s.

May 2025 will see the start of our GCSE exam season, with learners from Roger Cannon sitting GCSE mathematics and English for the first time. They have been working hard and successfully undertaken a series of mock exams and I am incredibly proud of the learners' resilience and determination to succeed.

You will know that from September 2024 we moved to recording our information at the East SILC on Compass. Parents/carers can access their child's information via the Compass App, including attendance, paying for meals/trips, contact with class teams, booking for parents evening and keeping up to date with important information. If you have not already signed up for the Compass App, please check your emails including junk folders for an email with your link to sign up.

Plea for support – we have a vacancy for a Parent Governor on our Governing Board. There is one current parent governor who has a child at John Jamieson, and we would welcome applications from parents from any of our other sites. If you would like more information and want to understand what the role of Parent Governor involves, please contact Nicola Wilkinson via email: nicola.wilkinson@eastsilc.org.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our learners, parents/carers and staff for their support and hard work over the term and wish everyone a safe and healthy Easter break.

Kind regards,

Louise







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Message from Head of School

Welcome back and goodbye to staff! Eid, gardening, work experience, festival, feel, come outside

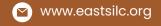
It's never quiet here at John Jamieson! As ever, it's always extremely rewarding to read of the great work the classes in school are doing, and it's good to know that all the work the learners are completing from primary, to high school and through to 16+ is all contributing to giving them the skills and knowledge they need for their adult lives. I have to note that it has been particularly good to see the 16+ students making so much food for enterprise- I have had my Thursday lunch made for me for the past few months and it has been delicious, alongside some bhaji treats and a regular scone from the 'Rolling Scones' team every Friday.

Students have continued to work across phase in the garden area and it is so good to see our outdoor curriculum taking good shape, with the learners clearly seeing the benefits of practical learning activities. We aim to have the shop and cafe open next term, and I feel that there is a lovely community feel to the school at the moment. The 'Come Outside' park run was testament to this. Earlier in the term, we had a visit from Julie Longworth, our Director of Children's Services in Leeds, and she was incredibly impressed with the great work the learners were doing in school and commented, as many visitors do, upon the welcoming environment the school offered right upon arrival.

We have committed to celebrating Eid this half term and had a 'reverse' advent calendar where we have had donations to give back to the community, which has been a great idea, and the school has collected lots of items to donate. I hope all of our Muslim community members had a great day on Monday, and we look forward to an Eid celebration day to complete this term on Friday.

I hope you all have a fantastic break.







HS₁

It has been a lovely spring term in High School 1 and we have enjoyed a range of activities. We have loved reading and working through some of the stories this term and our favourites have been 'Elephant Island' and 'Farmers Market Day'. We have used these stories throughout our days in order to complete tasks such as creating letters and making shopping lists. We have also enjoyed our food technology lessons this term and have become much more independent following instructions to make food such as flapjacks, muffins and bruschetta. One of our favourite days this term was World Book Day in which we engaged in a range of reading activities and got to dress up as some of our favourite characters! See you in the summer term, HS1.



Bumblebees





Bumblebees have been working with physios and class staff on core strength, stamina, and control on climbing equipment, gymballs, Lycra swings, balancing beams, trampolines and see saws. We've seen some amazing progress on the stairs and with bike and scooter skills. Learners are showing more independence and less reliance on adults and managing longer distances.

16+2

This term in shop cook eat, 16+2 learners have been making decisions collaboratively on what they would like to make for a healthy snack. Learners have picked their ingredients, made a symbol shopping list, before heading to the local supermarket with as much independence as possible to buy what they need. Back at school the earners have focused on following a simple method to make their snack, something I nope they carry on doing both in school and at home!

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Post-16

This term, some of our post-16 learners have continued to take part in their offsite work experience at Lotherton Hall. This includes experiencing ground maintenance and developing their understanding of horticulture. Learners are able to make a contribution to the landscape by keeping it healthy, clean, and safe whilst being out and about in the community, experiencing the world around them.



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has been exploring that everyone looks different and wears different things.



HS8

HS8 have been working hard in all their academic skills, whilst preparing for the upcoming Eid and Easter Celebrations! They have really enjoyed all their creative tasks!



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This term, learners in Post-16 at John Jamieson have been exploring the world of motor vehicles at Leeds city college at the printworks site.



Throughout the course they have learnt different skills including how and why different tools are used depending on the type of work being carried out on the vehicle. Some of the tools the learners used included the torque wrench, various screwdrivers, rachets, sockets and they also experienced using the jack and axe to lift the cars if they had to change a tyre. During the course they learnt how to lift some of the cars using the hydraulic lifts and where the blocks under the car needed to be for the correct placement to allow this to happen. The learners enjoyed being out in the sun completing valeting to a professional standard, both inside and outside the vehicles.

Ladybirds

Ladybirds enjoyed dressing in pyjamas and different costumes to celebrate World Book day and explored a range of sensory activities based on our favourite stories. We enjoyed a fun day of music, songs and stories with a special assembly in the afternoon.

Ladybirds have been learning to self-regulate by independently using the equipment in our classroom and outdoor area. Our favourite pieces of equipment are the yoga balls and mini



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16+4

16+4 John Jamieson have been working on How The World Grows and making things for our garden as well as planting seeds. We have also worked with Leeds Art Gallery on a workshop looking at different materials and Sensory Art.



HS7

HS7 was very busy this term.
In science, we built structures
using different materials to
investigate whether

everything was made of small

things, e.g., atoms.



HS7 enjoyed the Food Tech
lessons every week; our
favourite dish that we cooked
was Chickpea Curry.
We planted trees of kindness to
celebrate antibullying week.
HS7 likes outdoor learning, we
enjoy gardening and looking
after the outdoor space
around our school.

HS7 took part in a talent show to celebrate Red Nose Day. We had lots of fun dancing, singing and showing off our skills.

HS7 enjoyed making Easter decorations and Easter Bonnets. We are a very creative class!





High school 2 have been working hard on their communication skills this half term! They have loved making crafts for Eid, Passover, and Easter - celebrating different religions and cultures. Well done HS2!!

HS4

HS4 have enjoyed making different recipes from around the world in food tech this half term, including pizzas from Italy and when celebrating Chinese New Year, we made red and yellow cupcakes to represent the Chinese flag. In HS4 we do process over product food tech sessions meaning we choose recipes which have more steps to making them to extend the making process, and the final product isn't as important to us as long as the process was fun!





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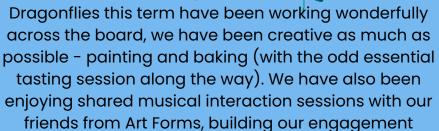
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Rolling Scones

We're excited to share some fantastic news about our enterprise project, Rolling Scones! As part of our Post 16+ preparation for life curriculum, our learners have been busy baking and selling delicious scones to the staff at John Jamieson. This initiative has been a tremendous success, helping our students develop essential enterprise skills and knowledge along the way. So far, we've managed to make over £90 in profit! This money will go towards funding the Post 16 prom and other enriching activities that benefit our learners.

Dragonflies



through music



HS3 have worked extremely hard this term, especially during PE. Each week the learners have specialist football coaching from Foot Tech Academy.



They have been working on dribbling the ball close to their bodies as well as shooting the ball with accuracy. Special mention goes to Frankie who has won 'Player of the week' a record 3 times in a row.



Caterpillars

This Term in Caterpillars we have enjoyed exploring the topics the 'our world' and 'kingdoms and dragons.' we have explored these topics through art, music, food tech and sensory exploration. We have also had lots of fun on our weekly trips to the Library and the park.





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The 16 1 group have been busy this term tidying up the polytunnel including sweeping up, weeding and replacing building materials into new plastic sacks. After much hard work there is already a distinct improvement in the work area and the learners have practised many transferable work skills in the activities especially around teawork. Well done to the learners in this group!

Grasshoppers



This term, Grasshoppers have had a fantastic time in their food technology lessons celebrating food for cultural events like Lunar New Year, Shrove Tuesday, and Eid. The learners have especially enjoyed our 'Toast around the world' project, where we journeyed to France, America, and Japan to explore different toppings and flavours. The class has worked hard practising their knife skills and learning about international cuisines.





HS6 are glad spring has arrived and as part of our RE Passover lesson we learned about Spring cleaning. The pupils rather enjoyed cleaning the classroom and learning skills to prepare them for their adult lives.



Butterflies



Butterflies class have been working hard with phonics this term learning initial sounds within the Read Write Inc phonics scheme. So far, we have learned g, f, l, s, e and h.

We have explored most with sensory play, developing our fine motor skills creating pictures using glitter and glue, painting with our fingers and also with brushes. We have created dragon scales using mung beans and red lentils and enjoyed sensory stories like 'Dragons Love

Underpants'. We have also been developing our gross motor

skills when we hunted for Dragon footprints. Our turn taking skills are improving too because when we learned about fire, we had to take turns when 'putting a fire out'!

We also learned about Ramadan and we smelt spices like garam masala, coriander and ginger. In other news, a huge congratulations to Megan who gave birth to a baby girl!



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16+3

Every Thursday afternoon 16+3 go to Little Bee's soft play, the learners have opportunities to socialise with others explore and have fun independently in a safe space. We have a wonderful time every week.



Fireflies Fireflies have focussed on preparation for adulthood skills this term. Fireflies have made great

progress across the curriculum through our topic kingdoms and dragons. Fireflies experienced weekly swimming lessons and road safety lessons, which involved walking to and from the library. Fireflies started to enjoy the spring weather and

took part in lots of outdoor learning opportunities, with a focus on their love for reading. Well, done

Fireflies!-Lucy and Fireflies team



Compass

REMINDER: PARENTS COMPASS APP

We would like to remind you about the importance of downloading the Parents Compass app. If you have not already downloaded the app or have not received your login details, please contact your child's school to ensure that we have your most up-to-date mobile number and email address to facilitate effective communication.

It is essential to have the app as it will be the primary method for all communications from East SILC. Ensuring you have access to this app will help you stay informed about important updates and information regarding your child's education and school activities. Thank you for your cooperation.

Congratulations to **Charlotte** in her new Safeguarding role and she will be missed by everyone at John Jamieson



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IMPORTANT DATES

Please make sure to check the East SILC website for key dates and upcoming events www.eastsilc.org



Friday 4th April...... Break up for Easter Tuesday 22nd April...... Return to school Friday 2nd May...... Break up for May Bank Holiday Tuesday 6th May...... Return to school Friday 23rd May...... Break up for half term Monday 2nd June...... Return to School Friday 18th JulyBreak up for summer Monday 21st July...... Training Day Tuesday 22nd July...... Training Day

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