



## Weekly Newsletter

**Growing Together: Every Day In Every Way**

Value of the month  
**Resilience**

### Year 2 Music at CJS

This week the Year 2 children were lucky enough to take part in a Gamelan music session at the Junior School. Gamelan is a type of music that comes from Java, and the instruments are mostly metallic and make lovely ringing sounds! Children were asked to listen carefully to a continuous 8-beat rhythm and had to remember which beat to play on! Children also learned that the strength of their strike on an instrument would affect the duration of the note they produced, and could feel the vibration of their note by touching the instrument. They were able to explore the difference in the vibrations for different pitches - high-pitched sounds produce quicker vibrations, whereas these are slower for low-pitched sounds. When children worked as a team, they were able to create an amazing piece of Gamelan music together by playing on their own beat.

We would like to thank the Junior School for hosting us - this was a fantastic early transition opportunity for our children!



### Marvellous Me



Some of you may know that we previously used an app called Marvellous Me to communicate with families about learning and successes in school. The app was recently taken over by a larger company and works a little differently than before. We have decided to continue using the app but you will need to download the new version.

You will an email invitation from **Juniper Education** soon with instructions on how to download and use the new app.

Teachers have been awarding badges to your children already, so please activate your new account to see what they have achieved. The app will look a little than before, for example, the high-5 feature is no longer available, but you will be able to stay in touch with what your child is learning in school.

### Philosophy Friday

Have a go at this question at home with a grown-up!

**Ice cream rain. Good idea or bad idea?**

**Why?**

### DIARY DATES:

**Bank Holiday**  
4th May

**Big Read**  
8th May (2:45-3:15pm)

**YR Hive Suntrap Trip**  
w/b 11th May

**Y2 Zoo Trip**  
w/b 18th May

**Walk to School Week**  
w/b 18th May

**Last Day of Term**  
22nd May

**Half Term**  
25th -29th May

**Inset Day**  
1st June

**First Day of Term**  
2nd June

**PTA Summer Fayre**  
13th June

## Attendance Bear

The Attendance for the week is as follows:

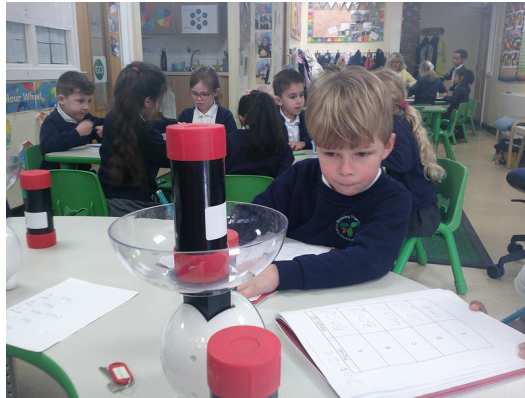
- 1st** Turtle 99%
- 2nd** Penguin & Starfish 98%
- 3rd** Octopus 97%

Well done everyone!



## Maths Measuring in Year 1

The children have recalled their work on non-standard units of measure and have now moved on to find more accurate ways to record measurements. We have introduced grammes (g) for weight, centimetres (cm) for length and height and cups for capacity! The children have had lots of fun, using the appropriate equipment to measure a wide range of objects. We used scales to check how many grammes a range of objects weighed, rulers to see how long (in centimetres) some classroom objects were and cups to test the capacity of some jugs, cups, mugs, bowls, etc. The teachers were all very impressed with the accuracy and enthusiasm which all of the children displayed. Fantastic work Year 1!



## Nursery Stay and Play

Parents, carers and grandparents joined their children to spend time playing in the nursery during our Stay and Play session on Monday. Good fun was had by all!

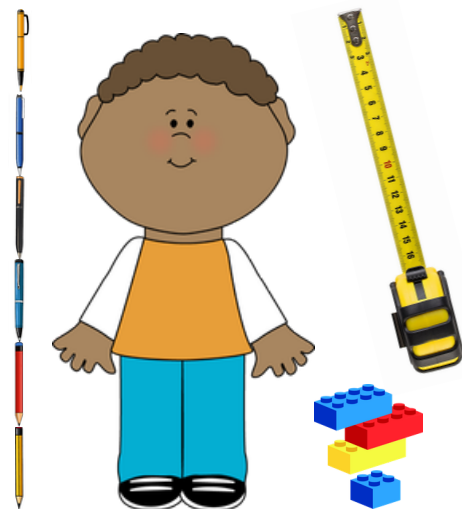




## Weekly Maths Challenge

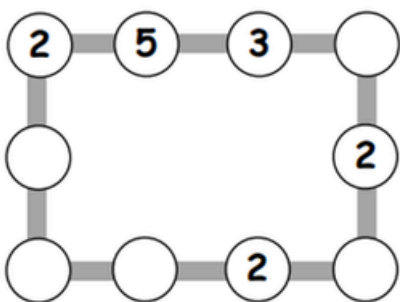
### Reception

Can you lie down and get your adult to 'measure' you by putting a marker by your head and feet? Then stretch a piece of tape as long as you. Find out how many pens will match this, carefully placed end to end, making sure they are straight, with no gaps or overlaps. Repeat with other objects, such as spoons, buttons, Lego or Duplo bricks to make several 'trails' of equal length and compare the results.

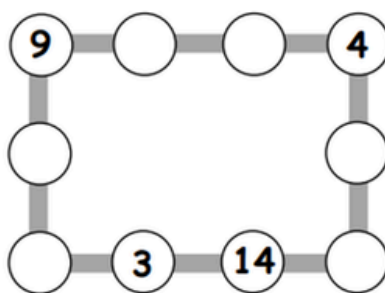


### Year 1 and 2

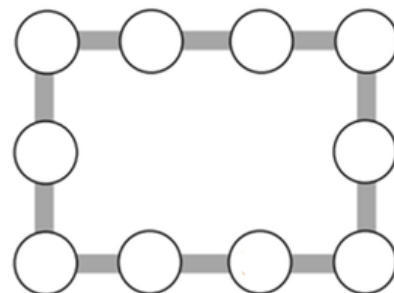
1. Make each line add up to 16.



2. Make each line add up to 20.



3. Make up your own puzzle like this. Ask a friend to do it.



## E-Safety Tip of the Week!

### YouTube Kids

YouTube Kids provides a more contained environment for children to explore YouTube safely. Here is a helpful link, which provides further information about YouTube Kids and a step-by-step guide for its use:

[www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/entertainment-search-engines/youtube-kids-app/](http://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/entertainment-search-engines/youtube-kids-app/)



# MAY HALF TERM

**REGISTER NOW!**



## Camp



**26-29TH MAY 2025**  
**9AM-3PM**

@ The outstanding rated  
Churchfields Infants' School E18 2RB

**Adventure**

**SPORTS**

**ARTS & CRAFTS**

- ✓ All Staff trained & DBS checked
- ✓ Insured
- ✓ Safe & Secure premises



**Sibling discounts Available**

Online  
Course

# strengthening families strengthening communities

For parents and other adult carers; **group starting on  
Thursday 7 May at 12:30pm** ←

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you be the best parent you can be?

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Learning at a time that suits you?



6 online  
sessions



6 group  
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