

Friday 21st June 2024

Parent Bulletin

Dear Families,

Since joining JMS in September, this year has been full of firsts and this week has been no exception. On Thursday we said farewell to Year 11 in their Leavers Assembly. Year 11 have been a fantastic year group. I am aware they have had a turbulent time over the last 5 years and yet I have found them welcoming, hardworking, and mature beyond their years. I look forward to celebrating with them at their Leavers' Ball and then again on 22nd August for GCSE Results Day.

Today I had the pleasure of experiencing my first JMS Sports Day. I was overwhelmed by the levels of participation, the standards and speed of our students and the way in which they supported their houses. The results and winning house will be announced at the end of term but for today I hope every member of our community can be proud of the sporting display they put on. I particularly want to thank our fantastic PE Faculty for their incredible organisation skills and all staff and students who were involved in making today run so smoothly.



The OX14 Partnership invite you to sign up for a webinar on The Real Science of Screen Time on June 26th @7pm-8pm. You can delve into the real science behind screen time, age recommendations and good habits for mobile phone use. To find out more and sign up, follow this link: [The Real Science of Screen Time](#)

Les Jones

Some sad news for some of the older members of our community who may remember Les Jones who taught at John Mason in the late 1960s and early 1970s. Les passed away earlier this year, but is fondly remembered by several of his former students: a small group of whom still meet annually. If anyone who remembers Les is in Wales this summer the Minerva Arts Centre in Powys are holding an exhibition of his work from 13th-20th July (the flyer is on our website <https://www.johnmason.oxon.sch.uk/events/whats-on/>)

Our thoughts go out to Les' family.

JMA Book, Plant and Uniform Sale

Thank you to everyone who has donated books and uniforms - our collection is certainly growing. Please continue to bring in uniforms and books (any - children's, adults, reference, etc) to the office during school hours.

And for those of you who are green fingered, it would be great if you could start potting things up in preparation for the sale on Saturday 6th July 10-12.

The JMA will also be running a refreshments stall so donations of goodies for the cake sale would be very much appreciated on the morning.

Please support our fundraising where you can. Thank you.

Important Dates

23rd July – school breaks at 1.10pm for the summer holiday

Yours sincerely

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Alastair West
Headteacher
John Mason School



Abingdon Swimming Club Lifeguards Needed

Are you 16?

Would you like to earn some money?

Can you:

Jump/dive into deep water

Swim 50m in less than 60 seconds

Swim 100m continuously on front and back in deep water

Tread water for 30 seconds

Surface dive to the floor of the pool

Climb out unaided without ladder/steps

Abingdon swimming Club is looking for young people to join our team of Lifeguards from September 2024.

We will refund 50% of your training costs once you are lifeguarding for us!

If you would like to find out more contact:

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