

Friday 12th July 2024

## **Parent Bulletin**

Dear Families,

As we get closer to the summer holidays it was a pleasure to attend the JMS Young Musician of the Year Competition last night.

As well as a huge variety of soloists who were courageous enough to perform in front of a packed school hall, we were treated to music from the JMS Choir, the JMS Orchestra, and the JMS Jazz Band.

Personally, I was in awe at the incredible talent on display and I would like to congratulate every competitor for their wonderful performances and thank all students and staff involved for an enjoyable and entertaining evening.



## **JMA**



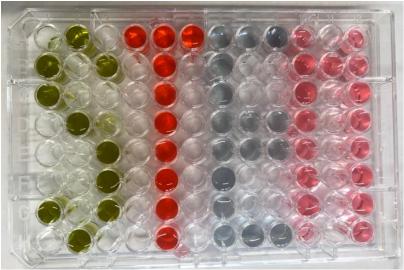
JMA continues to fundraise for a borehole at the Welsh Farm. We will be meeting again in September on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in school. Do join us if you can.

Thank you to everyone who came to the book, uniform and plant sale. Although it was a very wet morning it was great to see so many members of our community and we raised over £300 for the borehole appeal.

If you have year 7 students at JMS, don't forget to purchase your tickets for the summer party on 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

## **STEM Club**

John Mason School has received a donation of grid well plates following a recent visit with year 10 students to Vertex Pharmaceuticals. STEM club tested them this week by first creating a pH rainbow, using different concentrations of acids and alkalis to change the colour of the universal indicator. Then following a secret code they distributed the different colours in the correct wells to spell out STEM. We would like to say a big thank you to Vertex and look forward to next year's visits.





## **Important Dates**

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – school breaks at 1.10pm for the summer holiday
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – INSET – school closed to students
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Start of term for Year 7 and Year 11
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September – All students return including Year 12 Induction Day

Term dates for the new academic year are on our website: <a href="https://www.johnmason.oxon.sch.uk/events/term-dates/">https://www.johnmason.oxon.oxon.sch.uk/events/term-dates/</a>

Yours sincerely

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