

# John Ray Infant School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a fun day today across both John Ray Schools as our children 'Broke the Rules' to raise some money for our PTA. Thank you to all those who took part, it was amazing to see the array of coloured hair, non-uniform, tattoos and costumes in assembly this morning. I was certainly grateful to be wearing jeans today – couldn't quite commit to the coloured hair spray for fear of it not coming out! Year 2 were very excited to be able to show off their maths work which was written on the tables – another broken rule! Money raised will go towards coach travel to the Lion King for our Year 2s and also putting the finishing touches to the lighting in our new sensory room.



The children have been absolutely amazing in singing assembly this week as we tackled a rather tricky Lady Gaga song – 'Hold my Hand'. Mrs Mason is going to update the Sing Up log ins by half term, to allow the new EYFS children to also have home access to the programme we use. For those who had access last year then I have assigned the list of songs we have been practising, plus one new one we are going to learn. If you can not access sing up in Year 1 or 2 then please email Mrs Mason (music lead) at [mason@compassps.uk](mailto:mason@compassps.uk). If your child would like to hear the original version with lyrics then this is a good YouTube version <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2-v1Wlw9rD8>

We have had lots of visitors from our new academy trust 'The Compass Partnership of Schools' in school over the last few weeks. The headteachers from the Greenwich schools within the trust were particularly impressed with the learning behaviours and engagement across the school. I was also very proud to lead a prospective parent tour who all commented on the beautiful manners of the children who, without prompting, held open doors and said 'good morning'.

Next week is the last week of the half term, it has been good to see how many of you have booked appointments for parents' evenings, taking place in the first week back, through the 'My Child at School' App. If you do not have access to this or need help then please ask Mrs Price in the office.

We have job vacancies within our MDA team, please click on the link below if you would like to apply:

[Midday Assistant at John Ray Infant School | MyNewTerm](#)

Have a fantastic and relaxing weekend,

Mrs Christian