



Friday 1st March 2024

NEWS & VIEWS

Kindness, Honesty, Confidence, Perseverance, Safety

Headteacher: Miss V Townsend



Headteacher's Comment:

It has been a positive start to this half term. It was really encouraging to see the children in Year 6 become confident speakers this week when they celebrated their learning through the first Class Assembly of the year. Well done to the Year 6 team and pupils. I look forward to watching the other assemblies and welcoming you to come and watch these too.

I am proud of the children and how smart they look when wearing the correct, full school uniform. Lost items are returned to pupils if named. Please ensure uniform, particularly coats, cardigans, jumpers and lunchboxes are clearly named. If you have items missing please look at the trolley located outside the office.

I would also like to take this opportunity to inform you that Mrs Lock, an experienced teacher who has most recently been working at another Discovery Educational Trust primary school, will be returning from maternity leave, and I am delighted that she is going to be joining Kelvedon Hatch Community Primary School from Monday 11th March. Mrs Lock will teach Year 2 on a Monday and Tuesday and work with Mr Webb, who will continue to teach Year 2 on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, to ensure consistency with the learning in class. This change does mean that Mrs Milligan will no longer be teaching the Year 2 class each week, however I can confirm that she will be teaching in our Reception Class on Fridays this half term, in place of Mrs Tickner. I would like to thank Mrs Milligan for her continued commitment to our school.

I am also writing to inform you that there will be a further change in our Reception Class from the beginning of the Summer Term 2024 because Mrs Fletcher will be leaving Kelvedon Hatch Community Primary School at the end of this term to take up a new role in another school. I am sure that you will all join with me in wishing Mrs Fletcher good luck in her new role and we thank her for the commitment and dedication she has shown to children and families.

I am pleased to confirm that we have appointed Miss Fairchild as the new full-time teacher in Reception from the beginning of the Summer Term 2024. I am confident that she will be a positive addition to our school and I know she is looking forward to meeting the children when she visits our school on 26th March.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.



Diary Dates

Tuesday 5th March – Year 4 Class Assembly

Wednesday 6th March – Year 3 Class Assembly

Wednesday 6th March – Year 1 Forest School sessions begin

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day (further information to follow)

Friday 8th March – KHCCPS PTA Special Persons Day sale

Friday 8th March – Year 6 Harry Potter (Creative Writing) Trip

Friday 15th March – Comic Relief – Don't forget to wear Red accessories



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Weekly Attendance

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 26th February 2024

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
Attendance	94.8%	92.9%	89.3%	88.8%	94.2%	91.0%	98.4%	92.8%

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Year 6	Reception	Year 4



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 6th September 2023

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
Attendance	94.4%	91.3%	93.5%	90.1%	94.7%	88.5%	92.0%	92.1%

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Year 4	Reception	Year 2



Stars of the week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Teddy	Oliver	Ryder	Ethan	Millie	Charlie	Serena



Miss Townsend's Headteachers Award

Congratulations to Maddie in Year 4 for achieving the Headteacher's Award this week for demonstrating enthusiasm and creativity. Well done Maddie, keep up the good work!



Reminders

Please be reminded that there is an author visit on the 25th March 2024, If you wish to pre-order the book (Ralph & Robot) for your child, this can be done via ParentPay.

World book day is the 7th March

The gate opens at 8.25, please remain with your child until 8.30 when the classroom doors will open. Thank you for your co-operation.



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Learning Links

Year R - This week in Reception, we have begun our new topic on Animals: All creatures great and small. We have been considering the questions we would like to find the answers to. The children have been finding out which colours make pink - to create our pig paintings. The children have also been constructing houses out of the community blocks. Please discuss your child's favourite animal. What do they know about it? Can you find out some facts about it?

Year 1 – Our learning in this half of the Spring term has lots of connections to Geography. We have been learning how to write letters and we have used some interesting addresses. We are looking at 'where we live' in the world and located our school using an aerial view on Google Maps. Our DT this term is all about sculpture and we used Samantha Stephenson's sculpture of 'Other' to inspire our 3D tube art. Please continue to help your child to learn their weekly spellings.

Year 2 - This week Year 2 have started learning their words for our class assembly which is coming up shortly. We have been revisiting our previous topics and creating the script ourselves. In English, we have started looking at the story 'The Snail and the Whale'. We are going to write a newspaper report based on this story. It would be really helpful if you could look at some newspapers at home together and discuss how they are different to a traditional story. In Maths, we have started a unit on measure, and we have been comparing our heights in class. Can you remember who your tallest friend was?

Year 3 – Year 3 have had a fantastic week starting our new topics for the half term. In Geography we began thinking about rainforests; what they are and where we may find them in the world. We got slightly confused when we found out that the Amazon was a famous tropical rainforest. Can you explain what the weather is like in a rainforest?

Year 4 – Year 4 have been very busy this week, starting our new topics and preparing for our class assembly. In English we have started looking at Olympic themed poetry, ready to write our own next week. In Maths we have been looking at the perimeter of rectilinear shapes and polygons. Our Geography topic this half term is 'Where is Antarctica?' and we started this by looking at latitude and longitude to locate places on a map of the world. This week in Computing we learnt about the different parts of a computer. Can you tell an adult at home the names of the parts and what they do?

Year 5 -This week in Year 5 we have started new units of work in all subjects. We looked closely at a biography of David Attenborough in English, identifying the features and researching for our own biographies. We started looking at perimeter and area in maths and started investigating different types of energy in Geography. Can you tell an adult how you would work out the perimeter of a square if you only know the measurement of one side?

Year 6 – The children have returned this week eager to learn. In their writing lessons they have planned for their own suspense narrative using speech, emotive language and fronted adverbials. They are continuing with dividing and multiplying decimals by 10, 100 and 1000 in Maths. During Science they have been selecting the appropriate materials to make an electrical circuit and identifying symbols. Thank you to all of you that came and watched our class assembly on Tuesday, despite a few nerves the children did amazingly. Can you tell an adult 3 facts about oceans?



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