



# NEWS & VIEWS

Kindness, Honesty, Confidence, Perseverance, Safety

Headteacher: Miss V Townsend



## Headteacher's Comment:

This week has been a very busy one! It marked the start of a fantastic relationship with our new Local School Committee of Governors, as we held our first meeting. It was a positive and encouraging start, and we look forward to working closely with them to support our school and children.

The police visited us this week, giving the children a wonderful opportunity to learn about how the police help our community. The children were thrilled to sit in a real police car and explore the equipment officers use in their daily work. It was an exciting and educational experience for everyone.

Another highlight was the visit from Layla, from [Essex Therapy Dogs](#), along with her owner, Brian. Layla will be visiting us regularly, and we are thrilled about this fantastic opportunity for our children. They were all so excited to meet her, and we know Layla will have a positive impact on their well-being. On Monday we had a visit from Essex Safer Roads who met with parents, Reception and Year 5. They learnt lots about road safety and how to keep ourselves as safe as possible.

The children have once again enjoyed spending time with Mr. Duff and Mrs. Tucker from DET. They have enjoyed speaking with them about their learning and life at KHCPs. We know that Mr. Duff and Mrs. Tucker are always incredibly impressed by how polite and well-mannered our children are, as well as their enthusiasm and dedication to their daily routines. This has been commented on by all of our visitors again this week, and we couldn't be prouder of our children!

The children are enjoying exploring our new Computing Suite, which will have a grand opening in due course. This will provide incredible learning opportunities for many years to come, and we look forward to seeing it inspire creativity and innovation in our pupils. We thank the PTA and DET for their support with making this possible. The children would also like to thank you all for supporting the PTA and making lunchtimes more enjoyable. The children are really enjoying the zones and equipment in them at lunchtime. It's wonderful to see them engaging in activities, playing with their peers, and making the most of the fantastic resources available to them.

We continue to ask for your support in ensuring that all children wear the correct school uniform. Wearing the correct uniform fosters a sense of pride, belonging, and equality among the children, and it helps them feel part of the school community. There have been a lot of absences this week due to illness. We hope all the children who are unwell feel better very soon, and we encourage them to return as soon as they are well enough. Attendance is vital to ensure children not only learn, but also feel a sense of belonging and connection with their peers and the school community.

Please look for emails you will have received about the SCARF workshop next week. We would love to welcome as many of you as possible. Thank you for your continued support as we create these wonderful experiences for our children.



## Diary Dates

**Wednesday 5 February** – Book Look

**Tuesday 11 February** – Year 6 trip to Harry Potter World

**Wednesday 12 & Thursday 13 February** – Parent's Evening

**Monday 17 February – Friday 21 February** – Half Term

**Wednesday 26 February** – Year 2 Class Assembly

**Wednesday 5 March** – Year 3 Class Assembly

**Please note that some dates unavoidably may change. Apologies if this does happen.**



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# Weekly Attendance

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Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
Attendance	97.5%	96%	95.4%	84.2%	93.3%	94%	87.5%	92.2%

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Reception	Year 1	Year 2



# Yearly Attendance

## Yearly Attendance – from 3 September

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
Attendance	95%	95%	92.7%	90%	91.2%	94.3%	92%	92.7%

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Reception & Year 1	Year 5	Year 2



# Stars of the week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Blake	Autumn	Oliver	Max	Marwah	Ben	Hollie



# Miss Townsend's Headteachers Award

Congratulations to Oliver in Year 2, who has shown tremendous growth in his approach to learning. He has developed a maturity in his work and is demonstrating greater perseverance.

Well done, Oliver – we are so proud of you!



# Reminders

If your child is absent, please ensure you leave a reason as to why they are absent. If you are unsure if your child should be at school please check the guidance from the [NHS](#).

Please make sure the children are wearing the correct uniform, the website outlines what the children should be wearing. Please remember we do not allow jewellery in school. Thank you



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# Reading at Home

Class	This table shows the number of children and percentages of children that have read this week.						Percentage reading 4 times or more
	Number of times children have read this week						
	0	1	2	3	4	5 or more	
Reception		2 (13%)	2 (13%)		1 (6%)	11 (68%)	75%
Year 1		4 (19%)	1 (4.7 %)	2 (9.5 %)	4 (19%)	6 (28%)	47.6%
Year 2			2 (9%)	3 (14%)	6 (27%)	11 (50%)	77%
Year 3	1 (3%)	2 (8%)	3 (13%)	3 (13%)	4 (17%)	11 (46%)	54%
Year 4		1(4.8)		1(4.8%)	2(9.6%)	17(81%)	91%
Year 5	4 (13%)	5 (17%)	3 (10%)	2 (7%)	7 (23%)	9 (30%)	53%
Year 6					9 (47%)	10 (53%)	100%
Total							

**Well done Year 6 for gaining this weeks KHCS Reading at Home Award**



Sophie entered a dance competition with Youth Dance team at the Powerhouse Dance Competition Festival and they came first for the Inter Modern Group Category



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