



Friday 28th March 2024

NEWS & VIEWS

Kindness, Honesty, Confidence, Perseverance, Safety

Headteacher: Miss V Townsend



Headteacher's Comment:

This is the last News and Views of the term. As we approach the Easter break, it has been a very busy term for our children and staff and we look forward to this chance to relax and reenergise.

Over this past week I have been reflecting on all the great things that have taken place since January. I could list lots of things, but the thing that stands out the most, is seeing our children happy, safe and learning.

I also want to reflect upon our Class Assemblies, it takes courage for our children to stand up in-front of a large audience. I have been very proud of each and every child and thank the teachers for the guidance they provide to our children. I want to extend my thanks to our families for the support they have shown to all of us at Kelvedon Hatch during this last term.

This week I am delighted to extend our welcome to our newest member of staff, Miss Vaus. She has been in school this week getting to know our children and I know she will be a positive addition to our team.

Nicholas Kasparis, author of Ralph and Robort, joined us this week to inspire our children and provided them with 'top tips' to help them become budding authors.

I have already seen the start of some inspirational writing. I look forward to reading some of the finished pieces after half term.

Regular attendance at school ensures that children get the best possible start in life. Good attendance supports learning, the development of social skills and friendships, as well as building vital foundations of a child's life. I want to congratulate fifteen of our children for gaining 100% attendance since September. This is a great achievement. Well done!

Thank you to the PTA and those that have supported them, as they are dedicated to raising money for our children. They raised a massive £310! Thank you for your support and generosity. We look forward to more events hosted by the PTA.

I want to end by wishing you and your families a relaxing and joyful Easter break, and I look forward to welcoming you and our team back to Kelvedon Hatch ready to embrace the Summer Term.



Diary Dates

Monday 15th April – First day of term

Tuesday 16th April – Year 1 School Trip

Monday 13th- Thursday 16th May – 8am – Year 6
SATS breakfast

Tuesday 9th July – Sports Day

Thursday 18th July – Reserve Sports Day



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Weekly Attendance

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 18th March 2024

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
Attendance	99.5%	93.8%	96.7%	88.0%	98.4%	96.1%	93.2%	95.2%

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Reception	Year 4	Year 2



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 6th September

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
Attendance	94.8%	91.7%	93.4%	90.0%	94.9%	89.2%	91.8%	92.4%

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Year 4	Reception	93.4%



Stars of the week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Keira	Isla S	Charlotte	Frankie	Brody	Eddie	Paige



Miss Townsend's Headteachers Award

Congratulations Sadie A in year 2 for achieving the Headteacher's Award this week for showing great resilience in all that she does. Well done, keep up the good work!



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](#).
 We will be returning to school on the 15th April 2024. We look forward to seeing you then.
 I know some of you have asked for the link to support Mrs Fletcher in her Marathon where she is raising money for Saint Catherine's Hospice, I know you will join me in wishing her Good Luck! To support her, please follow the link [here](#).



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Learning Links

Year R - This week we have been busy doing Easter activities including making Easter baskets and having an Easter egg hunt. We also went on a mini beast hunt and enjoyed meeting our new teacher. Have a lovely Easter holiday!

Year 1 – It was lovely to meet so many of you last week and discuss what's going well and next steps during Parents' Evening. Home support is improving every week, and the consolidation of reading is certainly showing in their writing- so thank you. They've finished spring shape poetry and acrostic poems and are demonstrating creative flair. Volume and Mass was a successful unit during Maths and all have a good understanding of this now. They're developing their sculpture skills and these look so effective on display in class. They are loving Forest School and we've had a lively, fun Easter egg hunt too. We kept a weather diary throughout the week and have compared their daily entries. I have really enjoyed seeing the class mature and grow this term and am looking forward to another term. Please don't forget the museum trip on the second day back. Have a wonderful Easter break!

Year 2 - Here we are at the end of another term and what a term it has been! I have noticed such a difference with the writing the children are now producing. The children are now using adjectives, similes and metaphors in their writing which all make a huge difference to the quality of their writing. The children have all made huge progress in their 'Athematic Friday' scores which again we are all very proud of. This week we have finished our Geography unit and we are looking forward to moving on to our History unit all about monarchs. We hope you have a fantastic break and we look forward to seeing you when we return.

Year 3 – Year 3 have had fun this week finishing off their learning about Rainforests by linking their learning to how we use the woodland ourselves. We have also been enjoying our guitar lessons. This week the children have been finishing off composing their tunes and enjoying performing these to their friends. Can your child tell you the name of the guitar strings?

Year 4 – Year 4 have been very busy working on fractions in Maths this week. In English, the children have completed some absolutely fantastic double page spreads for their persuasive holiday brochures! They have included lots of powerful adjectives, alliteration and rhetorical questions. I think we have all been convinced to book a holiday to each of their amazing resorts. We have also focused on Science this week and have completed 2 experiments exploring states of matter. Can you explain to an adult how wind effects evaporation?

Year 5 - What a great start to the week having author, Nicholas Kasparis, visit the school to share his top tips for writing with all of the children. It was great to see Year 5 so engaged in what he had to say and seeing them implement this into their poems this week! Our zoo enclosures for Colchester Zoo are coming along well in our DT lessons and it has been great to see the children working together to fit the brief of what the enclosure really needs. Well done to all Year 5 students, who worked so hard on their assembly for you all yesterday. I am one very proud teacher and it was great to see how much they have learnt already this year! After half term we will be starting a new unit in Maths, 'position and direction.' Can you discuss with an adult at home about what a line of symmetry is?

Year 6 - This week, albeit short, the children have been busy writing narratives using speech, personification, and metaphors. They took inspiration from the author who visited our school on Monday, and I have been extremely impressed with them all. They have been creating their own artwork using pointillism (we have some budding artists in the class). I have given them all a SATs booster pack for the Easter holidays and would like them all to complete these as independently as possible. Please explain the meaning of 'census' to an adult and what information is collected for this.



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