



NEWS & VIEWS

Kindness, Honesty, Confidence, Perseverance, Safety

Headteacher: Miss V Townsend



Headteacher's Comment:

Over the last three weeks I have been talking to the children about Respect, this has been in different contexts, such as respecting ourselves, each other and adults, adults respecting children, respecting both our own and school property – the list is endless. Here at Kelvedon Hatch we challenge any unkind behaviour and continue to teach our children why respect is so important and to 'treat others as we would like to be treated'.

Mr Webb took some of our Year 1 and 2 children to represent our school at a Multiskills event this week, they were a credit to us and they thoroughly enjoyed this experience. I am delighted to inform you that we will be sharing more events like this on our Twitter page as this is now live again.

Our children and teachers work hard over the course of the year and we will be showcasing their hard work with you in our Class Assemblies. We would like to invite parents/carers to come in for these assemblies and enjoy a preview into what the children have learnt.

Forest School sets learning in a different context for children where they can undertake a range of practical activities and carry out small achievable tasks. Children can develop their team working skills and also learn to become more independent. Those who are unfamiliar with woodlands and green spaces can become confident in using them and this can form the basis of a life-long relationship with nature. Year 6 have enjoyed the experiences that they have had and I know that year 5 are looking forward to the remainder of their sessions.

Lastly, the teachers have accepted defeat! The children have beat the teachers on Times Tables Rockstars. Well done to everyone that participated. Having a secure grasp of the basics of maths, including the fluent recall of times tables, is crucial for children's success in moving on to more complex maths. Keep practising.



Diary Dates

Tuesday 6th February – 'Welcome to the Trust' meeting at 17.30 for parents/carers

Monday 19th – Friday 23rd February – Half Term

Monday 26th February – Return to school

Tuesday 27th February – Year 6 Assembly

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)



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Weekly Attendance

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 22nd January 2024

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
Attendance	97%	85.9%	94.5%	94.6%	93.9%	81.9%	86.8%	90.9%

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Reception	Year 3	Year 2



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 8th September 2023

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
Attendance	94.6%	91.7%	94.8%	90.1%	95.2%	89.1%	92.2%	92.7%

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Year 4	Year 2	Reception



Stars of the week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Azura	Hudson	Finn	Tommy H	Luca	Sienna-Grace	Leon



Miss Townsend's Headteachers Award

Congratulations to Oliver S in year 4 for being polite and demonstrating our school values.



Reminders

We look forward to seeing many of you at our 'Welcome to the Trust' meeting. This is a meeting for parents/carers on Tuesday 6th February at 17.30. Refreshments will be available.

Please note we are a nut free school - we have both staff and pupils with severe nut allergies.



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Learning Links

Year R – This week in Reception, we have been learning a new story: The Great Race. We found out how the emperor wanted a way to measure time so he asked the animals to have a race in order to create the Chinese Zodiac. We recreated the story in our PE session - moving like the different animals including: a horse; dragon, rat and tiger. We have also been building boats out of different materials and seeing if they can float. We put toy figures in our boats to see how many people it would take to sink. Can find out more about the Chinese zodiac with your child - which animal represents 2024? Which zodiac sign was your child born?

Year 1 - This week we have been reading a new story, 'Traction Man', which ties in nicely to our history about toys. They have done some drama around the characters and had fun rescuing dolls from the evil Professor Spade! We are writing this up now in our lessons. In maths, we've just finished learning about the 0-20 number line. Please ask them about 1 *less* than 18 and 2 *more* than 12 type of questions. Lots have been reading at home and they are doing really well; please continue your fantastic home support. In art, we've been printing and in science, we're continuing our Materials by looking at properties and why we don't use certain materials for things. They have continued their computing by programming things to move from A to B in a maze. Have a great weekend!

Year 2 - Once again Year 2 have had a very busy week. We had a number of children from our class represent the school at a multi-skills event at Shenfield High School. This was a great opportunity to try some new sports including volleyball, cup stacking and parachute games. In class we have continued learning about materials in Science. We are looking at what makes certain materials suitable for different objects. E.g a bicycle made from cardboard may not be a good idea. We are starting a unit in Maths looking at multiplication and division. We are using arrays to support us with learning how to work out some trickier questions and problems. Reading is still something we need to make sure is taking place at least 4 times a week. Please remember to sign reading records every time you read.

Year 3 – Year 3 have had a great week of learning. In science we have been looking at light, looking at what is a light source and whether it is a artificial and natural source. We have them expanded this to seeing how light is reflected and what type of surfaces reflect light. Can you find some examples of objects in your house that might reflect light?

Year 4 - Year 4 have been working hard to write their own character descriptions, based on monsters they have created. The descriptions are full of figurative language and powerful adjectives. In maths, the children have been practicing different methods for working out multiplication calculations including partitioning and the grid method. They have also been answering word problems and showing their working out. In our reading lessons we have been reading The Night Bus Hero, we have got to know the main character Hector and the children have been able to answer a variety of questions about what we have read. Can you give a quick summary of what has happened so far to an adult at home?

Year 5 - In Year 5 this week the children have been planning and drafting their adventure stories and completed their big write. It was great to see so many amazing stories written. We began Forest School this week and our focus was on birds. The children made their own bird feeders and shelters. This weekend, Mrs Beco has asked for all children to spend some time outside/in the garden looking for particular birds. Write down some birds that you see or even better, take a picture to show Miss King and Mrs Beco!

Year 6 – Year 6 have started a new unit in English looking at persuasive writing techniques. They are learning how to use correct persuasive devices in letter writing. They have started learning about Algebra in maths and how to use function machines to help with their calculations. They are enjoying the Tudor lessons and creating timelines of significant events within the Tudor period. Can you tell an adult 3 things that were significant during this period?



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