

Keyworth Primary School Newsletter



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Friday 3rd December 2021

Important dates for your diary

Autumn Term 2		Christmas dates TBC	
01.11.21	Children return	09.12.21 at 9:15am	Reception performance
15.12.21	Reception and Year 6 height and weight check	10.12.21 at 9:15am	LS/Nursery performance
17.12.21	Last day of term - 2:00pm finish (no afterschool club)	10.12.21	Christmas jumper day
20.12.21-03.01.22	Full-term	13.12.21 at 9:15am	3/4 performance
Spring Term 1		14.12.21 at 9:15am	5/6 performance
04.01.22	INSET day	15.12.21 at 9:15am	1/2 performance
05.01.22	Children return	15.12.21	Christmas lunch
		16.12.21	Class parties

Celebrations

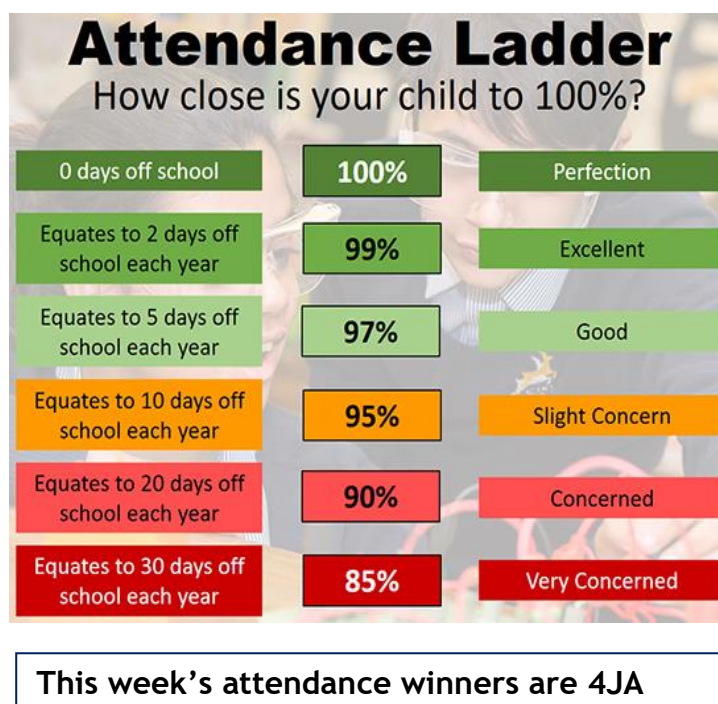
Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Reader of the Week
RCC	Nasir	Georgina	Zaiyan	Sonnie
RSP	Viktor	Honey	Shahid	Carolina

Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Presenter of the Week
1CM	Idris	Shelijah	Leena	Zach
1AJ	Ashley	Amir	Jamelia	Naila
2PH	Zaynab	Rayaan	Kaelan	Othniel
3MK	Mohamed	Joao	Angel	Jamie
3CS	Maddie	Mohammed	Cinar	Kyamaani
4JA	Honyar	Lysander	Tamarni	Lucretia
4MV	All of 4MV	Adjoa	Taqwa	Annabel
5JG	Abdul	Nathaniel	Davontae	Sophia
5BH	Zach	Samiya	Alba	Ainhara
6JA	Duan	Zada	Hazel	Barkat
6JB	Mansour	Zoe	Chinono	Darijus

This week's gem winners are....	Emeralds
This week's treasure chest winners are...	1AJ and 6JB

Attendance

Class	Attendance
RSP	94.69%
RCC	92.27%
1CM	92.63%
1AJ	90.78%
2PH	91.67%
3MK	88.83%
3CS	97.45%
4JA	97.62%
4MV	90.34%
5JG	95.5%
5BH	93.49%
6JA	93.72%
6JB	97.44%
Whole school	
School target	96%



Latest News

Covid update - letter sent earlier this week

Earlier in the week, I sent you a letter listing the changes we are making to our Covid measures between now and the end of the term. This is a response to government guidelines and not because Keyworth has an outbreak of Covid within the school community. I would like to thank all parents/carers who have acted on the guidelines and would ask that we all continue to work together in order to keep each other as safe as we can.

Gem winners

The winning gem house this term is... **EMERALDS!** Congratulations to all of the children in Emeralds who contributed to this victory by collecting lots of gems. The children will be treated to a performance at The Blue Elephant Theatre - look out for letters coming your way! As a reminder, any child who has had an internal exclusion this term will not be allowed to attend.

Christmas performances

Despite the current Covid situation, we are still proposing that the following performances take place as we feel that the children deserve something to look forward to and due to the fact that we are planning on hosting these events outside. As it is likely to be cold, please ensure that your child/ren (and obviously you as the audience) wrap up warm!

As I have said previously, we may have to cancel/postpone some/all of the events last minute but we will endeavor to make this happen... the weather is not looking great next week so fingers crossed!

Date	Year group/s	Location
Thursday 9 th December at 9:15am	Reception	Early Years playground
Friday 10 th December at 9:15am	Little Stars and Nursery	Early Years playground
Monday 13 th December at 9:15am	Years 3 and 4	KS2 playground
Tuesday 14 th December at 9:15am	Years 5 and 6	KS2 playground
Wednesday 15 th December at 9:15am	Years 1 and 2	KS2 playground

- For the Little Stars, Nursery and Reception performances you will be allowed to enter the school site via Gaza Street gate from 9:10am.
- For the Year 1 to 6 performances you will be allowed to enter the school site via Faunce Street gate from 9:10am.
- FREE refreshments will be provided and parents/carers will have the opportunity to stay around afterwards to be social for a short while.

Save the Children's Winter Dress-Up Day

On **Friday 10th December 2021**, we are inviting all pupils to take part in *Save the Children's Winter Dress-Up Day*. Children who would like to be involved can come to school dressed in **any wintery items** they may have. Items might include winter jumpers, dresses, socks, hats and/or even jewellery!

We are asking pupils to make a **50p - £1.00 donation**. On the morning of the event, children can place their donations in the buckets at the school gates. This money will go to *Save the Children*, a charity that makes sure every child has essentials like food and water, healthcare, education, protection and shelter.

You can find out more about this charity by visiting <https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/>.

We would really appreciate your support to make *Winter Dress-Up Day 2021* a success - it is a great cause and together we can help make the world a better place for our children.

Teaching and Learning

We have recently completed a teaching and learning review of Maths and English at Keyworth. I am pleased to report that the standards across the school are **outstanding!** I would like to put on record my thanks to the hardworking and talented Keyworth staff.

Spanish day

Today we hosted a Spanish day to celebrate Spanish-speaking nations from around the world and within our school community. The children took part in a range of activities including singing, dancing and eating a Spanish-themed lunch.



4MV learnt about the Dominican Republic, supported by the knowledge of Daybel!

Little Stars supermarket trip

On Monday, our Little Stars visited the supermarket to buy fresh fruit and vegetables for Rosie the class teddy's birthday party.



Year 2 - Vauxhall City Farm trip

On Tuesday, Year 2 visited Vauxhall City Farm as part of their Science topic of 'animals including humans'. While lots of learning about animals took place, the best parts were being able to stroke and feed the animals!



Year 4 Tower of London trip

Year 4 had a lovely time at the Tower of London. Everyone had a great day. They were particularly excited to see the Crown Jewels. It was fun to see the Beefeaters and Ravens in their 'natural habitats'!



Parent survey - Braganza Street development

Thank you to everyone who completed the parent/carer survey - it was very positive. Should anyone have any specific questions or queries, then they should contact the school office. One query that was mentioned a couple of times was the Braganza Street development next to the school. The school was consulted about this several years ago and, obviously, we shared our thoughts with Southwark Council although we have no control over the decision-making process. The building works are behind the initial proposed deadline and, should they be delayed further, the school will be compensated for the disruption caused. I have included a few links below with further information about the project.

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/housing/new-council-homes/where-we-re-building/newington/braganza-street>

https://consultations.southwark.gov.uk/planning-and-regeneration/2nd-round-consultation-braganza-street-workshops/supporting_documents/Braganza%20Online.pdf

Should you have any further questions or queries, below is the email address of our Southwark Council contact:

Evelyn.Thomas@southwark.gov.uk

Let's talk about autism conference

At the end of this email you will find details of the *let's talk about autism* conference taking place on **Monday 6th December**.

Word of the Week

This week's *Word of the Week* is **euphoria**. Please discuss its meaning with your child/ren and encourage them to share what they have learned with their teachers in school to receive gems. Do they know the origin? Can they use the word correctly in a sentence? Can they identify and explain the meaning of alternative forms e.g., **euphoric**? Can they identify any synonyms or antonyms?

Please find below previous words that we have used in school:

Previous words	euphoric, disclosed, premature, alleviate, gullible, bamboozle, elite, corrupt, vigour, penultimate, rebuff, contemplate
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I would like to wish you a lovely weekend!

Ray Capper
Head of School

School Covid update

Dear Parents/Carers,

You will have seen in the news the changes that the government has made to the rules around Covid and the actions that we all need to take during the next few weeks and months. This is because of concerns related to the new Covid variant. With this in mind, schools have been sent new guidelines so please note the following actions that we need to take from today:

- Parents/carers will no longer be able to access the school office in person – all enquiries should be done over the phone or via email;
- If wanting to speak to a member of staff, please contact the school office to arrange a telephone call back. If the communication needs to be done in person, please wear a face covering and maintain a 2-metre social/physical distance;
- We are no longer able to welcome volunteers in to school;
- Children who attend *Breakfast Club* can no longer go through the school office but should instead walk directly through the playground to the hall;
- Parents/carers are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings at drop-offs and collections – *we may have to return to parents/carers not being able to enter the school site should community cases continue to rise*;
- Children will not be expected to wear face coverings in school;
- The school will continue to adhere to previous measures in-line with our risk assessment, including regular handwashing, the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' message, ensuring regular and additional cleaning, as well as good ventilation throughout the school. Please ensure that your child is wearing several layers of clothes to keep them warm when in school;
- Parents/carers should follow the government guidelines when outside of school;

Self-isolation guidance

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

Government 'stay at home' guidance

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

- If your child is self-isolating but well enough to complete work, they should use *The Oak National Academy* resources:
<https://www.thenational.academy/>
- School attendance is mandatory, meaning children should be in school every day where possible. The school will continue to monitor the attendance of children and any persistent absence from school (below 90%) will be acted upon, in-line with our attendance to school policy;
- We may have to postpone/cancel our end-of-term events at late notice, so I would like to apologise in advance should this be the case.

The new measures that we are implementing may have to be increased in the future, as necessary, and might include the school having to take far stricter action should we face a Covid outbreak e.g. sending some children home and reverting to remote learning. Please note that at this moment in time Keyworth is responding to government guidelines and not to there being multiple Covid cases in the school community.

If you have any questions or queries about any of the above, please contact the school office. Thank you in advance for your continued support of the school.

Kind regards,

Ray Capper

Head of School

This year the Autism Support Team (AST) will be celebrating its 9th annual 'Let's Talk About Autism' conference and we are inviting you to attend! To book your place for this free event for Southwark parents / carers, please click on the link below and complete the registration form.

<https://forms.office.com/r/8mfQCArcJG>

Upon completion of the form and giving your consent, all participants registered in this form will receive the invitation link for this event over the weekend. We will be using Microsoft Teams platform. If you are accessing video meeting via laptop or desktop, you will receive an invitation in your email and you can join the meeting by clicking on the invite. If you are planning to access meetings via mobile phone or tablet, you will have to download Microsoft Teams app that is free of charge.

On the day of the conference, please join us for the registration as detailed in the leaflet (between 9:30 – 9:45), to enable a prompt start of the conference and to respect the allocated time frames. You will be able to ask our speakers questions via the chat function; these questions will be moderated and will be read by one of our team members. Where available, we will share power point presentations after this event. We hope many of you can join us on Monday 6th December 2021.



**Southwark Special Educational Needs and Disability
Children and Adult Services - Autism Support Team**
Invite you to attend the virtual parents conference:
Let's Talk About Autism 2021
6th December 2021
Online conference





9:30 - 9:45 Registration



9:45- 10:45 Dr Philippe Mandin, Lead family Therapist; Southwark CAMHS
"Negotiating relationships and navigating systems"

I now work mostly with adolescents and their families, focussing on relationships and communication. I meet fantastic young people who have helped me appreciate the richness of neuro-diversity but also the barriers that Autistic people of all cultural background experience in accessing services, until crises become unbearable. I now would like to give something back by sharing some of the stories and ideas, including the concept of the "window of tolerance" to make sense of sensory sensibilities and emotional regulation in relationships.

10:45—11:00 Tea / Coffee break



11:00 - 12:00 Kate E Reynolds, MDS, PGDCouns, PGDHEd, BSc (Hons), RGN
"Adolescence, puberty and sexuality"

Kate Reynolds worked for 18 years for our NHS mainly in HIV / AIDS as a trained counsellor, registered nurse and educator before having two children, both of whom are on the autism spectrum. Her daughter also had epilepsy and her son has intellectual disabilities. Kate has written 15 books, mainly about sexuality and autism and published by Jessica Kingsley Publishers. She also writes articles, speaks at conferences and runs training for parents and professionals. The bulk of Kate's advisory work with families and schools involves so-called "sexualised" or "inappropriate" behaviours. Kate has a Masters in Disability Studies and is working towards her doctorate.

12:00- 12:30 Lunch break



12:30—13:30 Marrie O'Connor and Melissa Bautista,
**Occupational Therapists Evelina London Community Children's Services;
Guys and St Thomas NHS Foundation Trust**
"Sensory and Participation: An OT Workshop for parents and carers"

Melissa Bautista is an Occupational Therapist (OT) who graduated from San Jose University in United States. Melissa has worked in London as an OT with children and families with ASD in private practice, specialist ASD schools and the NHS since 2005. She has proudly worked for the Evelina London Children's Community Occupational Therapy Team since 2015.



Marie O'Connor is an Occupational Therapist from Ireland. She worked with children and families in Australia and the UK in specialist schools and community clinics. Marie joined the Evelina London Children's Community Occupational Therapy Team in 2017.

Melissa and Marie have both completed postgraduate work in Sensory Integration from Ulster University.

13:30 — 13:45 Tea / Coffee break



13:45-14:45 Erin Davidson
"My journey—Walk in my shoes" (www.donaldsons.org.uk/walk-in-my-shoes/)

Hello, my name is Erin Davidson, I'm 18 and love reading books. My favourite genre is fantasy and my dream house is a hobbit hole in the country side where I have a small farm and goats, perfect for me to engage in my other passions Painting, Sketching and Writing. It is through my passion for writing and illustration that I felt I needed to share my personal experiences of being autistic and my journey to diagnosis and beyond. These experiences were challenging for me, especially during time in mainstream school. It was at this time I wrote, whilst in anger and distress, the piece of writing what would later become the video "A Walk In My Shoes".