

Keyworth Primary School Newsletter



Part of The Gem Federation

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Friday 10th March 2023

Keyworth Term Dates 2022-2023

September 2022						
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August 2023						
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School Holidays

Inset Days

Bank Holidays

Tutorial Day

Other Closures

Important dates for your diary

Event		Class assemblies	
15.03.23	Possible NEU strike	01.03.23	4EB
16.03.23	Possible NEU strike	08.03.23	RCM
20.03.23 at 9:10am	Year 6 SATs workshop	22.03.23	1HE
22.03.23 at 9:10am	Year 2 SATs workshop		
29.03.23 at 9:10am	Year 4 multiplication tables check workshop		

Celebrations

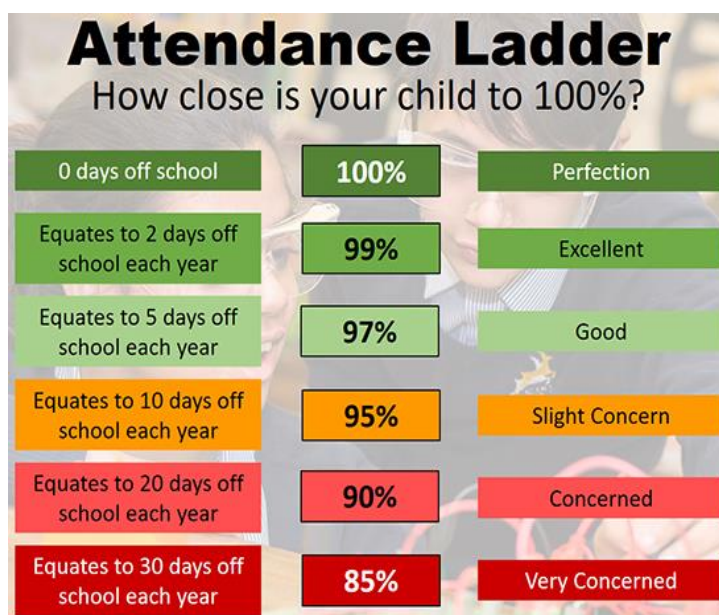
Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Reader of the Week	Presenter of the Week
RCM	Afia	Kai	Zayne	Benyamin	
1AJ	Jaren	Shahid	Mabrukah	Humaira	Sebi
1HE	Nabiha	Zak	Harper	Ibrahim	Ami
2PH	Monica	Leena	Idris	Munira	Mawaddah
2CS	Abib	Adam	Zeynab	Francesco	Sebastian

Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Presenter of the Week
3MK	Gibril	Ava	Kaelan	Tilly
3AB	Othniel	Izabella	Nora	Yahya
4MV	Erin-Rose	Stephanie	Maxi	Adrian
4EB	Valentina	Nathan	Anas	Javel
5BH	Glenn	Keeva	Annabbel	Saif
5JA	Nicholas	Millie	Kenza	Davarney
6MO	Maryama	Muhammed	Khaziah	Janet
6JG				

This week's gem winners are....	Diamonds
This week's treasure chest winners are...	3AB 6JG

Attendance

Class	Attendance
RCM	91.71
1AJ	91.67
1HE	95.58
2PH	95.38
2CS	96.92
3MK	92.79
3AB	95.56
4MV	90.43
4EB	85.22
5BH	94.45
5JA	96.15
6MO	95.24
6JG	96.8
Whole school	93.15
School average (year)	93.21%
National average (year)	92.4%
School target	96%



This week's attendance winners are **2CS**

Classes with the best attendance this term so far...

1st	2nd	3rd
6JG 96.32	6MO 94.52	5JA 94.26

Latest News

International Women's Day #embrace equity

The theme for this year's International Women's Day is 'Embrace Equity'. Whereas **equality** means to provide everyone with the same, **equity** means to provide everyone with what they need.

Equality



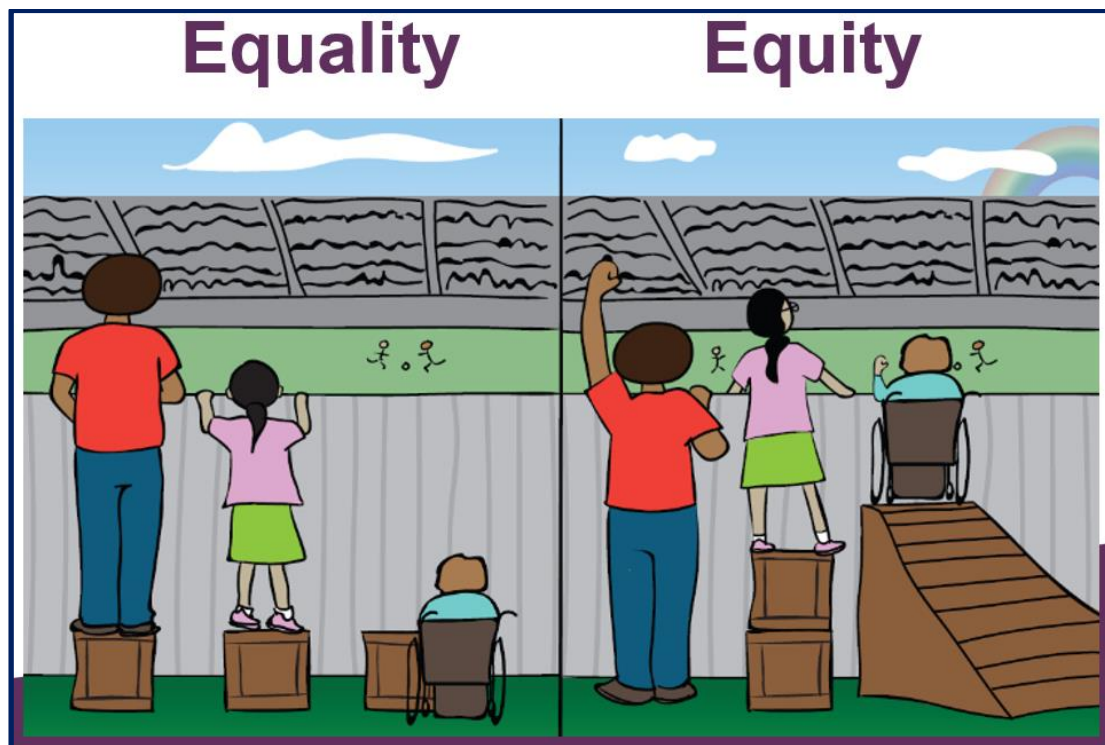
They both have access to ladders to pick the apples. However, the person on the right needs a taller ladder to reach the tree and for it to be fair.

Equity



In this picture, whilst they still both have access to ladders, one is higher than the other so they can both reach the apples. This is equity.

Below is another example to discuss at home:



At Keyworth, we work with Lifting Limits who work with schools to achieve gender equality in society through curriculum delivery and resourcing. Their aim is that young people do not internalise gendered norms and expectations or grow up experiencing the limitations they effect. Instead, their approach is to head off gendered norms and expectations before they take hold. Further information can be found below:

[Lifting Limits](#)

Industrial action

As a reminder, **Keyworth will be closed to children on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March** due to strike action. The NEU is in dispute with the Secretary of State for Education with regards to *their failure to ensure enough money is available to pay a fully-funded increase in pay for teachers which at least matches inflation, and which begins to restore lost pay.*

In consultation with the governors, the senior leaders of Keyworth have assessed the impact of the strike action on the school and after careful consideration have decided that the school will have to close to pupils. Due to the numbers of staff involved, there will be serious operational difficulties which could impact the safety of pupils and staff.

This decision has not been taken lightly and we regret having to take this action but feel that there will not be sufficient staff in school to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the children.

- Our Little Stars provision will remain open. Please use Gaza Street gate.
- A packed lunch will be available for collection between 12:00pm and 1:00pm on each day. **Please call the school office by Tuesday 14th March to request a packed lunch.**
- Afterschool club will be available between 3:30pm and 5:55pm. Children should be dropped-off promptly at 3:30pm via Sharsted Street entrance. **Please book your child/ren's place/s using Magicbooking by Tuesday 14th March.**

Anyone who had previously booked our afterschool and/or breakfast clubs for Thursday 2nd March will be refunded as credit in their Magicbooking account.

Our sincere apologies for the difficulties that these arrangements will cause parents/carers but unfortunately these are circumstances beyond our control. The school will open as normal on **Friday 17th March.**

If you have any queries or concerns, please contact the school office.

Why are teachers taking strike action? (NEU)

- **Fair pay for teachers:** *“Real term pay for experienced teachers has declined by 13% since 2010, and that over the same period average pay in the whole economy has increased by 2% in real terms. This adds up to a decline in teacher pay of 15%. Senior teachers in England have in effect had their pay cut by £6,600 since 2010.” (Institute for Fiscal Studies)*
- **Budget struggles:** *“School spending per pupil in England fell by 9% in real terms between 2009-10 and 2019-20, the largest cut in over 40 years. The government has allocated an extra £7.1 billion for schools in England through to 2022-23. Whilst this will increase spending per pupil by over 8%, school spending per pupil in 2022-23 will still be 2% lower in real terms than in 2009-10.” (Institute for Fiscal Studies)*
- **Workload:** Due to the cuts to funding, teachers and school staff are having to do more as schools have had to reduce staffing levels and resourcing, and fill the gaps left by the cuts to other services.
- **Keeping good teachers:** *“Nearly a third of teachers leave the profession within five years of qualifying, meaning schools have to employ supply staff and/or do not have enough qualified teaching staff to educate children effectively”.* (Department for Education data)

Please note that teachers have not been getting paid while taking industrial action so are showing commitment to improving the above.



*Community Room
Launch – Friday 10th March*

Bring a
book



Take a
book



Reminder:

- Make sure the books are in **GOOD CONDITION** and **suitable** for **NURSERY** and **PRIMARY SCHOOL** children
- NOT ACCEPTED: books with writing on them; damaged books

Change of dates - workshops

For your diaries, please note the dates of workshops we will be hosting in March:

- Monday 20th March at 9:10am - Year 6 SATs;
- Wednesday 22nd March at 9:10am - Year 2 SATs;
- Wednesday 29th March at 9:10am - Year 4 multiplication tables check.

All workshops will take place in the Community Room.

Change of date - 1HE class assembly

Please note that 1HE's class assembly will now take place at **9:10am on Wednesday 22nd March** in the main hall.

Bread making

This week Reception children have enjoyed learning about how bread is made, what ingredients you need and the process needed to make bread. They were amazed at how much their bread had risen and thoroughly enjoyed having their parents/carers in to help them bake. Khalid explained: "The yeast made it rise so that now it is big!" The bread was delicious!



One more from World Book Day...



Reception class assembly

This week was Reception's turn to share a class assembly and we were so proud of them. They retold the story of 'The Little Red Hen' and had fun performing to the whole school and their parents. We loved their costumes and how well they said their lines. Well done Reception and thank you to all the parents who came!



Support for families 1 - FREE Easter Club

At the end of this newsletter is a poster containing information about a FREE Easter Club.

Support for families 2 - Coding and homework clubs

Below you will find information about local coding and homework clubs. Most of these clubs are FREE to children.

[Ignite code clubs](#)

[Southwark Libraries](#)

Support for families 3 - Southwark Council digital inclusion support

Southwark Council are offering free broadband routers and sim cards to families who are struggling due to the cost of living. Contact our Home-School-Support Worker Abena Oppong for further information:

abena.opong@shs.org.uk or alternatively 07812461193.

Support for families 4 - FREE girls football training

At the end of this newsletter is a poster containing further information about FREE girls football training.

Support for families 5 - parent workshop: supporting young people with anxiety

The Gem Federation in collaboration with the Nest presents:

Supporting Young people with Anxiety - a practical online workshop for parents/carers.

The Nest <https://thenestsouthwark.org.uk/> will be delivering a parent workshop on supporting children with anxiety. This session will focus on separation and generalised anxiety.



In this workshop you will learn:

- What is anxiety?
- How to support your young person with anxiety
- Where to go for further support
- Coping skills for anxiety

This session will be delivered via teams (see details below) on **Monday 20th March 2:00pm to 3:00pm**. An opportunity will also be given to ask questions at the end of the session.

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 326 543 554 23

Passcode: EVKk8n

[Download Teams](#) | [Join on the web](#)

[Learn more](#) | [Meeting options](#)

For further details please feel free to contact Lori Knight: lknight@keyworth.southwark.sch.uk

Word of the Week

This week's *Word of the Week* is **equity**. 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., **equitable**? Can they identify any synonyms or antonyms?

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

Previous words	certain, mourn, congregate, collaborate, community, progressive, convention, respectful, resilient, prevent, rigor, responsible, prejudice, festive, transform, despondent, devoted, prosper, discontent, complement, eulogy, culture
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I would like to wish you a lovely weekend!

Ray Capper
Head of School

Voyage of **DISCOVERY**

Easter Holiday Club 2023

Mon 3rd - Wed 5th April

10am - 2pm

Reception - Year 6

FREE

Surrey Gardens
Penrose Street
SE17 3DU
(Off Walworth Road)



Fun games, cooking, crafts, competitions,
and talks about the Bible and the sea.

When is the club?

Monday to Wednesday, 3 - 5 April (3 days)
10am - 2pm

Who is it for?

All children from Reception to Year 6.

What do I need?

Bring a packed lunch - we will provide drinks and snacks.

DETAILS & BOOKINGS

Visit our website or scan the
QR code to book your place.
Book early to avoid disappointment!

MetropolitanTabernacle.org/HBC



Surrey Gardens
Penrose Street
SE17 3DU

Contact us

020 7735 7076

SundaySchool@MetropolitanTabernacle.org

The club will be run by a team of
DBS checked, experienced volunteers.

WILDCATS GIRLS FOOTBALL

"The perfect way for girls aged 5-11 to get involved with football."



TIME AND DATE

EVERY TUESDAY (16:00 - 17:00) FREE TO ATTEND

LOCATION

MARLBOROUGH SPORTS GARDENS, 27 UNION ST, LONDON, SE11SD

NEXT STEPS

Head to www.lpeasn.org.uk to complete our registration form or scan the QR code. You can also head to thefa.com/weetabixwildcats to book on to a session. For more info contact us via JOE@LPEASN.ORG.UK

