

Keyworth Primary School Newsletter



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Term Dates 2023-2024

September 2023							October 2023							November 2023							December 2023						
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January 2024							February 2024							March 2024							April 2024						
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School Holidays	INSET Days	Tutorial Day	Bank Holidays
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Important dates for your diary

Event		Class assemblies	
04.12.23	Flu vaccinations	08.11.23	5BH
08.12.23	Enterprise Fair	15.11.23	2PH
12.12.23	Christmas performance at 9:10am - years 4, 5 and 6	22.11.23	Year1
13.12.23	Christmas performance at 9:10am - years 1, 2 and 3	29.11.23	4AB
13.12.23	Christmas lunch		
14.12.23	Christmas performance at 9:10am - Reception		
15.12.23	Christmas performance at 9:10am - Little Stars and Nursery		
15.12.23	Winter Fair		
19.12.23	Class parties		
20.12.23	Last day of term - 2:00pm finish		
08.01.24	INSET day		
09.01.24	Children return		

Celebrations

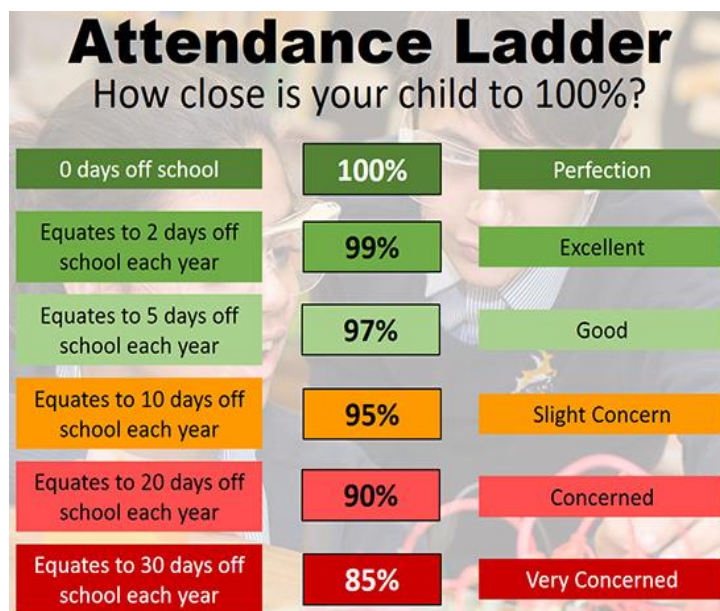
Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Reader of the Week	Presenter of the Week
RCJ	Cormac	Marwan	Oliver	Fatima	
1AJ	Abdella	Thomas	Jaiden	Iru	Romario
1HE	Olamilekan	Savannah	Misbahu	Ionie	Jayden
2PH	2PH	Jaime	Zanetor	Harper	Zak
2ER	Aidan	Mabrukah	Jaren	Suhail	Josiah

Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Presenter of the Week
3MR	Muhammad	Luky	Zeynab	Anniyah
3GC	Ronit	Jayda	Nate	Nadira
4AB	Amy Alba	Arsema	Kieron	Rayaan
4EB	Sana	Frankie	Gibril	Petr
5BH	Joao	Naiyah	Sammy	Maddie
5AA	Nathan	Lillie	Forry	Jayme
6MV	Joseph	Dylan	Matias	Maida
6CS	Conor	Lucretia	Nickari	Lysander

This week's gem winners are...	Diamonds
This week's treasure chest winners are...	2ER 4EB

Attendance

Class	Attendance
RCJ	94.29
1AJ	97.06
1HE	98.82
2PH	96.67
2ER	97.69
3MR	96.67
3GC	95.29
4AB	97.37
4EB	96.67
5BH	93.78
5AA	97.27
6MV	96.15
6CS	95.56
Whole school	96.11
School average (year)	95.41%
National average (year)	93.7%
School target	96%



This week's attendance winners are 1HE 5AA

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

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
5AA 97.03%	2PH 96.83%	6CS 96.38%

Latest News

Class assembly - change

Please note that the class assembly on **Wednesday 22nd November at 9:10am** will now be for the **whole of year 1**.

Diwali

Being **progressive** and **respectful** are two important school values. Keyworth is an extremely diverse and inclusive school, where everyone is welcome. As such, it is really important that we learn about the similarities and differences within our school and the wider society.

Progressive

We can be the change we want to see around us.

We nurture strong ethical values, integrity and a sense of social justice in our school community and teaching. We want our pupils to become independent thinkers, respectfully questioning convention, challenging inequality and finding their place as considerate individuals who will make a meaningful contribution to society.

Respectful

We are respectful of each other's ideas, beliefs, backgrounds and practices.

We are considerate of the cultural identity and norms of the students and families we serve. Diversity, equality and inclusion are of great importance to us. We strive to support and educate children and adults to be sensitive to and respectful of diversity and put this into action through a socially aware curriculum and inclusive activities.

Recently, families at Keyworth and around the world celebrated Diwali. Diwali is the five-day Festival of Lights, celebrated by millions of Hindus, Sikhs and Jains across the world.

Diwali is a festival of new beginnings and the triumph of good over evil and light over darkness, and for some also coincides with harvest and new year celebrations. Further information about Diwali can be found by using the links below:



[BBC - Diwali](#)

[BBC Teach - Diwali](#)

Odd Socks Day

On Monday, we celebrated *Odd Socks Day* as part of *Anti-Bullying Week*. *Odd Socks Day* is a national event all about celebrating what makes someone unique - it is to symbolise that we are all different and that children should be themselves, should be accepting of one another and celebrate our differences.



Design your own 'Buddy Bench' competition

The School Council want to introduce a 'Buddy Bench' in the playground. This is a place where a child can go if they want to talk to someone.



Competition information

- All children are encouraged to design a 'Buddy Bench'.
- Entry to the competition is 50p, which will go towards the cost of creating the bench.
- The winning designer will have their design painted on a bench and receive a prize. There will also be 3 runners-up prizes.
- A plaque will also be added to the bench with the name of the winning designer.

Design requirements:

- White A4 paper - landscape;
- Must be in colour;
- No additional material (such as glitter);
- You can write a message about why you chose your design.

Entries should be brought into school by **Friday 1st December**.



Anti-Bullying Week

As well as taking part in *Odd Socks Day*, the children completed activities during their lessons around what bullying is and what they can do if someone is being unkind to them or someone else.

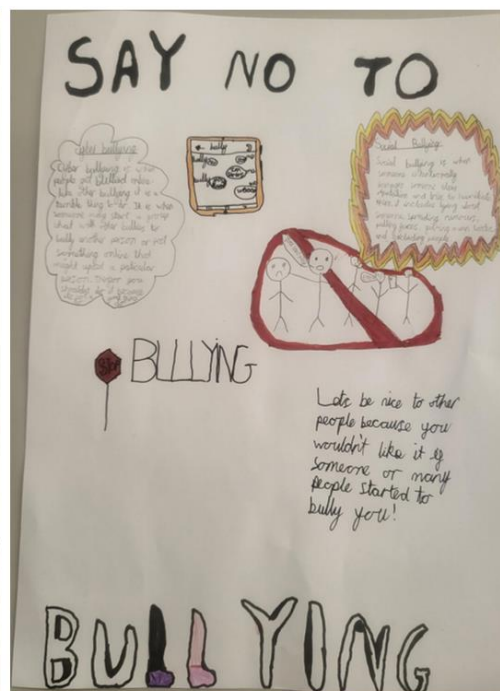
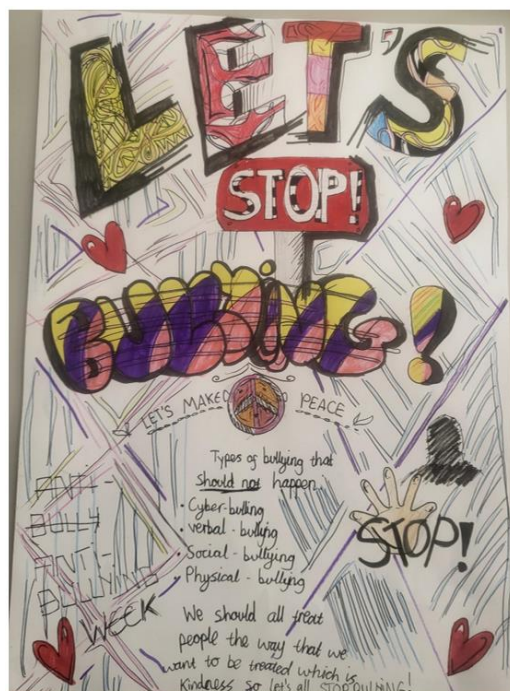
Below you will find a link to a resource for parents/carers containing advice around bullying and supporting your child/ren:

[Anti-Bullying Parent Pack](#)

Below is a link to Childline, which has lots of useful information and support:

[Childline](#)

In year 6, the children designed posters with an aim of educating others about the need to stop bullying and what actions to take should they witness any form of bullying.



Children in Need

BBC Children in Need believes that every child should have the chance to thrive and be the best they can be. They are committed to being there for children across the UK when they need them the most. Today, the children of Keyworth supported the *Children in Need* appeal by dressing in spots, as well as taking part in the "Pudsey Bearpees Challenge". Thank you to everyone who donated to the event!



School Food Matters

Healthy Bites

Keyworth Primary School have been working with the charity organisation School Food Matters on their 'Healthy Zones Programme'.

Healthy Zones involves everyone across the school community - from parents, catering staff and students. Currently, Keyworth is reviewing the School Food Policy to ensure healthy food is prioritised throughout the school day. Keyworth are also looking at ways to motivate children and families to make healthier choices around food.

As the programme rolls out, we will keep you informed of activities and events that will support this intent. This week, the children have been asked to complete a questionnaire about the food that they choose to eat in and outside of school. This will inform the upcoming programme of work.



Rainbow Plates

At school, we encourage the children each day to make healthy food choices. We talk to the children about the importance of having a 'rainbow plate' which means they choose a variety of different fruit and vegetables both at school and at home to keep their bodies and mind healthy.



Healthy Food Swaps

What Healthy Food Swaps Can You Make This Week?



Swap Crisps for Crudités

Sliced cucumber, carrot, peppers and sugar snap peas are a much healthier option than a bag of crisps. Keeping a plate of fresh vegetables in the fridge is terrific for children who like to graze between meals. Mixed vegetable crudité's are rich in fibre, iron, calcium and some are carotenoids.

Home learning

In Year 5, the children are using the book "The Tempest" by William Shakespeare. Maddie has created a letter in a bottle which was inspired by the story.

Support for families - Southwark's Winter of Food and Fun

Southwark's Winter of Food and Fun will run across the winter holidays (21st December - 5th January) and will offer free places for children between the ages of 4 - 16 years receiving benefits-related free school meals or from families with no recourse to public funds.

Southwark are partnering with local holiday hubs across the borough to provide an exciting programme of food and activities for children and young people in the local community.



Each programme will provide:

- Free, nutritious and tasty food;
- Fun physical activity sessions;
- A wide range of other enriching activities to suit different ages and personalities;
- Opportunities to learn more about food and nutrition.

Further information and booking details can be found by using the link below:

[Food and Fun](#)



Word of the Week

This week's *Word of the Week* is **persuading**. 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. **persuade/persuasion**? Can they identify any synonyms or antonyms?

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

Previous words	defensible, corresponded, exaggerated, recommended, determined, hinder, accommodated, controversy, sacrifice
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I would like to wish you and your family a lovely weekend!

Ray Capper
Head of School