

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	
30.10.23	Children return	08.11.23	5BH
02.11.23	Flu vaccinations	15.11.23	2PH
12.12.23	Christmas performance at 9:10am - years 4, 5 and 6	22.11.23	1AJ
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

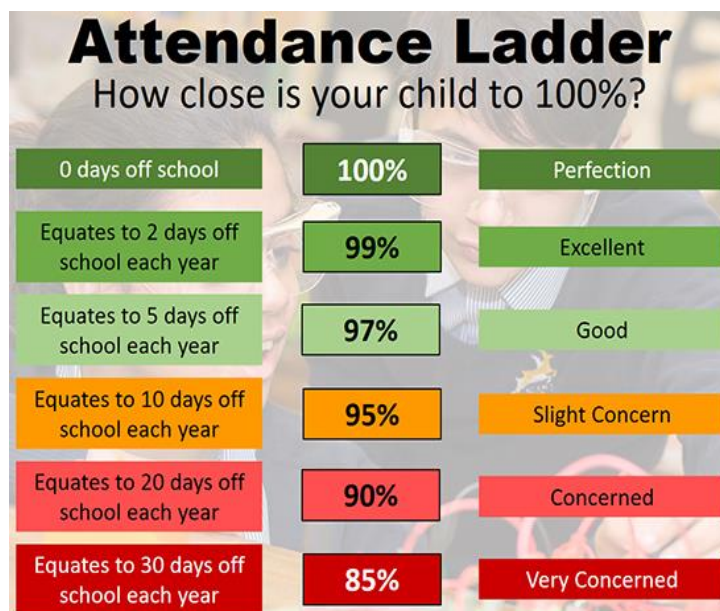
Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Reader of the Week	Presenter of the Week
RCJ	-	-	-	-	
1AJ	Benyamin	Michelle	Cleo	Alex	Nariah
1HE	Jayden	Zaheem	Savanna	Afia	Nicole
2PH	Avianna	Ava	Evazi	Sofia	Ellie
2ER	Kayleigh	Jasmine	Josiah	Sebi	Zanya

Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Presenter of the Week
3MR	Kallum	Lily-Mai	Monica	Naila
3GC	Raymand	Nate	Nadira	Yusra
4AB	Izabella	Arthur	Yahya	Kieron
4EB	Hamja	Ben	Zarah	Eli
5BH	Valentina	Maddie	Awo	Kaycee
5AA	Lucas	Hawa	Manuella	Kymani
6MV	Sara	Jawdan	Jeremiah	Cristalera
6CS	Oliver C	Ariella	Majid	Annabel O

This week's gem winners are....	Rubies
This week's treasure chest winners are...	2ER 3MR

Attendance

Class	Attendance
RCJ	94.29
1AJ	95.29
1HE	93.53
2PH	91.85
2ER	96.72
3MR	88.33
3GC	99.13
4AB	96.11
4EB	94.44
5BH	91.46
5AA	95.96
6MV	96.03
6CS	93.06
Whole school	93.95
School average (year)	94.97%
National average (year)	93.1%
School target	96%



This week's attendance winners are **3GC**

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

1st	2nd	3rd
1HE 97.06 %	2PH 96.91 %	3GC 96.81 %

Latest News

Half-term Autumn 2

The children will return to school on **Monday 30th October**.

Vison and Values

This week, we focused on the value “Progressive”. During our assembly, the children were shown the following image and had to suggest who these people were, and then make inferences about what their lives were like.



The women in the picture are scientists who were instrumental in India’s successful space mission to Mars (Mars Orbiter Mission). They are **Seetha Somasundaram**, the Program Director of the ISRO Space Science Program Office, **Nandini Harinath**, Project Manager, Mission Design, and Deputy Operations Director, Mars Orbiter Mission, and **Minal Rohit**, Scientist and Engineer, Project Manager, Methane Sensor for Mars.

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.

The children learnt that, in order to be progressive, we need to try to avoid bias and challenge society’s conventional views on who we are and what we can achieve.

Further information about the Mars Orbiter Mission can be found by watching the video below:

[Breakthrough: Snapshots from Afar](#)

Year 6 secondary school applications

All parents/carers of children in year 6 need to apply for a secondary school place by **Tuesday 31st October**.

Further information about the secondary school application process can be found on the following websites:

[Southwark](#)

[Lambeth](#)

Workshops

Thank you to all parents/carers who attended our workshops. The workshops can now be found on our school website and by using the link below:

[Parent workshops](#)

Virtual school tour and dates

Keyworth has spaces for new children throughout the school. Additionally, we would like to invite anyone who has a child due to start Reception in September 2024 to attend one of our school tours. Please share this information with other families and refer to the link below, which can also be found on our school website, for our virtual school tour and upcoming tour dates:

[Virtual school tour and dates](#)

Warm clothing

The children will continue to have playtime and undertake learning outside during the winter months. Please ensure that they are well-prepared for this by wearing suitable clothing and footwear. Additionally, we strongly encourage that you label all clothing with their name.

Christmas choir - years 4 to 6

From **Monday 6th November** teacher Alex and the Vicar of St Mary's Newington Church will be running a Christmas choir club. This will take place for 6 consecutive Mondays after school from 3:45pm - 4:30pm. The last session will be on Monday 11th December. The children will practise some Christmas songs which they will then have a chance to perform at the Carol Service in St. Mary's Newington Church, Kennington Park Road, at 5:00pm on Sunday 17th December. Those of all faiths and religions are warmly welcome to attend but please bear in mind that the choir will be singing traditional Christmas Carols about Jesus' birth in the Church Carol service.

To give permission for your child/ren to join the above club, please sign into your Magicbooking account and book the club. To give permission for your child/ren to walk home alone please select the extra option when booking. Please only select the extra option if your child DOES have permission to walk home alone.

We are no longer accepting paper permission for trips or cash in the office.

Join our Christmas Choir

Everyone welcome! Year 4-6

Rehearsals Monday 3:45pm – 4.30pm

Starts: Monday 6th November

Alex (4AB)

We will learn Christmas Carols to sing at a

Carol Service Sun Dec 17th 5pm

At St Mary's church, 57 Kennington Park Rd. Followed by a Christmas Party for all

Free School Meal Holiday vouchers

As you should already be aware, Free School Meal holiday vouchers are now distributed directly through Southwark Council. You should receive your vouchers on **Monday 23rd October** by email.

If you have any issues, the school will be unable to help. Please see below guidance for the best way to make an enquiry regarding your vouchers.

How can voucher related enquiries be made?

There is a telephone number on the back of the vouchers, which takes parents through to the Southwark contact centre - the contact centre will log their enquiry and submit to the Cost of Living Team to resolve.

Parents can also enquire direct to the council using the [Holiday Free School Meals - Make an enquiry](#) e-form.

https://forms.southwark.gov.uk/ShowForm.asp?fm_fid=2246

Flu vaccinations at Keyworth

Your child's annual flu vaccination is now due. This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu.

Please use the link provided to access the electronic consent form
<https://sav.hrch.nhs.uk/flu/2023/southwark>.

Please complete one consent form for each child to ensure your child receives their vaccination. Our team will visit your school on **Thursday 2nd November 2023**. The deadline for submitting your e-consent form is 72 hours before the session excluding weekends.

Your child will be offered the live nasal flu spray or the injectable porcine free flu vaccine. The nasal spray vaccination is a quick and simple spray up the nose. Even if your child had the vaccine last year, it is recommended to have the flu vaccine again this year due to changes in flu strains circulating each year. The injectable porcine free vaccine is now available in school.

Since the programme was introduced, most children offered the vaccine in schools have had the immunisation. Please complete the consent form even if you decide you do not want to vaccinate your child against flu this year. Completion of the consent form is not mandatory if you do not want your child to be vaccinated. However, as providers of the school age vaccinations, NHSE requires that we provide numbers of parents that do not consent to their child being vaccinated. Therefore, we will only use this information to provide numbers of parents declining consent - no other details will be shared. If consent forms are not completed, you may be contacted by phone or text. If you have returned a no consent, we will not make any further contact this year.

If you have any queries, please contact the relevant immunisation team below.

Southwark Schools: Hrch.ImmunisationTeamMailboxSouthwark@nhs.net
Tel: 020 39033373

Yours sincerely, Christiana Ogunleye Immunisation Lead

Black History Month - year 1 and year 3

We have been celebrating Black History Month at Keyworth. This has been a great opportunity for the children to identify and reflect upon some key moments in black British history and culture - moments that have historically been underrepresented. Each year group had a different focus throughout the month which they investigated, created work to show and presented information to teach other children. These focuses ranged from black British heroes, Windrush, Notting Hill Carnival and the Bristol Bus Boycott. Below, year 3 are presenting to year 1 what they learnt about Notting Hill Carnival.



Black History Month - year 4

Year 4 have been busy researching iconic figures from black history to commemorate their lives and achievements- from the likes of Mary Seacole and Lilian Bader, to Pele and Nina Simone. They chose to celebrate their lives through some colourful and vibrant portraits which they presented to year 6.



Year 2 visit London Zoo

On Wednesday, the Year 2s went on a trip to London Zoo to support their learning around their current Science topic, Animals including Humans. During the trip, they saw so many interesting animals up close, including sleepy tigers, hungry gorillas and energetic penguins! They also found out about the natural habitats and diets of many of the animals, and talked about how different animals change as they grow up. The children had a great day out together and, on the tube journey home, couldn't stop talking about all the amazing creatures they had seen!



Home learning

Joao in class 5BH made this incredible replica of a Colosseum for his history topic The Romans.

“Did you know that gladiators fought bloody battles in the Colosseum and spectators attended in their hundreds to watch the fights? Emperors watched the shows too and some were considered as monsters due to their violence,” stated Joao.

Support for families 1 - ‘Families Under Pressure’ parenting tips

Dealing with child behaviour problems? Try these simple tips and tricks, formulated by researchers and NHS mental health experts, which are backed by science and proven to work with families. Please click on the link below:

[Families Under Pressure](#)

Support for families 2 - The National Parenting Support Service

Family Lives offer parents a 24-hour free helpline number on:

0808 800 2222 and alternatively via askus@familylives.org.uk.

Click on the link below for further information:

[Family Lives](#)

Support for families 3 - £1.00 tickets to Tower Bridge

Do you live in Southwark, Tower Hamlets or the City of London? Enjoy £1.00 entry to Tower Bridge each time you buy a Community Ticket! Further information can be found below:

[Tower Bridge £1.00 tickets](#)

Word of the Week

This week’s *Word of the Week* is **accommodated**. 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. **accommodation/accommodating**? 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
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I would like to wish you and your family a lovely half-term!

Ray Capper
Head of School

