

Keyworth Primary School Newsletter



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Friday 21st October 2022

Keyworth Term Dates 2022-2023

September 2022						
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School Holidays

Inset Days

Bank Holidays

Tutorial Day

Other Closures

Important dates for your diary

Event		Class assemblies	
31.10.22	Secondary school applications deadline	05.10.22	6JG
01.11.22	Children return to school	12.10.22	3MK
10.11.22	Rescheduled gem trip	19.10.22	4MV
05.12.22 - 09.12.22 TBC	Christmas performances	02.11.22	5JA
16.12.22	Last day of term (2:00pm finish)	09.11.22	2PH
03.01.23	INSET day	16.11.22	5BH
04.01.23	Children return to school	23.11.22	2CS

Celebrations

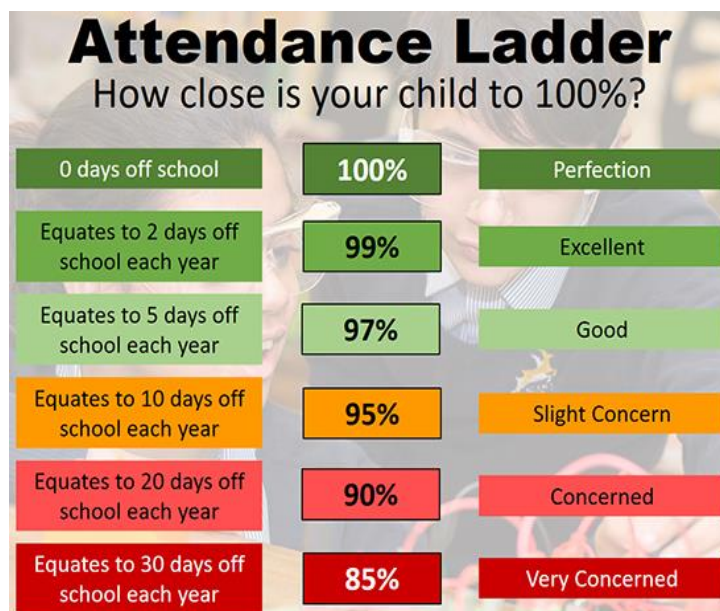
Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Reader of the Week	Presenter of the Week
RCM	Thomas	Savannah	Yusuf	Liam	
1AJ	Freya	Sade	Fatimah B		Jasmine
1HE	Romel	Reuben	Nabiha	Tyler	Jaime
2PH	Jafari	Malik	Isa	Jayda	Zahara
2CS	Yousef	Adam	Khadijah	Mohamed	Francesco

Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Presenter of the Week
3MK	Zarah	Gibril	Jade	Aaradhya
3AB	Keron	Nora	Amy	Othniel
4MV	Jessica	Awo	Tyler	Lucas
4EB	Aza	Manuella	Valentina	BJ
5BH	Annabel	Keishana	Qahalil	Yalda
5JA	Daybel	Aiden	Maida	Mamo
6MO	Kiahya-Rae	Ainhara	Janet	Nihal
6JG	Davontae	Seham	Sara	Cianna

This week's gem winners are....	Emeralds
This week's treasure chest winners are...	2PH 4MV

Attendance

Class	Attendance
RCM	92.99
1AJ	83.7
1HE	82.22
2PH	95.37
2CS	96.67
3MK	95
3AB	96.67
4MV	97.83
4EB	96.36
5BH	93.6
5JA	95.6
6MO	92.06
6JG	97.6
Whole school	
National average	94.3%
School target	96%



This week's attendance winners are **4MV**

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

1st	2nd	3rd
6JG 97.99%	2CS 96.17%	4MV 96.19%

Latest News

Returning to school after half-term

A reminder that the children return to school on **Tuesday 1st November**.

Vision and Values

This week, our core value was **"progressive - we can be the change we want to see around us"**. Keyworth Primary School is proudly inclusive and welcoming of everyone. The children have been learning about how they have a voice to challenge inequality and discrimination, as well as reflecting on how individual differences make us stronger.

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.

My Heritage - Celebrating our Cultures and Diversity event

A final reminder that **Keyworth Friends will be hosting their "My Heritage - Celebrating our Cultures and Diversity" event this evening from 3:30pm** - all are welcome and thank you to everyone in advance who has helped!

Free school meal vouchers - October half-term

Southwark remains committed to supporting its disadvantaged pupils during the October half term 2022 and will do this by using part of the Household Support Fund to fund meals for those pupils who are eligible to receive *benefits-related free school meals*. Children who meet these requirements will receive £15 food vouchers per child for the half-term. Please check your emails (including your spam) for your vouchers.

Secondary school applications

Secondary school applications must be completed online by **Monday 31st October 2022 at 11.59pm**. We strongly recommend that you complete your application before this deadline so that the admissions team can contact you should there be any issues.

Further information about the application process for Southwark and Lambeth can be found on the websites below:

[Southwark](#)

[Lambeth](#)

Contacting the school during half-term

All staff will be enjoying a well-deserved half-term break. Should you have a query that cannot wait until we return to school after the break, please email the school office. I cannot guarantee that any messages will be responded to immediately, but this would be your most likely means of getting a reply.

E-Safety

Be Internet Legends is an online gaming platform to teach children about how to be safe online. It also has some useful information for parents/carers. Click on the link below for further details:

[Be Internet Legends](#)



TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS



Autumn 1 Newsletter

Log-in details

If your child does not have their Times Tables Rockstars username and password, please contact their class teacher.

Battle of the Bands

Years 2-6 Competition

There will be a 'Battle of the Bands' competition taking place from Friday 21st October to Monday 7th November. The winning class will receive 25 treasure chests! Children who are trying their best will be awarded gems for their gem group.

Local Schools Leaderboard

We are pleased to announce that Keyworth are now in 4th place out of 30 local schools. Help us get to the top!

Rank	Name	Mean Studio Speed (seconds / question)
1	Neo Vanguard School	1.54
2	St Pauls CE Primary School, Welworth	2.42
3	Oasis Academy, Johanna, London	2.42
4	Keyworth Primary School, London	2.45
5	Charles Dickens Primary School, London	2.46
6	Churchill Gardens Primary Academy, London	2.93
7	Waterbourne Boys' Academy, Thornton Heath	3.12
8	Brunswick Park Primary School, Camberwell	3.17
9	Allen Edwards Primary School	3.25
10	St Francis RC Primary School, London	3.29

Keep playing to improve your time and move up the Leaderboard.
Remember to earn a *Rock Status* you need to play 10 Studio Games.

Year 2 - London Zoo

Due to the extremely hot weather in July, our year 1 London Zoo trip was postponed to this academic year. On Tuesday, the children got to finally meet the animals and learn more about them.



I like tigers because I like the way they rip up meat. I also like gorillas because they are very funny to watch. I learned that gorillas, when they jump, they can easily get food without having to climb.

By Leena

My favourite animals were the penguins because I like the way they swim in the water.

By Issa

My favourite animals were the monkeys because the baby monkeys were swinging on the ropes. I learned that the penguins at the zoo cannot get out of the water because there was a glass cage. I think animals should be in their habitats.

By Manha



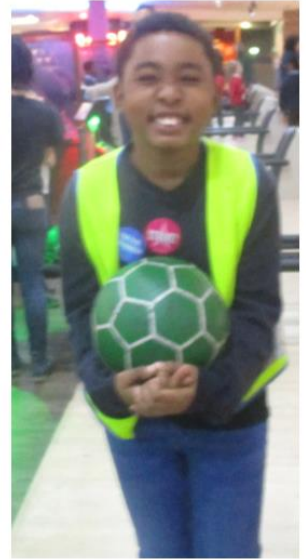
Drama workshop

Yesterday, years 3 and 4 took part in a workshop delivered by *The Blue Elephant Theatre* as part of Black History Month. The focus was on Windrush and contained much audience participation.



Bowling trip

On Monday, a group of children went bowling to develop their fine motor skills and teamwork. They had a fantastic time!



Yoga

As part of our drive to encourage an active and healthy lifestyle, children in KS2 have been taking part in yoga lessons.

Support for families 1 - Home-School Support

Abena Opong is our Home-School Support worker. At the end of this newsletter, you will find information about how she can support you and your child/ren.

Support for families 2 - WE Sustain weekend - 21st, 22nd and 23rd October

WE Sustain is Mercato's Sustainability event, which includes a range of panels, activities and fun workshops for children and families.

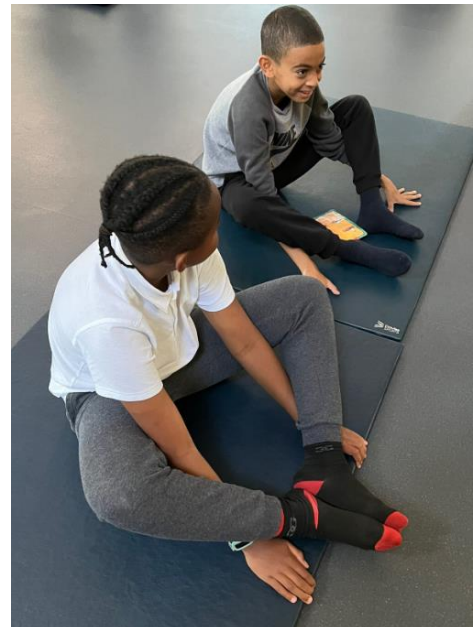
During this weekend, you and your child/ren can enjoy:

- Plant-based cookery class with Nika Clinkett (21st Oct, 2 - 3.30 pm): [book here](#)
- No-waste cookery class with Gabriele (22nd Oct, 11 am - 12.30 pm): [book here](#)
- No-waste craft workshop with BB Broadway (22nd Oct, 2 - 3.30 pm): [book here](#)
- Arancine cookery class with Little Sicily (23rd Oct, 11 am - 12.30 pm): [book here](#).

On the 22nd Oct at 4 pm we'll be hosting the Disco Soup, during which a group of volunteers will cook a giant veg soup. Come and grab your bowl of delicious soup while enjoying some music with us! (no reservation needed).

Halloween

This year, we'll be hosting a fun cookie baking and decorating class with chef Gabriele. Come and join us on the 28th Oct at 11 am! [Book here](#).



Support for families 3 - Celebrating Culture and People event

At the end of this newsletter, there is a poster containing information about a “Celebrating Culture and People” event taking place during half-term.

Support for families 4 - Healthy Start Vouchers

If you’re more than 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under 4, you may be entitled to get help to buy healthy food and milk. Further information can be found on the link below:

[Healthy Start Vouchers](#)

Word of the Week

This week’s *Word of the Week* is **convention**. 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., **conventional/conventionally**? 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
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I would like to wish you a lovely half-term!

Ray Capper
Head of School



Here to Help About me:

Hi, my name is Abena and I am employed by an independent education charity called School-Home Support (SHS). I work in partnership with your school to support children and their families to get the most from the educational opportunities on offer. I can help with advice and information, drop ins and practical and emotional support.

Contact details
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Email: abena.opong@shs.org.uk



School Home Support

School-Home Support is a charity working with children and families to maximise educational opportunities and improve life chances. Partnering with schools, local authorities and families, we look beyond the classroom to understand and tackle the issues affecting children's learning, such as housing, poverty and mental health. Since 1984, we have used early intervention to break intergenerational cycles of deprivation and low aspiration, replacing them with children in school and ready to learn.

For more information please visit www.shs.org.uk

Registered charity in England and Wales (No. 1084696).



School-Home Support

**Abena Opong - Home
Support Practitioner**

John Ruskin Primary &
Keyworth Primary Schools

Information and advice I can help with:

- Settling in at school
- Housing and money worries
- Feeling happy and confident
- Benefits and support
- New starts, changes and settling in
- Supporting your child's learning
- Getting to school on time
- School attendance
- Mental or physical health issues
- Family problems
- Behaviour at home and school
- School grades and results
- Courses, training and volunteering
- Bereavement
- Signposting
- Family breakdown

**If you are feeling worried,
concerned or just need advice,
you're not the only parent who
feels this way. I'm ready to
help you find solutions; that's
what I'm here for**

How I can support:

- Acting as a link between home and school
- Listening to you
- Offering practical suggestions and advice
- Going to meetings with you
- Promoting regular attendance
- Arranging adult learning courses
- Facilitating a parent drop in
- Supporting you

**Why not pop in for a
friendly chat?
or
I can also visit you at
home**



Confidentiality

Please note: I do not and will not tell anyone anything that you tell me without your permission, except if I believe a child/person is at risk, or if it may have an impact on a child's learning or well-being



Celebrating Culture & People



Free Family Learning Festival 2022

Things to do this half term

www.southwark.gov.uk

Adult learning service

Activities for you and your children to do together



Arts & Crafts – Flag making, African fabric necklaces,

Pottery, Storytelling, Singing, etc.

Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th October 2022

Time: 1:00-3:30pm

@ Thomas Calton Centre, Alpha Street, London SE15 4NX
Call 020 7358 2100 to book a place