

Keyworth Primary School Newsletter



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Friday 24th February 2023

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	
15.03.23 at 9:10am	Year 4 multiplication tables check workshop	01.03.23	4EB
20.03.23 at 9:10am	Year 6 SATs workshop	08.03.23	RCM
22.03.23 at 9:10am	Year 2 SATs workshop	15.03.23	1HE

Celebrations

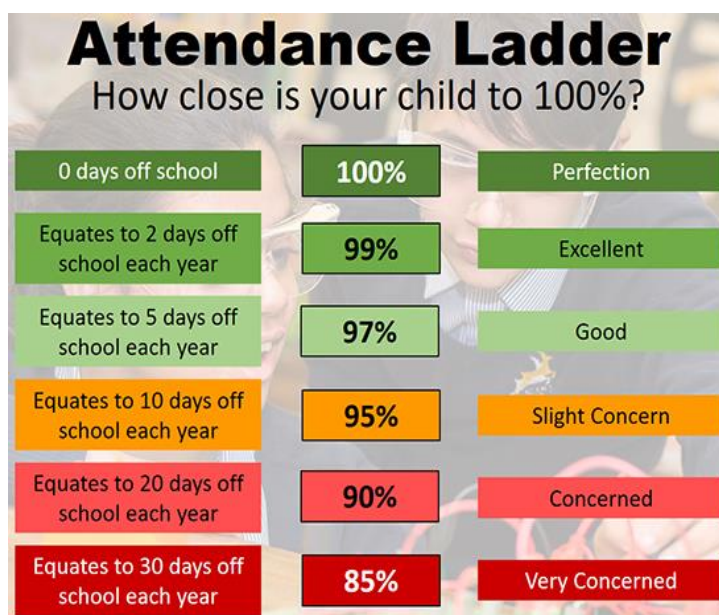
Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Reader of the Week	Presenter of the Week
RCM	Freddie	Muhannad	Fatma	Raed	
1AJ	Adam	Elyes	Humaira	Sade	Jaren
1HE	Ryan	Tyler	Romel	Josiah	Alana
2PH	Francisco	Malik	Yusra	Jayda	Zahara
2CS	Adam	Kamron	Mohammed	Anniya	Lily-Mai

Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Presenter of the Week
3MK	Tawiah	Hamja	Samet	Sara
3AB	Amy-Jane	Arthur	Sumayah	Izabella
4MV	Kevin	Joao	Kaycee	Naiyah
4EB	Cinar	Meriem	Ridwann	Elijah
5BH	Saif	Keishana	Honyar	Oliver
5JA	Oliver	Dylan	Millie	Jawdan
6MO	Chloe	Maryama	Azim	Cianna
6JG	Rapheu	Leyla	Daniel	Cianna

This week's gem winners are....	Diamonds
This week's treasure chest winners are...	1AJ 6MO

Attendance

Class	Attendance
RCM	96.59
1AJ	96.4
1HE	98.95
2PH	94.62
2CS	92.31
3MK	88.76
3AB	97.22
4MV	81.67
4EB	96.82
5BH	90.13
5JA	100
6MO	98.1
6JG	98.33
Whole school	94.26
School average (year)	93.16%
National average (year)	93.7%
School target	96%



This week's attendance winners are **5JA**

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

1st	2nd	3rd
6JG 96.31	6MO 94.62	5BH 94.47

Latest News

Strike action

As a reminder, **Keyworth will be closed to children on Thursday 2nd 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. **Please call the school office by Tuesday 28th February 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 28th February.**

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 3rd March 2023.**

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)

Keyworth Friends Cake and Clothes sale

As a final reminder, Keyworth Friends will be hosting a Cake and Clothes sale after school today. Thank you to those who organised the event and/or who will be volunteering their time later.



Cake & Clothes sale

Friday 24th February
from 3:30pm

Cakes – from 50p; clothes – from £1
Come and browse for some absolute bargains.



We would appreciate donations for this sale. Please bring:

- Good quality adult and children's clothing & shoes to the school office by **Tuesday 21st Feb.**
- Homemade or shop bought cakes to the school office on **Thursday 23rd or Friday morning 24th Feb.** Please provide a list of the **ingredients** and make sure they **do not contain nuts.**

Clothing items remaining after the sale will be sold to Bags2School. All money raised go towards Keyworth Friends activities such as supporting school trips, library maintenance system and holding fayres.

Class assemblies

A reminder that our class assemblies resume next week, beginning with class **4EB** on **Wednesday 1st March at 9:10am** in the main hall.

Secondary school allocation day

Children in year 6 will find out what secondary school they have been offered on **Wednesday 1st March**. If parents/carers applied on time, they will receive an email after 5:00pm which will provide information on what to do next. You will also be able to view the outcome of your application in the evening on the [eAdmissions](#) website.

- No action is required if you want to accept the school offered to your child.
- To reject the offer of a school place allocated to your child, you must notify the school admissions team by email and include your unique application reference number by **Wednesday 15th March**.

Reading Week and World Book Day - message from Jaime

Exciting News!

Next week is Keyworth's Reading Week where we will be celebrating reading with lots of exciting activities and competitions planned across the week.

Here are a few that children can get involved with at home:

- **Keyworth's Readathon** - children are to read as many times as they can to earn prizes. Children are to use the reading log given out in classes to record their reads.
- **Creative Writing Competition** - become an author and create your own short story. There will be prizes for the most creative and engaging! Deadline Friday 3rd March!
- **Illustrate a new book cover** - interested in illustrations? Children can use the template given out in class to design their own book cover. Prizes to be won!



In-school activities:

- **Children's Book Project**- throughout the week children will be able to pick a book to take home for free!
- **World Book Dress Up Day** - Friday 3rd March. Children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

Keyworth Primary School's Reading Week 27th February - 3rd March

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

2 MARCH 2023

Keyworth Pop Up Book Shop

Children are invited to look at our wonderful books and choose one to take home for free! Don't forget your book voucher! (Given out in school).



Creative Story Writing Competition Starts on the 27th Feb

Be inspired by author Polly Ho-Yen to write your own short story. Prizes will be given for the most engaging short story.



Dress up Day on Friday 3rd March

Come to school dressed as your favourite book character

Prizes will be awarded for the most creative



Keyworth Primary School's Readathon

27th February - 3rd March

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**
2 MARCH 2023

Can you become a reading champion?



Chance
to win
prizes!!



Use the reading log given out in classes to
record your reads!



Keyworth Primary School's
Readathon Challenge
How many reads can you complete in a week?

Name _____ Class _____

Number of reads	Book Title	Date	Signed by Parent/Carer
1			
2			
3			
4			
5	Will David You have earned a reading sticker		
6			
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Prizes

5x 20-minute reads =
Reading Sticker

20x 20-minute reads =
Reading Pencil

25+ x 20-minute reads =
Your name will be
entered into a prize draw
to win a selection of
exciting books.

Children's Mental Health Week

Throughout Children's Mental Health Week, the children learned about the importance of good mental health and discussed strategies for managing their mental health. The week ended with the children dressing to express who they are.



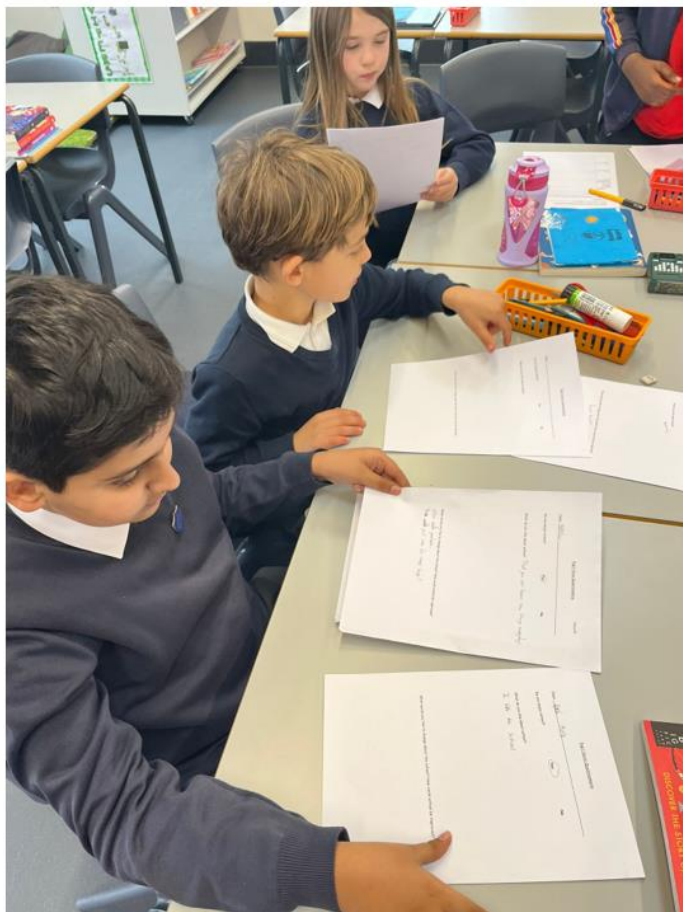
Nursery Reading Celebration Week

For Nursery Reading Celebration Week, the children visited the school library and invited their parents/carers in to school to share their favourite books.



School Council

Our School Council members had a great meeting this week. During the meeting, they reviewed their pupil voice questionnaires in order to find out what pupils of Keyworth enjoy about our school and to identify some areas for development. The general consensus was that pupil wellbeing and making new friends is incredibly important to us here at Keyworth so the School Council will be looking at ways to enhance and address these very important issues in their forthcoming meetings.



Year 1 gingerbread houses

Children in year 1 made gingerbread houses to introduce their new reading book: Hansel and Gretel. They learned about the importance of chronological order when creating a recipe and then wrote their own instructions.



Take and Make recipe boxes

On Monday, Abena our Home-School-Support worker distributed Take and Make boxes to our families - these were donated by the Mayor's Fund for London. Take and Make aims to get children learning to cook in their homes and spending time with siblings and parents. Learning to cook is the gateway to eating well and enjoying good food, as well as a host of equally important benefits - physically and mentally. If you have any photographs of you and your child/ren cooking the recipes, please send them to the school office.

Below you will find some Take and Make recipe cards:

[Take and Make recipe cards](#)

Inclusion Learning Hub

Please check out our new Inclusion Learning Hub on the school website.

[Inclusion Learning Hub](#)

Click on a tab to access resources and further information. If you have any resources which could be included in any of our tabs, please email it/them directly to Lori:

lknight@keyworth.southwark.sch.uk.

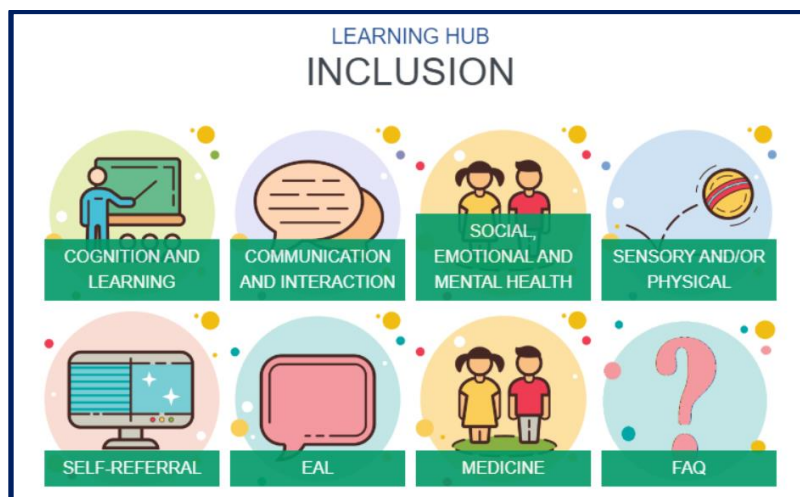
Word of the Week

This week's *Word of the Week* is **eulogy**. 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., **eulogise**? 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
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I would like to wish you a lovely weekend!

Ray Capper
Head of School