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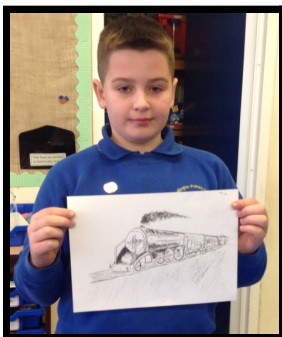
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Friday 28th January 2022

We have had another good week at Kellington Primary School. It is unbelievable that we are already over half way through the half term. Children are really settled in their learning and there has been a steady stream of children coming to collect their Gold stickers throughout the week.

During our Star of the Week assembly today we celebrated Bronwen's achievement of gaining her Silver Chief Scout award. This is the highest award a Cub Scout can gain. Well done Bronwen! It is always lovely to see and hear what the children of Kellington Primary School are achieving outside of school. Please do encourage your child to share their achievements with us so we can recognise them within our Friday assembly.

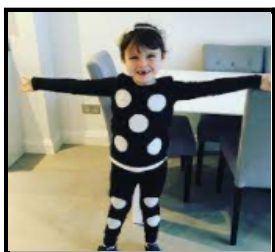
As mentioned in our newsletter last week, Lilies have been undertaking some charcoal sketching in the style of Eric Tracey. This has produced some amazing results, especially from Arseniy, who's sketch is illustrated below. Definitely a budding artist in our midst.



I do appreciate that some of you may have been surprised to read this morning of my retirement at the end of the academic year. As mentioned in the letter, it was a difficult decision to make as I am so happy in my role, however I know the time is right to move on to the next phase in my life and the adventures that hopefully this will bring. Until the end of the summer term however, it is definitely 'business as usual' and I look forward to the weeks ahead during which my staff and I will be ensuring that 'Team Kellington' continues on its journey and the children are supported to achieve their true potential.

NSPCC Number Day - Friday 4th February

Next Friday we are looking forward to taking part in the NSPCC annual Number Day. This charity does invaluable work in helping to keep children safe. We are inviting children to come in non-school uniform for a **minimum donation of £1**. The day will have a number focus and we are asking **all staff and children to have a number theme to their clothes** (see below for ideas). Children will undertake class activities and challenges throughout the day, all linked to number work and we intend to have lots of fun whilst learning too.



School Meals

We are delighted to welcome Miss Gibbons back into our school kitchen this week. Miss Gibbons and her assistant, Miss Rowly, do provide the school with wonderful school meals (The best I have ever experienced). **If your child does not normally have a school meal, why don't you give a school meal a try?** There is usually a choice of two hot dinners and then a jacket or sandwich as a third choice. The desert choices are great too. Meals are £2.30 unless your child is in KS1 where they are entitled to universal free school meals or you are in receipt of FSM (see below if you think you may be eligible)

Covid 19

Unfortunately we have a few more cases of Covid 19 within our school community this week and we wish everyone a speedy recovery. It is really important that we continue to be vigilant in relation to our routines to keep everyone as safe as possible. Thank you for your cooperation with this. If you have a positive case in your household, please inform the school. Your child can continue to attend school however they need to undertake a daily LFT which needs to remain negative. If your child shows any signs of the covid virus (**A new, continuous cough, or a high temperature, or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell**) or are indeed just unwell, we would suggest they undertake an LFT.



STARS OF THE WEEK

Sunflowers - Cooper

Daffodils - Amelia

Roses - Ben C

Tulips - Daisy

Lilies - Arseniy



Houses

The winning House this week is **Roall**

Healthy Schools

This year we are working towards being awarded Healthy School status and our first focus to achieve the bronze award is 'Active Lifestyles'. To achieve this award we need to evidence all that we do in school to encourage children to be active and also to encourage children and families to become more active in their lifestyles.

Our Junior Leadership team is taking a lead in collating information from the children in school in relation to what additional opportunities they would like to see in school and we will be sharing more information with you in the future about opportunities for families to become involved and to increase their activity.

The link to the Healthy School Award is below if you would like to find out more about this award.

<http://healthyschoolsnorthyorks.org/>

Running Track

Unfortunately as our caretaker, Mrs Smith, is currently not at work, the track is currently not open. We are hoping to have this reopened by Monday 31st January

If any members of the community would like to use our running track as part of their fitness regime it is available between **7-8am** and between **5-6pm. Monday - Friday**. There will be no access to any other part of school during this time and people who use the track do so at their own risk. If you wish to bring your children to join you during these times, **however this is at your own risk and children (under 18) must be accompanied by an adult**

If you are interested in using the facility during these times, please contact the school and this can be arranged.

NSPCC Pants campaign

As you were informed in a letter this week we are currently promoting the PANTS Campaign. Talk PANTS helps children understand that their body belongs to them, and they should tell someone they trust if anything makes them feel upset or worried. Whilst we are continually sharing this message with children through our PSHE programme and any appropriate opportunities within the curriculum, we do feel it is beneficial to deliver this programme annually, to ensure this message is clearly communicated and understood. The materials provided are excellent and appropriate to each age group.



Wrap around care

We would still like to be able to offer some before and after school childcare provision at Kellington Primary School as we appreciate how important this is for some families and I am passionate about being able to provide this facility for parents. We have sent out a questionnaire this week and please can I ask you all to complete it, so we have a true and accurate picture of the need to share with potential providers.

Here is the link to the short questionnaire which needs to be completed by Wednesday 2nd February please.

<https://forms.gle/ozL9Zqnrs3Zno9ku7>

Parent Governor

Due to a recent resignation, we do have a vacancy for a Parent Governor to join our Local Governing Body. We will be circulating details of the role and the process should you wish to apply next week, however if you feel you would like more information about the role, please do not hesitate to contact the school office to speak to myself; our Chair of Governors, Caroline Gilley; or one of the Governing team.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Jenny Mitchell, who recently resigned as a Parent Governor, for the work and commitment she gave to school within this role.

STARMAT Parent Survey

Currently we have a STARMAT parent survey details of which I shared with you on the 17th January. Any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Please do take the time to complete this questionnaire, you have until the 17th February.

The link is <https://bit.ly/STARSURVEY22>

Uniform

Please can we ask that you put your child's name in their uniform. We are still finding jumpers, shorts, shoes etc around school without names and often there doesn't appear to be anyone missing them. Also having your child's uniform named helps prevent the wrong person going home in it!

PE Kit

Please can PE kits come into school on a Monday and go home on Friday for washing. We are still undertaking some sessions of PE outside when we can and children will be doing the

Golden Kilometer throughout the week and so do need their trainers or PE shoes each day.

Attendance

Please continue to ensure that your child comes to school everyday that they possibly can.

We are working extremely hard to enable all the children to not be disadvantaged by their lost learning due to the issues over the last 18 months and therefore they need to be here, in school, for us to be able to support them to be the best they can be .

Please can I remind everyone to inform us promptly if your child is absent from school, we do need a message via telephone or email as early as possible, by 9.30 am at the latest, however sooner is preferable. If we do not hear from you we have a duty of care to make contact to establish where your child is. We will keep ringing you until we get a reply. If we don't get a reply we could have to report your child as a missing child.

We know this is sometimes difficult but whenever possible please try and make any appointments outside of school hours, or at the beginning or end of the school day.

Attendance this week (Friday- Thursday)

Lilies -89.55% Tulips - 90.00% **Roses - 96.67%** Daffodils - 91.89% Overall - 92.25%

Free School Meals

If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals please do contact the school for further information on how to check your eligibility and apply. Even if your child is in KS1 and is currently receiving a universal free school meal, if you are eligible for FSM it is really important that you apply, as there are still additional benefits for your child,

Dates for the Diary

Friday 4th February - NSPCC Number Day. Non- uniform day - donations to NSPCC - Maths activities throughout the day. Children link their clothes to a number.

Tuesday 8th February - Safer Internet Day - Focus for the whole school

Friday 11th February - Tulips' Class Assembly 9am Parents welcome

Friday 11th February - Clip and Climb Garforth- Activity for Lilies class linked to their 'Mountains' learning focus.

Friday 18th February - **Inset day** - School closed for children

Monday 21st- Friday 25th - **February half term holiday.**

Monday 28th February - **School reopens**

Monday 28th Feb- 4th March - **World Book Week**

We will all be focusing on the picture book **'The Invisible' by Tom Percival** throughout the week. We are planning exciting learning activities across the curriculum linked to the book, including well-being activities. We are hoping to have hot chocolate and bedtime story time after school on WBD (Thursday 3rd March)

Tuesday 8th March and Wed 9th March - **Parent consultations (in person)** details to follow

Monday 14th March - **Class photographs**

Friday 18th March - **Comic Relief Day** -Red noses on sale - Further details soon

Monday 28th March - **Roses' Class trip** - Ledston Estate (Details to follow)

Friday 1st April - **Daffodils' Class trip** - Ledston Estate (Details to follow)

Friday 8th April - **School closes for the Easter holiday** until **Monday 25th April**

Friday 20th May - **Daffodils' Class Assembly** -9am Parents welcome

Friday 1st July - **Roses' Class Assembly** - 9am Parents welcome

Have an enjoyable weekend. It is lovely that the days are getting longer, so enjoy those extra daylight hours and the signs are starting to show that spring is on it's way.

Take care, kind regards Helen Humphrys Headteacher.

**"The strength of the team is each individual member.
The strength of each member is the team."**

Phil Jackson

The secret of being

Happy

is accepting where
you are in life and
making the most
out of everyday.