

Kellington Primary School

NEWSLETTER

13.2.2026

Valentine's Disco



A huge well done to JLT and Miss Rand for organising a fantastic Valentine's Disco. Everyone had an amazing time and you raised £193.80 for the school! Simply incredible!



Green Team Treat

Green Team were our half term house point winners! Following a democratic vote, Green Team chose to have a 'cookies and crafts' session. The children thoroughly enjoyed expressing themselves creatively whilst munching on a delicious biscuit.



★ NURSERY ★

PLACES AVAILABLE

★ At Kellington Primary School

Now welcoming children
from 3 years old



Three Intakes Per Year
Autumn | Spring | Summer



15 & 30 Hour Funded
Places Available

A Wonderful Start to Learning

- ✓ Caring, experienced staff
- ✓ Safe and nurturing environment
- ✓ Fun, play-based learning
- ✓ Smooth transition into Reception
- ✓ Part of our friendly primary school community

Limited Places Available

Secure your child's place today.

✉ admin@kp.starmat.uk

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Kellington
Primary School
Small and Mighty



UPCOMING EVENTS

- ★ SCHOOL CLOSURES TO PUPILS FRIDAY 13TH FEBRUARY AT 3.15PM
- ★ SCHOOL OPEN TO PUPILS MONDAY 23RD FEBRUARY
- ★ SCOOTER/SKATEBOARDING WORKSHOP Y1-6 TUESDAY 24TH FEBRUARY
- ★ Y3/4 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT THURSDAY 26TH FEBRUARY



Keeping Safe in Our Digital World



For our internet safety day, we worked together to understand AI and chatbots - both the positives of using them and how to keep ourselves safe. The children took part in a whole school assembly, class based tasks and discussions to understand our digital world a bit better.

Some of our children have also looked at device safety and internet safety and will be continuing to delve deeper into this in the new half term.



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

WHATSAPP

AGE RESTRICTION
16+

In UK and Europe,
rest of the world 13+

...MSG ME...

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With more than two billion active users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. Its end-to-end encryption only allows messages to be viewed by the sender and any recipients; not even WhatsApp itself can read them. This privacy issue has been in the spotlight recently, as the UK's Online Safety Bill proposes to end such encryption on private messaging. WhatsApp is unwilling to do so and has reportedly considered withdrawing its service in the UK should this legislation go ahead.

EVOLVING SCAMS

WhatsApp's popularity makes it a lucrative hunting ground for scammers. Recent examples include posing as the target's child, requesting a money transfer because of a spurious 'emergency'. Plus a scam where fraudsters trigger a verification message by attempting to log in to your account, then (posing as WhatsApp) call or text to ask you to repeat the code back to them, giving them access.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the WhatsApp user that they want to message. If your child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them via WhatsApp. It's also possible that your child might be added to a group chat (by one of their friends, for example) containing other people that they don't know.

FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use allows news to be shared rapidly - whether it's true or not. To combat the spread of misinformation, messages forwarded more than five times on the app now display a 'Forwarded many times' label and a double arrow icon. This makes users aware that the message they've just received is far from an original - and might not be entirely factual, either.

ONLINE

VIEW ONCE CONTENT

The facility to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate images or abusive texts, knowing that the recipient can't re-open them later to use as evidence of misconduct. People used to be able to screenshot this 'disappearing' content - but a recently added WhatsApp feature now blocks this, citing increased privacy.

CHAT LOCK

Another new option allows users to store certain messages or chats in a separate 'locked chat' folder, saved behind a passcode, fingerprint or face ID authentication. The risk here is that this function creates the potential for young people to hide conversations and content that they suspect their parents wouldn't approve of (such as age-inappropriate material).

VISIBLE LOCATION

WhatsApp's 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking that their child's safely on the way home, for example. However, anyone in your child's contacts list or in a mutual group chat can also track their location - potentially letting strangers identify a child's home address or journeys that they make regularly.

Advice for Parents & Carers ...TYPING...

EMPHASISE CAUTION

Encourage your child to take extra care with messages with caution: get them to consider, for example, whether the message sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.

ADJUST THE SETTINGS

It's wise to change your child's WhatsApp settings (go to 'Privacy', then 'Groups') to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing approval; you can give permission to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts (Except...)'. Additionally, if your child needs to use 'live location', emphasise that they should enable this function for only as long as they need - and then turn it off.

THINKING BEFORE SHARING

Help your child to understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy - and all too common - for content to then be shared more widely (even publicly on social media). Encourage your child to consider how an ill-judged message might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY

Some parents like to check in with their child about how they're using WhatsApp, explaining that it will help to keep them safe. If you spot a 'locked chats' folder, you might want to talk about the sort of chats that are in there, who they're with and why your child wants to keep them hidden. Also, if your child has sent any 'view once' content, you could discuss their reasons for using this feature.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Butherford is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



...HEY OSCAR...



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#WakeUpWednesday

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Reading At Kellington



We hugely value reading at Kellington and recognise its importance. Children bring home their reading book and are encouraged to read out loud to an adult on at least 3 occasions per week. When reading records are signed, our children are celebrated when they achieve: 25, 50, 100, 150 and 200 reads where they are invited to choose their own book to take home. I wonder which of our wonderful children will receive the next award?



WE NEED
your
SUPPORT!

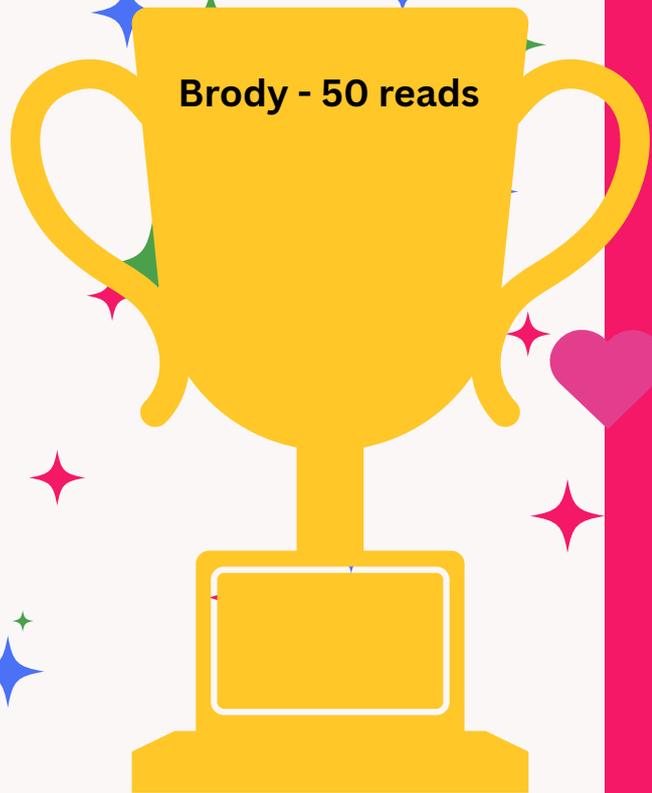
VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED

Reading Volunteers Needed

Do you have a couple of hours free each week? Would you like to listen to children read? Then we need you! Reading is a key aspect of everyday life and we want all of our children to be confident readers. The more practise children have, the better they get. Please speak with your class teaching team if you are able to support us with this at school.

Hall of Fame

Brody - 50 reads





Musical Opportunities

North Yorkshire and York Music Hub

VOCAL PROJECT DAYS



Love to sing?
Want to perform with others?

Come and be part of our new Vocal Groups

A fun and inspiring space for young and aspiring singers from across North Yorkshire and York to rehearse, learn, and grow together.

For more details, email:
Countyhall.Music@northyorks.gov.uk



7 March
18 April
16 May
20 June

10am - 3pm



Vocal Project Days are **FREE**, & open to all children and young people from North Yorkshire and York in Years 4 to 13



North Yorkshire and York Music Hub

ENSEMBLES PROJECT DAYS



Play an instrument?
Love making music with others?

Come and be part of our Instrumental Ensemble Days

A fantastic opportunity to rehearse, perform, and develop your ensemble skills with other musicians from across North Yorkshire and York in a supportive and welcoming environment.

For more details, email:
Countyhall.Music@northyorks.gov.uk



15 March
19 April
14 June
20 June

10am - 3pm



Ensemble Project Days are **FREE**, & open to all children and young people from North Yorkshire and York above grade 2 on their instrument.



How did we SHINE this week?

Shining Star

Class 1 - Artemis (YR) for your fantastic help during tidy up time in Class 1.

Class 2 - Lewis (Y2) for working super hard all week.

Class 3 - Oliver (Y4) for your beautiful manners, kind heart and the wonderful way you treat everyone around you.

Class 4 - Ralf (Y5) for your engagement in all lessons. You share your ideas clearly and build on the ideas of your peers.

Golden Welly

Tommy and Mary-Kate for showing safe tree climbing.

Star Mathematician

Class 1 - Lenard
Class 2 - Oliver B
Class 3 - Brody
Class 4 - Harlow

Values Award

Ayda (YR) for the wonderful level of respect you have been showing our resources in class! (Respect)

Tommy (Y1) for being a top tidier in the classroom and respecting our things. (Respect)

Freya (Y4) for your kind words, thoughtful actions and caring attitude that makes a wonderful difference in our classroom. (Respect)

Billy-Joe (Y6) for your resilience in arithmetic. You worked hard and asked questions to deepen your understanding. (Resilience)

End of Term Celebrations

Half Term Super Star

Class 1 - Sienna for your continued growth in confidence over this half term.

Class 2 - Astrid for being an 'always' child and being a shining example to everyone.

Class 3 - Rupert for your super attitude to learning. Keep it up!

Class 4 - Ann-Marie for your super attitude to learning in all of our lessons. Keep it up!



Star Writer

Class 1 - Bronson for your fantastic effort and independence when writing.

Class 2 - Oliver M for your increased independence when writing.

Class 3 - Jaxon for your beautiful presentation and handwriting. Keep it up!

Class 4 - Ben for your historical narrative where you have used all the features to create an impactful text.

Attendance at Kellington

This Week's Class Attendance:



This Week's Whole School Attendance
97%

Minutes late this week (lost learning):
2 hours 6 minutes

Attendance Target:
97%+

What a week everyone! There has been a fantastic push for attendance - well done. We hope you have a safe and restful break and we will look forward to seeing you for an exciting half term ahead!

This week's winning team is:

Red

We will be sharing more regular updates with all parents regarding your child's attendance each half term.

Things to look forward to at KPS next half term!



Scooter and
Skateboard
Taster Sessions



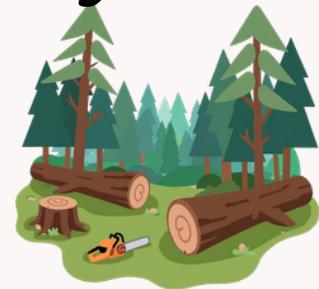
EYFS Stay
and Play



World Book Day



Football Tournaments



Forest School



Break the Rules Day



Science Week