

Kellington Primary School

NEWSLETTER

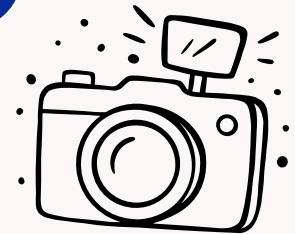
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Forest School Days



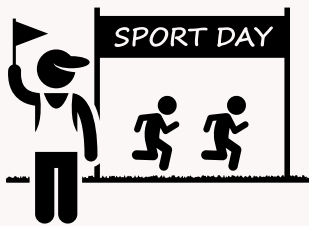
EYFS Teddy Bear's Picnic!



Class Photos



KS2 Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park.



Rearranged Class
2,3,4 Sports Day
-1.30pm
Thursday 4th June

Miss School, Miss Out!

Regular attendance is vital for children's wellbeing, learning and friendships. When children are in school consistently, they stay connected to their peers, feel confident in their routines and don't miss out on the exciting experiences that build their skills and spark their interests. Every day offers something new, and we want every child to be part of it



Summer Fair



Whole School Art
Afternoon and
Gallery Showcase



Duckling Eggs



Bikeability



Year 6
High School Visits

Attendance and Lateness



On Time vs Lost Learning!

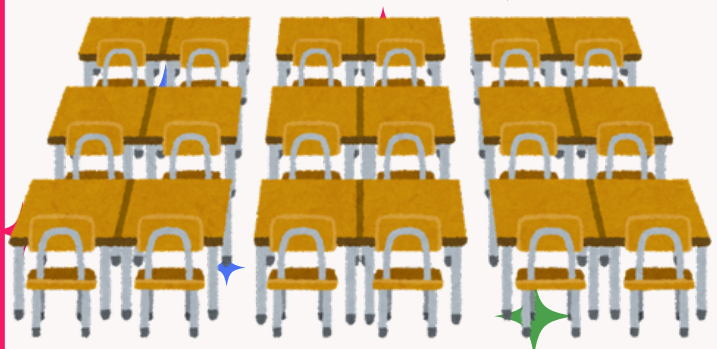
Being on time is crucial to starting the school day positively, knowing what is happening in the day and making the most of learning.

This week, we have collectively been late by 2 hours and 48 minutes. This is the same as around half a day's learning.

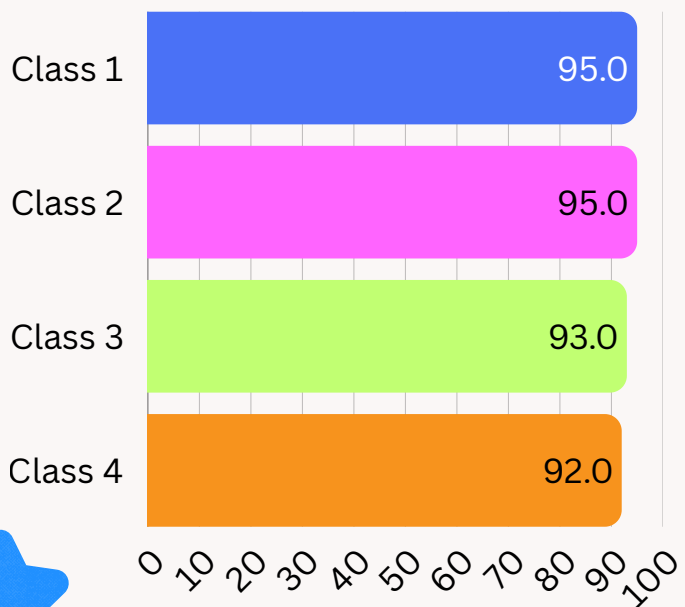
This could mean missing English, Maths, Science and specific targeted work to help your child progress.

The classroom doors will open just before 8:45am where children all have work prepared from the minute they enter. If you arrive on the playground after this point, you are marked as late which impacts negatively on your child's wellbeing and education.

This Week's
Whole School
Attendance
93%



This Week's Class Attendance:



Term Time Holidays and Persistent Absenteeism



Persistent Absenteeism

A child is classed as a persistent absentee when their school attendance reaches 90%. Although this may still sound positive, this is the same as having 19 school days off per year (nearly 4 school weeks). In that time, learning gaps widen, pupils can feel 'out of the loop' and they are ultimately not getting the best from their education.

At 90% attendance, this also triggers formal attendance monitoring with the local authority which can result in fines.

Remember, if your child is under the weather, we are able to administer paracetamol if necessary and we have plenty of tissues in school if they have a cold!

Please try to book medical appointments out of school time however, if these are unavoidable, bring your child back to school.

Lateness also affects attendance. Children are marked as having an unauthorised absence if they are more than 10 minutes late which is the same as $\frac{1}{2}$ day absence.



Holidays in Term Time

Holidays are not authorised in school time.

If you are considering a holiday, please email school with the dates of this. Due to changes in attendance guidelines from the government, fixed penalty notices (fines) will be issued in line with this. These fines increase per holiday and can result in court proceedings.

If you feel your holiday request would meet 'exceptional circumstances', please email this to the office to be sent onto Mrs Lawrence. This will then be considered but not guaranteed.



Highlights of the Week



Class 1 Sports Day

A huge well done to our youngest children, who managed to dodge the Great British weather, on their sports day. It was wonderful to see them having a brilliant time and being cheered on by their grown ups. Thank you to everyone who was available to come.



Thrive Day

Today was our Whole School Thrive Day! It has been a fantastic opportunity for pupils and staff to come together and focus on two essential life skills: resilience and developing a growth mindset.

Throughout the day, children across all year groups took part in a variety of engaging and thought-provoking activities designed to help them understand how challenges can help us grow. From teamwork challenges and problem-solving tasks to reflective discussions and creative projects, every activity encouraged pupils to step outside their comfort zones and embrace new learning experiences.

The day was a wonderful celebration of our school values, helping pupils to build confidence, independence, and a belief in their own potential.

We are incredibly proud of how our pupils embraced the spirit of Thrive Day, showing determination, positivity, and a willingness to learn from every experience.




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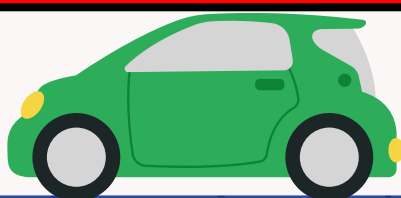
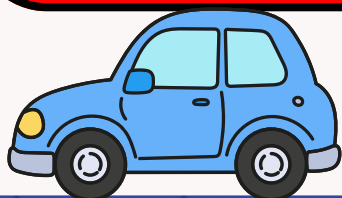

OPEN WATER SWIMMING RISK

With the half term (and hopefully nice weather) approaching, please be careful near open water. Although it may be tempting, lakes, rivers and reservoirs can be incredibly dangerous to swim in. Please avoid these types of water and stay safe!



PARKING AROUND SCHOOL

It is everybody's responsibility to keep our children safe. Where possible, consider walking your child to school. If you need to drive, please be mindful of our local residence and drive slowly. Parking in the bus lay-by is reserved for blue badge holders. This may be for our pupils or our parents. Being considerate of this will help everyone to maintain our children's safety. The staff car park, and entrance to this, should not be parked in. This is a crossing for children and also impedes staff exiting school for meetings at the end of the school day. Thank you for your understanding with this.



School Uniform



Wearing school uniform is important for children to support their feeling of belonging in our school community, engage with our high standards and show everyone that we are 'Small and Mighty'

As part of our commitment to supporting pupils with this, those who attend school in their own clothes will be provided with clean uniform to wear so they can engage with those expectations and not be sanctioned.

Uniform reminder:

Royal blue jumper/cardigan (branded or plain)

Black/grey trousers/shorts/skirts

Royal blue/white polo shirt

Blue and white chequered summer dresses/jumpsuits

Black school shoes

If you would like to take some 'nearly new' uniform, there is a help yourself uniform area in the entrance.

Holiday Club - Forest School

Treetops Forest School Half Term May Holiday Club

Now available to book

Sessions are running Tuesday – Thursday throughout the holidays from Bishop Wood, 9.00am – 3.00pm (single days are available to book)

Lots of free-play opportunities, rope swings, den building, games, tool use, and much more.

For more information visit www.treetopsforestschool.co.uk or book a place via www.bookwhen/treetopsforestschool. If you have any questions, please contact Siobhan Bamforth 07969347028 treetopsforestschool@gmail.com



As many of you will know, we've had a sickness bug doing the rounds. Please make sure that hands are washed to prevent the spread of illness and if you have been ill, contact the school office stating the reason in case the 48 hour absence rule is needed. 48 hour absence starts from the last instance of sickness or diarrhea.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ★ SCHOOL OPENS TO PUPILS TUESDAY 2ND JUNE
- ★ SPORTS DAY (TAKE 2) THURSDAY 4TH JUNE - 1.30PM
CLASS 2,3,4
- ★ FOREST SCHOOL - Y5 TUESDAY 9TH JUNE
- ★ CLASS PHOTOS WEDNESDAY 10TH JUNE
- ★ FOREST SCHOOL - Y4 FRIDAY 12TH JUNE



Winning Team
Blue

Reading Hall of Fame

Half Term Team Winners!

This half term, Blue Team have been the overall winning team from the positive house points they have gained!

The Blue house captains have been working with Mrs Osman and the team have voted for their treat which will take place during the first week back.

Well done Blue Team!

There were no reading awards this week.
Remember to ask your grown ups to sign your reading records and bring them into school!



How did we SHINE this week?

Shining Star

Class 1 - Selena (YN) for trying your hardest to show 'shining listening' when sitting in your floor space.

Class 2 - Oliver B (Y2) for always trying super hard in all areas of the curriculum.

Class 3 - Lincoln (Y4) for your resilience when faced with a challenge in maths this week.

Class 4 - Annabel (Y6) for your amazing research on sharks for computing.

Golden Welly

All of the children who have been showing great respect when playing with the dolls house.

Star Reader

Class 1 - Rylie
Class 2 - Mary-Kate
Class 3 - Jaxon
Class 4 - Billy-Joe

Values Award

- Sienna (YN) - for your fantastic sharing and turn taking skills - you are such a kind friend. (Kindness)
- Reuben (Y2) - for your determination in maths, even when you found parts a bit tricky. (Resilience)
- Maddison (Y3) - for the kindness you showed your friend when you notices they were playing alone. (Kindness)
- Oliver (Y6) - for showing kindness to all in and outside of the classroom. (Kindness)

Half Termly Awards!



Star Writer

Class 1 - Abel (YR) for your effort when focusing on letter formation and writing words!

Class 2 - Bridie (Y1) for amazing independence in your writing!

Class 3 - Oliver (Y4) for your application of newly learnt writing skills.

Class 4 - Harry (Y5) for excellent boxing up in writing. You have shown great resilience and should be extremely proud of yourself.

Super Star Award

Class 1 - Rosie (YN) for always being a kind, caring and helpful friend to everyone in Class 1!

Class 2 - Oliver M (Y2) for being a delight to have in our class!

Class 3 - Freya (Y4) for always being a super star in and around school. You are amazing!

Class 4 - Amber (Y6) for really standing out this term. We are so proud of you. Keep up the great work!

