

KPS Weekly

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A word from Mrs Lawrence...

As you are all aware that we have started something new this half term, with a big focus on attendance at school, however, this week's Attendance Stars will be returning to Kellington next week, as we didn't feel that it was fair to do with so many children being off due to no fault of their own. We can't wait to hopefully have everyone back in school and well again as the building has been eerily quiet throughout the week.

We also have something exciting to share with you...

Our New Attendance Raffle!

In today's assembly, we explained to the children that there would be an opportunity to receive a £20 voucher to spend on something they would like. How this will work is from Monday 21st November, each day that your child arrives on time, their name will be entered into a raffle. On the last day of term, 5 lucky winners will be announced. This means that their name could be added up to 20 times, giving them 20 opportunities to win.

If your child happens to be unwell and needs to be absent from school, we ask that you contact the school office on the first day of sickness by 8.55am to inform us of the reasons why. If your child happens to still be unwell throughout the week, please contact the school office to keep them up to date. If we haven't heard from you, someone from the school office will contact you to see how your child is doing.

Things like sickness and diarrhoea would require a 48 hour absence from school, from the last bout and would not require you to contact on the second day.

Over the last few weeks, it has become apparent that some of the children have been using inappropriate language in school and on the playground. We don't condone the use of swearing and foul language to be used and in the event of a member of staff being made aware or hearing a child swear will result in children being moved down the zone board. Please can we ask that you take some time to speak at home regarding the use of swearing.

Have a good weekend
Mrs Lawrence

Anti Bullying Week

As a whole school, we started our Anti-Bullying Week discussing the difference between a friend and a peer, exploring how we might be different around these types of people. The children all agreed that a friend is someone you trust and want to spend more time with and a peer is someone you spend time with at school and in class but at the same time is kind. We then went on to discuss the difference between being unkind and being bullied. This was a great opportunity for any misconceptions to be looked at. The children can now say that bullying happens intentionally and on multiple occasions.

The theme for this year's Anti-Bullying Week is 'Reach Out'. All the children listened to a story and explored the message behind it and how it is important for children to speak to someone if they feel that they might be being bullied. Everyone could identify someone that they could speak to if they felt unhappy.

We have also discussed what bullying is:

'the repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. It can happen face to face or online'.

In classes, the children all completed a piece of writing, highlighting how to reach out if they see bullying or a part of bullying. Daffodils and Roses were given the opportunity to watch the official Anti-Bullying week video and alongside this they have both created a 'Reach Out Recipe' explaining how to reach out.

Children in Need

WOW! The children have all met the wear something that makes you happy criteria with excellence. This has given a real buzz around school and been a fantastic opportunity for the children to discuss why they have chosen their selected outfit. We have had princesses, pyjamas, Leeds fans and even a sprinkling of Christmas.

This year, as a school we have raised £72.15

WHOLE SCHOOL HOMEWORK!

This week, Mrs Lawrence and Mrs Houlden are setting all the children a homework to 'get caught reading' somewhere interesting. We would like you to get creative and get your grown up to take a photograph of you reading something you love somewhere interesting or unusual. Please bring these photos in (or email) for our whole school display in the library. A prize will be awarded for the most creative picture!

Mental Health Support

Over the last few years, the profile of mental health has been raised with a specific focus on supporting and promoting good mental health. We understand how important this is but also how challenging accessing support can be. The link below is supported by the NHS and offers short videos of supportive information.

<https://thismayhelp.me/>

Celebrations

Star of the Week

Sunflowers: Luna

Daffodils: Avril-Jayne

Roses: Kadie

Tulips: Ben

Lilies: Maisy



Staffing Update

Today Mrs Priest leaves us to take up a new role at Brayton Academy. She has enjoyed her time at Kellington so much that she has secured a role in the classroom, with the hope of one day training to be a maths teacher. We wish her every success in the future and thank her for all that she has done for the children at Kellington.

We would like to welcome our new Admin Assistant Mrs Jessica Walker to our team as she starts with us next Monday. Mrs Walker will be in the office on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays.

Christmas Lunch

Thursday 15th December - this will be available on ParentPay to pre-order as usual. Please can we ask that parents order their child's Christmas Lunch as soon as possible (it should be available to order from the beginning of December). Thank you.

We would like to invite our Nursery children to also join us for Christmas lunch on Thursday 15th December. This will be available on ParentPay to pre-order. We look forward to seeing you there.

Phonics Meetings


We would like to invite parents/carers of children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 to our Phonics meetings. In these meetings, we will demonstrate how we teach Phonics at Kellington Primary School and top tips for supporting your child at home on their journey of learning to read. There is a choice of two meetings you could attend which will be held on Monday 28th November at 9.00am and Friday 2nd December at 9.00pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Reading Books and Reading Records


Please can you ensure that your child comes to school everyday with their reading book and their reading records. This enables staff to check on home reads and record individual/group reads and book swaps in school. Thank you for your support.



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Best wishes
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