

Kellington Primary School



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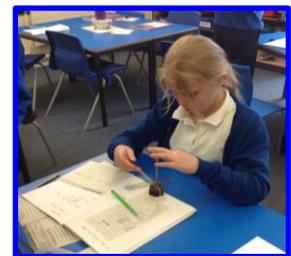
A good penultimate week of the spring term at KPS. Unfortunately the weather has taken a turn for the worse however that hasn't dampened our spirits and there has been lots of exciting learning happening.

Both Roses and Daffodils have been to the Ledston Estate this week, exploring the countryside which supports their science learning about trees. The two classes have been sharing the delightful book 'It starts with a seed' by Laura Knowles and they have started to produce some wonderful writing linked to the book. They have also started to create their own minibeast habitats using shoe boxes.



Tulips have been busy creating a news broadcast about the events that were happening in Pompeii and have undertaken exciting experiments to establish what happens within our digestive system.

Lilies, having studied the suffragette movement, have been busy writing persuasive speeches. They have also been busy investigating stretch and gravity within their science lesson.



Sunflowers took advantage of the snow yesterday to explore its properties and undertake some colour mixing.

Hopefully the children have recovered from my April fools joke in assembly. I shared with them that from tomorrow the Government has introduced school on a Saturday due to all the time we have missed and they would be all expected to come in. Some children were really not impressed, I didn't let them suffer too long though and I definitely caught them out



Guitar lessons

We have been approached by a company offering private 1:1 guitar lessons to children (Years 2-6) within school, after Easter. These lessons are very reasonably priced (£5.95 per session) and we will be sending more information home on Monday

The company will be delivering an assembly to children on **Tuesday 5th April 2022 at 9am.**
Parents, please feel free to attend to find out more.

We will also be offering, via this company, 10 weeks of Ukulele lessons to one of our classes.

Reading

This week saw the next four children receive their book from our book vending machine (Bronwen, Heidi, Harry C and Jaxon). If your child reads to you or has read independently and this activity has been recorded signed by an adult in the child's reading record x **three times in a week**, their names will be put into a hat and a selection of names will be drawn each week to receive a book from the vending machine.



Goodbye

Next Friday we say goodbye to Miss Carr (teaching assistant). Miss Carr has worked at Kellington Primary School for five years in both nursery and Reception and we want to thank her for her valued contribution to 'Team Kellington'. Alongside her successful role as a teaching assistant Miss Carr makes and decorates amazing cakes and she has been given an unmissable opportunity to develop this business. We will really miss her, however we wish her every success for exciting and successful times ahead.

Eggborough Spring Fair - Saturday 8th April

***Spring Fayre – Eggborough Village Hall,
Saturday 9th April, 12 noon until 2pm.***

Supporting; Kellington Primary School PTA, Egg tots Stay and Play and other local groups.

Refreshments including bacon butties

FREE Bouncy Castles

For further details contact John McCartney- 01977 662558

Library Books

Please can you ensure that your child brings their library book back to school. Currently we have quite a lot of library books, especially in Roses and Daffodils that have not been returned. Could you please root around at home and return any books your child has borrowed.

School Meals

Please can we ask you to pre order your child's school dinner on Parentpay? We have this system in place to support your child to choose a school dinner they are going to enjoy. The choice can be done up to 3 weeks in advance and up to 8am on the day of the meal. Our younger children especially find it difficult to make a choice from the pictures during school registration in the morning and whilst the adults in the classroom are available to help, unlike you, we do not know what your child does or does not like.

If you need any help with accessing the meal selector on ParentPay please speak to your child's class teacher or the school office.

By choosing your child's school meal it means we can confidently encourage them to eat what they have chosen as we know it is something they like and also, as the register can take quite a while if children haven't pre chosen their meal, we have more time for learning. Many thanks.

Covid 19

Fortunately the number of children with Covid has again remained low this week and we are keeping our fingers crossed it stays this way. 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 the new guidelines

Please, 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**) it is important that they do not attend school, as with any other illness.

There has been new guidance published by the Government, however it does not make specific reference to schools. I will update you as soon as I receive anything more.

Uniform etc

Please do remember to label all parts of your child's school uniform including PE kit and coats. It is our school policy that long hair should be tied up for school and definitely during PE. School shoes should be plain black shoes or boots, not trainers please, unless there are mitigating circumstances that have been discussed with school

Earrings need to be removed for PE (including swimming). Please speak to the school office if your child has just had their ears pierced so a suitable length of time can be agreed for when the need to remain in situ and the protocol explained. No jewellery should be worn for school, except a watch or small plain stud earrings please. Can we also ask that nail varnish is also removed for school.

Many thanks for your co- operation

Mobile Phones

Please can we ask that parents try and refrain from using their mobile phones when on the school premises. Some conversations that take place are not appropriate for children to hear and therefore unless it is an emergency, please could these calls be made or taken once you have left the school grounds. Many thanks for your cooperation.



STARS OF THE WEEK

Sunflowers - Ruben

Daffodils - Reggie

Roses - Ben C

Tulips - Lucy

Lilies - Summer



Houses

The winning House this week is **Roall**

Class Photographs - Monday 4th April in the morning

Head Lice

Unfortunately we have had a few cases of head lice in school. Please check your child's hair regularly and treat as directed. If you need any advice or support please contact the school. If you do find head lice, your child does not need to stay off school, however all family members do need to be checked and treated as directed. Head Lice are common in primary school children, but fortunately if we have an outbreak at KPS the positive response by our parents to checking their children's hair, clears it up quickly

www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/

Running Track

If any members of our local 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.

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 90.87 % **Tulips 93.33%** Roses 92% Daffodils 91 % Overall -92.10%

We need children to be in school everyday they possibly can please. Attendance is slightly down this week. Please do not take your child out of school unless it is absolutely necessary. Everyday of learning that they miss is vital to their education journey, it is often hard for many children to catch up.

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

Monday 4th April Morning - Class photographs - repeated session

Tuesday 5th April 9am Music assembly (Introducing guitar lessons) - Parents welcome

Friday 8th April - Tulips class trip Murton Park - Investigating Life in Roman times. (due back 3.45pm)

Friday 8th April - 3.15pm School closes for the Easter holiday until Monday 25th April

Monday 2nd May - School closed - Bank holiday

Monday 9th- Thursday 12th May - Year 6 SATs week

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

Thursday 26th May - School closes for May half term holiday

Friday 27th May - Inset day -School closed to children

Monday 6th June - School reopens for the final term of the academic year.

Friday 17th June 2pm- Sports day (Sunflowers 11am)

Wednesday 22nd June 2pm - Reserve Sports day (Sunflowers 11am)

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

Week commencing 11th July Specific activities for Year 6 children - details to follow

Tuesday 19th July - 2pm and 6pm Lilies end of year production

Friday 22nd July

9am End of year assembly

3.15pm School closes for summer holidays

Tuesday 6th September - School reopens

I do hope everyone manages to have a good weekend and you enjoy whatever you are doing. I can't believe next week is the last week of the spring term, however the children (and to be honest, my staff too) will be ready for the Easter break come next Friday.

Take care and here's to a great final week of term

Helen Humphrys Headteacher.