

Kenton Primary School February Newsletter



Welcome back to our first newsletter of 2023, and what a fantastic half term we have had. The children have all settled back into the routine of school life and have enjoyed lots of enrichment visits from story tellers, swimming and online safety workshops and performing in Young Voices choir. We have all been working hard exploring new topics and learning new skills. I wish everyone a restful half term and we will see you all back in school on Monday 20th February.

Uniform

Please remember it is house colour t shirts for PE days with a black jumper and trousers/shorts. Trainers are for PE days only. Please could you ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform on non-PE days, especially a school jumper. If you haven't already, please remember that we are giving everyone a jumper/cardigan and polo shirt free of charge. Please pop along to Thomas Moore in Exeter.



School news.

The school will be sharing letters and messages via email and Seesaw messages. You will receive a notification when something has been posted to Seesaw. Please check them both regularly for messages.

You are able to use Seesaw to get direct messages to your class teacher as well.

Phone Lines

We are having some trouble with the answer phone service on the schools phone line. This has been switched off for the time being while it is being fixed. Please could you email all absences, messages etc to the following email address admin@kentonschool.co.uk.

Attendance

Just a reminder that the gates will close at 8.55am, so children are in class ready for their learning to begin at 9am. If you arrive after the gate has closed, please go through the office. It is important that you get your child to school on time, so they can settle into class before learning starts.

Just a reminder to be aware that I am unable to authorise any holiday requests during term time. Every day is important to the children's learning and attendance at school is essential as the children have missed so much schooling due to the pandemic. We must work together to ensure the children's attendance is the best it can be and we are aiming to be at 96 % by the end of the term.

Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club

Please remember to book your child into breakfast and afterschool clubs on school money before they attend the session. We need to ensure that clubs are staffed appropriately before the sessions. We can still add on sessions on the day if needed, but please phone or email the school office to check for space.



Young Voices

A big thank you to Mrs Lunn and all the parents who accompanied and came to watch the children perform in the young voices choir. This is a write up from Mrs Lunn.

On Friday 27th January, our Young Voices Choir set off for Birmingham to perform in a concert alongside 6,000 other children from all over the country. We have been rehearsing every week since October and everyone has worked incredibly hard to learn ten different songs.

We were all taken aback when we entered Resorts World Arena - would our voices fill this enormous space? However, as all the other schools came in, and we started our rehearsal we had nothing to worry about: the sound was phenomenal!

Once the rehearsal was over, we ate our tea and waited for our audience to arrive. We were a mix of nerves and excitement, but as soon as the concert began, we loved every moment! We had a fabulous time singing with all the other school choirs, and enjoyed watching some amazing acts including Urban Strides, Beatbox Collective, Anna Phoebe and Heather Small! It was a fantastic experience for us all, the atmosphere in the arena was electric and it will be a day we all said we will never forget!

We are so proud of the children who came - they showed exemplary behaviour throughout the entire day. Here is what some of the children thought about the experience:

"I couldn't believe how many people were there! It was so huge!"

"I loved all the torches in the night. It was like we were in a famous rock band!"

"The beat boxers were amazing and inspired me."

"I was so excited to see Andy, who taught us the dance moves, in real life."

"The singing was so loud, and I loved seeing all the other schools everywhere. "

Well done to all of you in the choir! You are all stars!



Online Safety Workshops

The children have been visited by online safety expert Jon Taylor who talked to them about being safe online and how to act appropriately online. This supported this year's theme of communication



on internet safety day.

Fire Safety

Year 2 and 5 children have had a visitor from the Devon and Somerset fire and rescue service to talk to them about how to keep safe when a fire occurs. The children have learnt the stop drop and roll strategy as well as understanding how to prevent a fire in the home by not leaving devices on beds etc while charging.



Step up and Dance

We have had Kate from Step up and Dance in to work with all children from pre-school up to year 6. She has developed the children's dance skills and they have learnt a dance based on a theme. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the lively sessions and their performances will be put on seesaw for you to see.

<https://www.stepupanddance.co.uk>



Pre-School

We have funded and paid for spaces available in our Pre-School for 3–4-year old children. We are open Tuesday – Thursday 8.45am -3:30pm term time. Please speak to the school office to arrange a tour or for further information, or email admin@kentonschool.co.uk.

Class News

Lots of exciting things have been happening in class over the past few weeks. Here is a highlight from each class:

Chestnut Class

Chestnut Class have been busy learning a new dance in PE with Mrs Arrowsmith. The children have been focusing on learning different dance techniques and then putting them together into a sequence.



Oak Class

Oak Class have set up an experiment with flowers and water with food colouring. We have been learning about how water is transported in a flower and in our experiment, we are putting the flowers in different environments around the school to see if the temperature affects how water transported.



Willow Class

Willow class have produced some amazing artwork this half term. They have worked in groups together developing their communication as well art skills. The children have used different objects to print onto big pieces of paper and then through out what shapes they could see.

Artists all together! "It was fun to work with my friends". "I think our flower patterns are beautiful". "I loved printing and doing wax rubbings".



Diary Dates

Date	Event
Thursday 9 th February	Year 3 Forest School – this was cancelled at short notice and will be rescheduled.
Friday 10 th February	Non – Pupil Day
Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th February	Half Term
Friday 24 th Feb Friday 3 rd , Friday 10 th March	Year 3 Forest School
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day
Friday 10 th March	Fizz Pop Science Assembly – the start of British Science Week
Friday 17 th March	Oak Class music workshop
Friday 17 th , 24 th 31 st , March Friday 21 st April	Year 2 Forest School
Wednesday 22 nd March	Oak music workshop
Wednesday 29 th March	Trust Music event
Thursday 30 th March	Easter assembly 2.30pm at Victory Hall
Monday 3 rd April – Friday 14 th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 17 th April	First day back – Summer term.

Term Dates 2022 - 2023

Spring Term 2022

Half term holiday – 13th – 17th February

Second half term starts – 20th February

Spring Term ends – 31st March

Summer Term 2022

Summer Term begins Monday 17th April

Bank Holiday - Monday 1st May

Bank Holiday – Monday 8th May

Half term holiday – 29th May - 2nd June

Second half term starts – 5th June

Summer Term ends – 21st July

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