

Magical Moments

Enormous Turnips

The Kittens have been reading the story of The Enormous Turnip and enjoyed planting some tiny turnip seeds to see if they will grow into enormous ones!



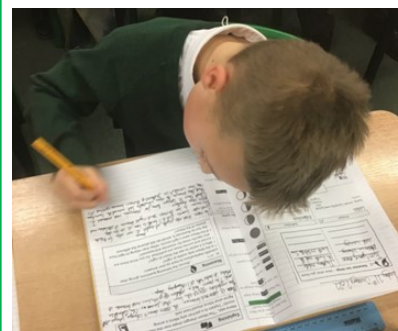
Amazing Art

We have adopted a fantastic new art curriculum this term, developed by Unity Schools Partnership experts. We are already loving it and amazed by the work children are producing. This is Year 1's work on mark making on different surfaces.



Super Science

Year 5's brains have been going into overdrive, learning about some very tricky concepts about the moon, its orbit around the Earth, its relationship with the sun and our viewing of it.



New Covid Guidance

We are now back at Suffolk's Level 1 which means we can relax some of the measures we had to put in place and can reflect the changes in government guidance.

This means that:

- Face coverings for parents and carers picking up and dropping off (and for staff in communal areas in school) will be optional from Monday 31st January 2022;
- After school clubs can start from Monday 31st January 2022;
- Children in Key Stage 1 can eat lunch in the hall again;
- We are beginning to allow more visitors in school (for example, meetings with individual children's parents).

Other important safety measures remain in place and will continue to help keep everyone safe:

- Regular hand washing or sanitising;
- Daily lateral flow tests for close contacts of positive cases;
- Staying home and having a PCR test if you have symptoms;
- Good ventilation and CO² monitors in classrooms;
- Avoiding mixing children between classes (e.g. assemblies will remain online).

These will be reviewed regularly and may change at very short notice if the situation changes.





Children's Mental Health Week, 7th – 10th February 2022

Supporting children's mental health is something that is very important to us and something that has been a focus in school over the last two years. We will be marking Children's Mental Health Week with a range of activities and events:

- Poster and 'design an emoji' competitions
- A special interactive assembly from *Place2Be*
- Activities for a 'Wellbeing Wednesday'
- Dress to Express non-uniform day on Friday 11th February 2022 – children can come to school dressed in a way that expresses who they are and the fact that everyone is different. This could just be wearing clothes they really like and feel comfortable in or a t-shirt that shows something they really like, or something else. This does need to be suitable for school though, so shoes should be flat and no make-up.

Schools right across Unity Schools Partnership will be marking this week in a similar way. The Trust's Pupil Council have played a lead role in planning for this. Hettie Cook in Year 5 is Kedington's representative on the council.

The school has also put together something we are calling our 'Graduated Approach' which outlines all the things we do to support children with different levels of need. This will be shared with you during the week of 7th February 2022.

Term Dates

	Begins	Ends	PD days
Autumn Term	Wednesday 1st September 2021	Friday 17th December 2021	1 st /2 nd /3 rd September 2021
Half Term	25th October 2021	29th October 2021	
Spring Term	Tuesday 4th January 2022	Friday 8th April 2022	Tuesday 4 th January 2022
Half Term	21st February 2022	25th February 2022	Monday 2 nd May 2022 – May Bank Holiday
Summer Term	Monday 25th April 2022	Wednesday 20 th July 2022	Friday 1 st July 2022
Half Term	30th May 2022	3rd June 2022	

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Autumn	Thurs 1st Sept 22	Fri 16th Dec 22	Thurs 1 st Sept, Fri 2 nd Sept
Half Term	24th Oct 22	28th Oct 22	
Spring	Tues 3rd Jan 23	Fri 31st Mar 23	
Half Term	13th February 23	17th February 23	
Summer	Mon 17th April 23	Fri 21 st Jul 23	*Friday 30th June (TBC)
Half Term	29th May 23	2nd June 23	PD Day 26 th May

Allergens

Following the recent introduction of Natasha's Law which tightens up on safety around food allergens, **eats.** (who provide our school meals) have introduced a new system where any child with a known food allergen is given a sticker to wear when they go into lunch. The sticker is a picture of a piece of fruit or similar and is removed after lunch. If your child has a food allergy that we are not aware of, please let us know without delay.

Parents' Evenings

Tuesday 1st March and Thursday 3rd March 2022

Bookings for our online Parents' Evenings will open on Monday 31st January 2022 at 4.00pm.

Please follow this link to make your appointment.

<https://kedington.schoolcloud.co.uk/>



Community Centre Parking/Walking Bus

The Kedington Community Association has been in touch with the school as they are keen to help solve some of the issues around parking near the school. They have suggested that the Community Centre car park could be opened up for parking with a rota of parents to lead a 'walking bus' to the school. Alternatively, parents could just use the Community Centre car park and walk their children to school themselves. We are very keen to know whether this is something you would be interested in.

Please complete this very short survey to let us know whether this is something you would be interested in:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=flzQy2QFTEapyFTpF1Os7osYaiOs1uIFk2YT1Oi4HF9URDVaNFBHSEpBM0ZXTDNXRkFSSDc2TINIUy4u>