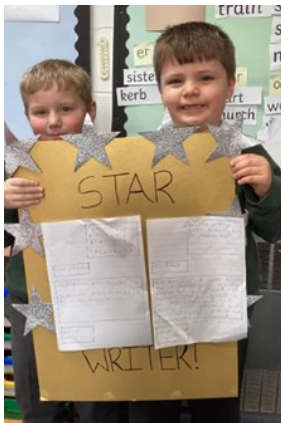


Magical Moments

Year 1 Writing

The progress in writing from our youngest children, continues to impress me and it is always a pleasure to see children apply their phonic knowledge when writing across the curriculum. Here we have Cole and Henry showing off their excellent writing skills.



iPads

The use of iPads continues to enhance learning across the school, and it is always a pleasure to see our teachers screen sharing in lessons and zooming into key concepts. Here, our Year 3 children are exploring Scratch in preparation for their upcoming computing lesson.



Year 5 Sewing

Our wonderful Year 5 children have been practising their sewing skills and have been busy making denim lunch carriers. We look forward to seeing their completed projects.



Welcome Back

We hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable half term break despite the rather wet weather! This second half of the term promises to be an exciting one with lots of activities to look forward to, including Keep Safe Week, World Book Day, Year 5 trip to France and our Easter Church Service. We then finish the term with our traditional Easter egg hunt. Please note that school finishes on Thursday 28th March at 3.15pm.

October Half Term 2024

As you will know, the two-week October half term will continue in 2024. The additional week will be after the 'normal' week so half term will be 28th October to 8th November. Originally, it was proposed that the original week would be the week before. Apologies for any confusion or difficulties that this may have caused families.

PTFA News

The PTFA organised a fantastic disco for the children and raised an incredible £700.00 for the school. We are hoping to raise lots of money this year to help cover the cost of enrichment days, new outside play equipment, water trays and to continue to provide our Year 6s with breakfast during SATs week and leavers hoodies. They have lots of exciting events planned so please do support us if you can. Any small contribution makes such a big difference to the children.



A huge thank you to all the PTFA helpers, and especially to Sarah Lawlor and Vicky Scrase for their relentless drive and involvement in the PTFA over the last few years. Due to busy work commitments, they have decided to step down as Chair and Secretary of the PTFA, but thankfully are continuing as committee members. We are delighted that Amy Hepworth and Chris Sandy have volunteered to take on these roles so that our PTFA can continue.



CUSP Food Festival

Just before half term, every class participated in the DT Food Festival alongside other schools within our Trust. The children had an amazing time working with peers across classes and enjoyed tasting new ingredients. There were some delicious dishes prepared including dahl and chapati, soda bread and cowboy caviar. Thank you to all our parent volunteers who worked with classes and especially when helping with all the washing up!





Parent workshops: Zones of Regulation & EYFS writing

Last term staff in school provided opportunities for parents to learn about Zones of Regulation and supporting writing in the Early Years. Both events were a success and thank you to staff that delivered these sessions in school.

It is always incredibly helpful to get feedback so we know what is working and what we can do better next time to support you at home. I'd like to share with you some positive feedback from one parent who attended the Zones session: *'we are seeing a great positive impact at home by implementing Zones, toolkits and a safe calming space for my child- thank you for the really helpful training'*. Another parent commented that the EYFS writing session gave them some useful strategies for supporting their child at home and now they know how best to help.

We also continue to signpost our families to useful support and courses outside of school. Recently, some of our families attended the Family Action Neurodiversity Sleep Workshop at Westfield Primary Academy. Again, feedback was extremely positive and one parent commented that *'this was the best course they had ever been on'*.

Please do look on the school and ClassDojo pages for further information and access to presentation slides. If you would like any further support, then please do get in touch.

World Book Day

On Thursday 7th March 2024, we welcome children to come dressed as a favourite character or author. This is always a popular annual event and it is great to see the effort children give to this. We are also running the 25-day reading challenge with a special raffle for children that take part.



Car parking

School are continuing to get complaints from local residents with regards to parking during school drop offs and collection times. The concerns reported are the parking across driveways, blocking footpaths, parking on corners and on double yellow lines, as well as using the staff car park to drop off. Please ensure that you are parking sensibly so that our children are kept safe and we can continue to maintain positive relationships with our local community. Thank you.

Online safety

We are increasingly aware that despite the age restrictions put on social media sites for protecting young children, some of our children are exposed to social media sites and apps, or still choose to use them. We therefore want to bring to your attention about the risks involved in using social media platforms. The following website link [social media \(thinkuknow.co.uk\)](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk) will provide you with some useful information on the risks involved, age requirements, and how to support children to be safe when using social media.



Keep Safe Week

This week in school, we focussed on the theme NO MEANS NO as part of Unity's Keep Safe Week. We had some exciting things across the week including a visit and workshops from the Blue Cross and Suffolk Police, Trust School Council visit to TGS and additional PSHE lessons that focussed on a range of topics from health and safety at home, to friendships, healthy relationships and consent.

Attendance

On many of our newsletters, you will notice that we share with you our attendance figures and continue to work with our families on ensuring that children are in school on time and every day.

During the half term break, I came across this poster (overleaf) that highlights the importance of good attendance on both academic success and children's well-being. Currently, our whole school attendance figure remains at 94% which is just in line with the national figure, but there is more work to do around the percentage of persistently absent pupils (children with 10% or more absence) and we continue to support our families and work closely with them so we can ensure children are in school every day.

A reminder for reporting absences, please email our absence email address absences@kedingtonprimary.co.uk or phone the office on 01440-702787.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Friday 15 th March	Dental Epidemiology Programme (R and Year 1)
Monday 18 th March	Year 5 trip to France
Monday 25 th March	Easter Church Service
Thursday 28 th March	Easter Egg Hunt Last day of term
Monday 15 th April	Summer term begins



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