

Magical Moments

China Class

Our Reception children are enjoying books from their new literature spine. This week they have been reading *The Town Mouse* and have drawn some super pictures of the characters.



Year 3 Gymnastics

Year 3 are enjoying their gymnastics lessons and learning new routines and sequences.



Year 4 Art

The Year 4 children have been using tie dye to create some beautiful patterns. They have created some amazing pieces of art work!



A very happy new year to you all and welcome back to the Spring Term. The children have settled in well after the Christmas break and have come back into school looking very smart in their school uniforms and with such positive attitudes. It is always a pleasure to see children across the school demonstrate our core values brilliantly.

There is much to look forward to this term. Not only do our children make very good progress this term, but we also have some exciting new initiatives to launch such as Children's University and our Trust School Council.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Staff News

This term we welcome Miss Griggs to the Kedington team. Miss Griggs will be teaching Year 1 Mondays to Wednesdays. We also welcome Miss Glen to our LSA team, and she will be working mostly in Year 5. We have appointed an experienced teacher to cover Mrs Weaver's maternity leave and this information has been shared with the Year 4 parents. We will also be interviewing soon for the maternity cover position in Year 5 and will notify parents of this outcome in due course.





Children's University

The Children's University is a charitable trust that aims to develop a love of learning in children beyond the classroom. It is a fun and safe online space to record what your child has been doing beyond the classroom. Children can collect stamp codes for participating in hours of extra-curricular clubs such as Brownies and sports clubs for example. Once children have collected enough codes, they can receive certificates. For some, they may even be invited to attend an annual graduation ceremony!



This year at Kedington will be participating in the Children's University alongside other schools within the Trust. Initially, we will begin with Year 4 and 5 and will do a session with them in school on how to login and how to add codes. We will also share further information with Year 4 and 5 parents once we are ready to launch.

Severe Weather Information

This is a good time to remind you of our procedures if the weather is really bad. In the rare event that we need to close the school, a decision will be made by 7.30am and posted on ClassDojo. Unless things are really bad, it is likely that we will delay the school start time, rather than close completely. This will allow us to assess the situation properly, especially whether staff can get in to school, and allow more time for the roads to clear and be safer for everyone.

Key Dates - Assessments and Testing

May and June are busy months in school, as many children will be completing national and/or school assessments. Please try to avoid taking your child out of school during this time.

Year 6 SATs - These will take place on **Monday 13th May to Thursday 16th May 2024**. It is important that children are in school for this week.

Year 1 Phonics Test - This will begin on **Monday 10th June 2024**

Year 4 Multiplication Checks - testing period will commence from **Monday 3rd June 2024**

Parents' Evenings

A reminder that Parents' Evenings will be held on Tuesday 27th and Thursday 29th February. Further details will be provided by the office very soon.

Prior to Parents' Evening, we will have 'show and share' sessions on Tuesday 13th February after school and Wednesday 14th February in the morning. This will give parents an opportunity to look at children's work in books and celebrate learning with their child.

Parent Session - Zones of Regulation

If you would like support at home on how to empower children to regulate their emotions, then Mrs Ahlquist will be leading a session in school about Zones of Regulation on Friday 2nd February at 9.00am. This is a whole-school approach and may benefit families at home in supporting children to identify and help regulate their emotions. If you would like to attend, please message the office or Mrs Ahlquist.

Blue	Green	Yellow	Red
			
Low	Happy	Wobbly	Angry
Running Slow	Good to Go	Caution	STOP
unhappy tired withdrawn tearful	positive proud calm focused	excited nervous frustrated annoyed	mad furious yelling aggressive

Children's Mental Health Week - Monday 5th February 2024

We will be celebrating Children's Mental Health week in school by discussing this in assembly and following up with class activities across the week.

Keep Safe Week Monday 26th February - Friday 1st March 2024

You may recall that we took part in Unity Schools Partnership 'Keep Safe' week in 2023. This was a huge success and given the importance of the topic, we have decided to make this an annual event. The focus of the week is to centre some of our teaching and learning around young people knowing how to keep themselves safe.

The theme of the work this year is 'No Means No.' This allows us to explore a range of topics from stranger danger, to friendships, bullying, healthy relationships and consent.

Resources and activities have been chosen to support age appropriate learning. For example, we have organised Suffolk Police to come into school and talk to the children about online safety and safety within the community. The Blue Cross will be doing an assembly with the children on safety around animals.

As part of Keep Safe Week, our Trust wide pupil/student council, representing 33 schools, will meet together to partake in drama activities and produce messages for others to learn from. Last year, our older students created an insightful podcast.

We will aim to celebrate the success of the week with you, and we hope that feedback from your children is positive.

Parking

We have had a few concerns reported to school recently about parking at drop off and pick up times. A gentle reminder to please keep residents' entrances and the Church's entrance clear. Thank you.



School Disco

The PTFA have been busy rescheduling the school disco and this will now take place afterschool on **Friday 9th February**.

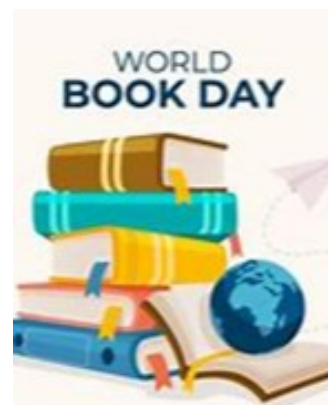
Tickets can be purchased afterschool on the week commencing 5th February, or children can pay on the door. The cost of tickets is £5.00 and this covers the cost of everything including drinks, snacks and tattoos!

Please only sign up to the disco if your child is happy to attend by themselves. If Reception and KS1 children wish to change into party clothes after school, then school staff can support with this.



World Book Day

We will be celebrating Word Book Day in school on **Thursday 7th March 2024**. We know how much the children love to dress up so are giving pupils the option to dress up again as character from their favourite book. Every child will receive a book token to take home.



Phonics Achievement



You may have seen on ClassDojo how delighted we were in receiving this letter from Damian Hinds, Minister for Schools, congratulating us on last year's Year 1 phonics results where we were in the top 3% of schools nationally. Well done to our amazing staff for their excellent teaching, our children for all their hard work, and our families for all their support at home with reading and attending phonics workshops.

Dates for your diary

Monday 5 th February	Children's Mental Health Week
Friday 9 th February	Zones of Regulation workshop to parents PTFA Disco
Monday 19 th February	Half-term
Monday 26 th February	Children return to school Keep Safe Week
Tuesday 27 th February	TGS Trust school council Parents' evening
Thursday 29 th February	Parents' evening Suffolk Police visit & Blue Cross
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Monday 18 th March	Year 5 trip to France
Thursday 28 th March	Last day of term