

# Kedington News

## Magical Moments

### Year 5 France Trip

The Year 5 class had a fantastic trip to France on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March with children from Steeple Bumpstead School. For some children this was their first time visiting the country and they were blown away by the Eurotunnel!

They all participated in croissant making and tasting as you can see in the image, and then we travelled to Boulogne where we had a guided tour of the old town before departing for Calais in the evening. It was a very long day, but what a fantastic experience for them all!



### Year 2 DT

In DT, The Year 2 children have been busy making their own cars, thinking about whether bigger wheels are always better or not! It was a pleasure to see their completed designs.



As we come to the end of another term, I want to thank you for your ongoing support and especially for preparing the children for World Book Day, the French trip and engagement in various workshops over the term.

School has never felt better and our children continue to rise to the high expectations we have of all of them. Pupil outcomes have been exceptional this last term. Our Year 6s in particular are doing incredibly well, and in recent mock SATs, they have blown us away with their results. Our Year 1 children are making exceptional progress in phonics and our Year 2 children have come top for the Trust for reading! I am super proud to be Head of School of such an exceptional teaching team and to be working with great children and staff.

Thank you for your ongoing support and have a great Easter break when it arrives!





## **Trust Review**

A few weeks ago, directors and school improvement leaders from Unity visited Kedington to review the quality of teaching and learning in English and maths. They spent the morning observing teaching, speaking to and reading with pupils, and met with subject leaders. We were delighted with the outcomes of the report and were given some small 'tweaks' that we will be working on in the summer term.

## **Summer Uniform**

After the Easter holidays, children have the option to wear summer uniform – green and white checked dresses or polo shirts. Shorts can be worn all year round.

## **Parking**

Some local residents have been in touch with the school again and are understandably very upset about how some parents are parking, blocking their driveways, including the entrance driveway into the school grounds. Please make sure you park responsibly and with consideration for others. Thank you.



We are noticing that more and more parents are walking into school and dropping children at classroom doors instead of the school gates. A reminder please that from Year 2 up, children need to be dropped at the school gates. If you have any messages for teachers, then please Dojo or pass onto the adult on the gate.

## **Staffing**

It has been a pleasure to welcome Mrs Wreathall to the Kedington team. She has settled into school brilliantly and is enjoying teaching the lovely Year 4 children. Not only is Mrs Wreathall covering the Year 4 maternity leave, she is also a new member of our Senior Leadership Team (SLT) and will be taking over as maths lead in the summer term.

Miss Perkins visited school last week to meet the Year 5 children and to familiarise herself with the school routines and expectations. Miss Perkins will be covering Miss Jolland's maternity leave and will also be another member of SLT.

Miss Carter, who works in the office, is expecting a baby! We are delighted for her and her family and will be covering her hours in the office internally when she goes on maternity leave.



## Arbor

Thank you to all our parents/carers for signing up to Arbor! So far 94% have activated their accounts – thank you!

All meals, clubs, trips and email communications will be done through Arbor, and after the Easter holidays we hope to roll out further functions on the parent portal.

*Please can all outstanding balances for meal payments be cleared on ParentPay by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.*

We will continue to take payments on ParentPay for all the trips that are already on ParentPay, but all new trips for the summer term will be paid through Arbor.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Duers in the office if you have any queries or concerns. Thank you.

## Attendance

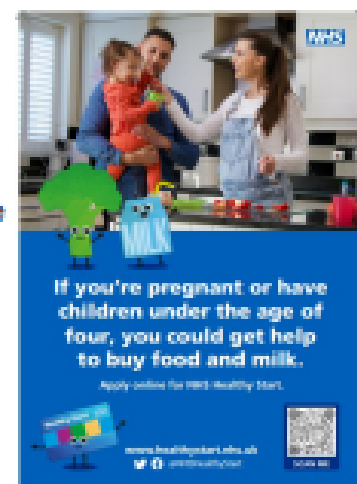
Our attendance continues to be a focus of school leaders and we have recently had a change of Education Welfare Officer (EWO) that is working closely with school to review individual cases. I am pleased to report that our attendance remains just above the National average (95%) so thank you for your continued support with this. A reminder that holidays within term time will not be authorised.

**Absences** - a reminder if your child is unwell and will not be in school, please phone the school office on 01440-702787 or email [absences@kedingtonprimary.co.uk](mailto:absences@kedingtonprimary.co.uk)

## Healthy Start Initiative

If you receive Universal credit, you may be eligible for the NHS Healthy Start Scheme that provides free food and milk.

Visit [www.healthystart.nhs.uk](http://www.healthystart.nhs.uk) to check if you are eligible and see the poster.





**Dates for your diary**

Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Egg Hunt Last Day of term - finish 3.15pm
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Summer term begins for all pupils
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Class Photos
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April-1 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 4 Residential to Thorpe Woodlands
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs Week begins
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Bollywood Day
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Half-term
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Statutory Phonics Assessments
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Bikeability begins
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Reports home to parents
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	PD day
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	IGM Assessment Day
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term