



Dear families,

First of all, I would like to thank you all for your very warm welcome and support during my first term here at Kedington. I can't believe it has only been a term! I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know your children and am delighted to be working at such a happy, welcoming school.

There has been a huge amount of things going on this term.

One of the highlights for me was the fantastic Bollywood Dancing day. The playground still has remnants of all the amazing colours from the paint children threw in their Holi celebrations and I have rarely seen such glee on children's faces; an experience they will remember for a long time.

Over the term we have also had an inspirational visit from Laura Samuels, the champion long jumper, a Hindu Day, complete with wedding, and Year 4s wonderful, joyful performance of Dragon Days.

Year 6 had an exciting week-long residential trip to Bawdsey where they really pushed themselves out of their comfort zones, achieving things they didn't think possible and KS1 enjoyed a geography trip to Cambridge, complete with a ride on an open top bus.

We have all thoroughly enjoyed seeing the eggs hatching in Kittens' class and watching the chicks grow. The Kittens did some lovely writing about them.

And of course we had our visitors from Ofsted and were very pleased with the positive report that came out of it.

We will be saying a fond farewell to Mr Andrews at the end of this term. Mr Andrews has taught Year 5 since the beginning of the school year and I know the children are going to miss him greatly. We are very grateful for all his hard work and wish him all the very best.

I am very much looking forward to everything we have planned for next term, including some exciting plans to reinvigorate our garden and wildlife areas.

Have a lovely Easter break and we look forward to seeing children again on Tuesday 23rd April 2019.

Kind regards,

Vicky Doherty
Headteacher

Dear Parents,

We in the central team at Unity Schools Partnership, along with the heads at Kedington Primary Academy and Samuel Ward Academy, are continuing to liaise with Suffolk County Council over the provision of free bus travel from Kedington to Samuel Ward Academy. Our advice at present is for all parents to appeal the decision to not offer transport for reasons of safety and suitability. These appeals will be assessed through April and this should lead to some members of the committee that make appeals decisions, walking the route with one of the group who have appealed before making a final decision.

We will continue to support you to challenge the current policy decision that suggests that the westerly route over the ridge and essentially across fields is a suitable route for children to walk back and forth to Samuel Ward on a daily basis, especially through the winter.

Kind regards

Darren Woodward
Director of Education (Primary)

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 23rd April - School Opens

26th April - Year 6 Assembly

2nd May - Group Photographs

10th May - Year 3 Assembly

13th May - Year 6 SATS Week

17th May - Year 2 Assembly

24th May - Year 1 Assembly

27th May to 31st May - Half Term

14th June - Year 5 Assembly

28th June - Summer Fayre

1st to 3rd July - Year 4 Residential

5th July - Year 4 Assembly

9th July - Sports Day

12th July - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly/Lunch

Friday 19th July - Last day of term

A full list of dates for your diary will be available at the beginning of the summer term.

Welcome

A very warm welcome to Beau (Reception) and Isabella (Year 2), who joined us this week.

We wish them both the very best during their time at Kedington.

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PTFA

Children have benefitted hugely from many different things the PTFA have funded just this term:

- £100s worth of new books for the Library and Reception/KS1 classrooms
- Dictionaries and thesauruses for KS2
- Contributing to the cost of the Bollywood Day
- Funding the Easter Egg Hunt for every child
- Egg decorating competition

We are extremely grateful for all of this and would like to thank all the parents who support their fundraising events. It really does make a marked difference to what we can offer children when school budgets are stretched.

Cross Country

Children took part in a intra-school cross country activity in their PE lessons this week, earning points for their house. Well done to Silver Birch who scored the most points! It was a very close result!:

1st - Silver Birch - 329

2nd - Holly - 322

3rd - Oak - 319

4th - Horse Chestnut - 305

House Points

Congratulations to Silver Birch who scored the most Dojo points this term!

Oak - 3228

Holly - 3203

Silver Birch - 3117

Horse Chestnut - 2932

Egg Decorating Competition

Congratulations to Hettie (Year 2), Ryan (Year 3) and Lara (Year 3) whose eggs were judged to be the winning entries. Well done to all those who entered. There were some brilliant, original ideas!

Uniform

A reminder that after Easter, the children have the option to wear the Academy summer uniform. Instead of the shirt and tie, girls and boys may wear a white polo shirt with the Academy's leaf logo. The polo shirt can be purchased online at:

<https://corporatetiger.co.uk/school-uniform/>

If the weather is warm enough, girls can wear a green and white checked school dress. If children wish to wear sandals, these should be white or black.

Alternatively, the traditional shirt and tie can still be worn.