

Magical Moments

Paper Aeroplane Performance

Years 1 and 2 were able to watch a live performance of a play called Paper Aeroplanes yesterday by Doorstep Theatre Group. They thoroughly enjoyed it and were absolutely mesmerised!



Assessments

Children in Years 1 to 6 took lots of tests during our recent assessment week. The main aim of these was to give us detailed information about any gaps in children's learning, which is especially important following the long period of school closure last term. The results of the assessments also gave us a feel for how our children are doing compared to previous years and other schools. Although, as would be expected, there has been some lost learning, thanks to the very hard work of teachers, LSAs and our children, this was only marginally down on previous years. Kedington's results also compared very favourably with the other 17 primary schools in Unity, coming within the top three schools in nearly every year group! Well done everyone!



Year 1 Science

Year 1 children have clearly become experts in plants as a result of all their Forest School sessions this year! They really showed off their knowledge in some great writing they did in science this week.



Face Coverings

With the infection rate rising nationally and the recently announced delay to the lifting of lockdown restrictions, it is important that we keep following the procedures in place to keep everyone safe. It would be such a shame if bubbles started to 'pop' in school at this point in the term and staff and children had to self-isolate.

Although it can be really uncomfortable in warmer weather, parents should continue to wear face coverings at pick up and drop off times unless they are exempt. Reasons for exemption are listed on the gov.uk site. The relevant ones are limited to:

- people who cannot put on, wear or remove a face covering because of a physical or mental illness or impairment, or disability;
- where putting on, wearing or removing a face covering will cause you severe distress;
- if you are speaking to or providing assistance to someone who relies on lip reading, clear sound or facial expressions to communicate.

Please remember that only one adult per child should come on site and collect children.





Sports Day

After lots of discussion both in school and with other headteachers, we have come to the difficult decision that parents and carers will not be invited to come and watch our Sports Day on 8th July this year.

Sports Day will still go ahead, with children staying in their bubbles, and we will make sure we post lots of photos and videos on Dojo for parents.

This will undoubtedly be disappointing for parents, but keeping everyone safe and well has to be our priority.

Summer Soirée

Unfortunately, the planned Summer Soirée on Friday 9th July 2021 will not be able to go ahead as planned either. However, we are busy planning something that just the children can come to on the same day, keeping in their separate bubbles.

School Uniform

Although we have had a degree of flexibility about school uniform since school re-opened in March, when you are thinking ahead to the new school year, please be aware that we will expect children to be back in full school uniform, including proper school shoes.

We have a large amount of donated uniform in school that I will start to put outside by the gate at pick up and drop off time. Please feel free to help yourself to any items that you can use.

If you will struggle to get your child in school uniform for September, please have a chat with Mrs Doherty this term.

We would like to ask you to consider the size of the school bag you choose. We have very limited cloakroom space here and the backpacks children tend to bring don't fit on the pegs, meaning we often end up with 30 bags and coats all over the floor! Children should only need to bring a very small number of items, such as their reading book, reading record and water bottle to school in their bag. Lunch boxes can be carried separately and placed on the racks we have in each classroom. School bags could therefore be quite small and ideally like a traditional book bag. These are available through our uniform supplier for £5.99. If children could start bringing smaller bags into school, it would be very helpful.

We also expect children's PE kits to follow the school uniform policy - black shorts and white t-shirt with dark tracksuit (preferably plain black) for winter outdoor games. This will be particularly important as we are likely to be asking children to wear their PE kit in school all day on the days they have PE in order to save on changing time.



Staffing Arrangements for Next Year

As posted on Dojo earlier this week, our staffing arrangements for next year have been finalised and will look like this:

Class	Year	Teacher (s)	Learning Support Assistants
Kittens	R	Mrs Dodman & Mrs Jordan	Mrs Bradnam
Tigers	1	Mrs Murray & Mrs Dearman	Mrs Norden, Mrs Prince
Panthers	2	Miss MacKenzie	Mrs Carpenter
Lions	3	Miss Jolland	Mrs Cannon, Mrs Thiessen
Leopards	4	Miss Bloomfield	Mrs Telling, Mrs Brown
Jaguars	5	Miss Poole	Mrs Thiessen, Mrs Newstead
Cougars	6	Mrs Weaver	Mrs Bush

Children will have a chance to spend time with their new teacher this term and the two teachers joining us, Miss MacKenzie and Miss Bloomfield, will be spending the last few days of term working in school.

Residential School Trips

Our Year 4 and Year 6 children are getting very excited about their residential trips taking place in two weeks time. Year 4 are going to Whitwell Hall in Norfolk and Year 6 are going to Thorpe Woodlands in Thetford Forest. Fortunately, residential school visits were permitted when the 17th May lifting of restrictions came into force so they will still be able to go ahead, following some additional Covid safety guidance from the DfE.

Bollywood Dance Workshop

A reminder that on Friday 25th June 2021 we will be holding our Bollywood Dance Workshop for all pupils. Children will be celebrating Holi - The Spring Festival of Love and Colours.

Children need to come into school in school uniform, but they need to bring the following for the powder paint activity which will be held at the end of the day:

- old clothes
- old shoes
- old glasses/eye wear to protect their eyes

If you do not want your child to take part in the powder paint activity, please opt out by telling their class teacher.