

30th September 2024

Magical Moments



We were beyond excited to take the Year 3 class to see *The Lion King* in London. This unforgettable experience was a fantastic opportunity to immerse themselves in the magic of storytelling and the beauty of live theatre. Their behaviour during the trip was exemplary and we were so proud of how they represented the school.



In history, our Year 1 children have been learning about changes within living memory.

To enrich their learning, they walked around the village to look at how the buildings and shops have changed in Kedington over the last 50 years.

Dear families,

Welcome back to a new school year! We're excited to share some wonderful highlights and updates as we come to the end of September.

The Value of Community

As we begin this new school year, we are reminded of the strength of our school community. Together, we create an environment where every child can thrive. We encourage families to get involved - whether through volunteering, joining our PTFA, or simply attending school events.

Your participation makes a significant difference! We look forward to welcoming you, afterschool TODAY, **Monday 30th September** to celebrate our Ofsted outcome.



Attendance Awards at Assembly

We kicked off the year with our Gold Book Assemblies now in person in the hall. It has been a pleasure to see so many families join us for these and celebrate their child's achievements with them. Within assembly, we also celebrate our students' weekly attendance and the class with the best attendance over the week receives the attendance cup. It has been inspiring to see so many children recognised for their commitment to being present and engaged in their learning. Regular attendance is crucial, and we appreciate your support in ensuring your child is ready to learn every day.

Upcoming Mini-Marathon

Mark your calendars! We are organising a mini-marathon on Tuesday 15th October and we warmly invite all parents and guardians to join us in observing our students' sporting achievements. This event not only promotes physical fitness but also strengthens our sense of community. Let's come together to cheer on our young runners!

Ofsted Achievement

We are proud to share that our school has received a "Good" rating from Ofsted, with the potential to achieve "Outstanding" at our next inspection. The inspectors felt that if the inspection in July was a graded inspection, the school would be judged outstanding now. This is a testament to the hard work of our dedicated staff, supportive families, and, most importantly, our wonderful children. If you haven't seen it already, here is the article from the Haverhill Echo.

<https://www.suffolknews.co.uk/haverhill/news/inspectors-praise-school-for-having-outstanding-prospects-9384720/>.





EYFS/KS1 Phonics meeting

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended our recent phonics workshops or are yet to do so. Your participation demonstrates a strong commitment to your child's education and underscores the importance of early reading skills.

Phonics is a crucial foundation for literacy, and by working together, we can ensure our children develop the reading skills they need to succeed.

We appreciate your efforts to reinforce these skills at home and encourage you to continue exploring reading together. Every book shared and every story told makes a difference!

Online Safety

As our children navigate the digital world, here are some key online dangers for young children that parents should be aware of:



1. **Inappropriate Content:** Children may accidentally encounter videos, images, or websites that are not suitable for their age.
2. **Cyberbullying:** Online harassment can occur even at a young age, leading to emotional distress for victims.
3. **Privacy Risks:** Children may unknowingly share personal information, putting their safety at risk.
4. **Predators:** There are individuals online who may seek to exploit children, making it crucial for parents to monitor their child's online interactions.
5. **Addictive Behaviour:** Excessive screen time can lead to unhealthy habits and interfere with daily activities like sleep, homework, and physical activity.
6. **Misinformation:** Children may struggle to distinguish between credible sources and false information, which can shape their understanding of the world inaccurately.

Gaming Risks: Online games can expose children to inappropriate chats and potential scams, as well as pressure to make in-game purchases.

To help mitigate these risks, parents can establish open communication about online experiences, use parental controls, and encourage critical thinking about the content they encounter. Regularly discussing online safety and setting boundaries can create a safer digital environment for young children.

If you feel you need further help with this, please do get in touch.

Dates for diary

October 2024	
Monday 14 th	Individual class photos/siblings
Tuesday 15 th	Mini Marathon
Wednesday 16 th	Harvest Festival – 2.00pm at Kedington Church
Monday 21 st	Show and Share 3.15pm
Tuesday 22 nd	Show and Share 8.00 am
Tuesday 22 nd	Parents' evening 3.30pm - 6.30pm
Thursday 24 th	Parents' evening 3.30pm – 6.30pm
Monday 28 th	Half term - 2 weeks
November 2024	
Monday 11 th - 15 th	Year 6 PGL Residential
Monday 11 th	Anti-bullying week
Tuesday 12 th	Odd Socks Day
Wednesday 20 th	Open Morning - prospective parents
Tuesday 26 th	Flu immunisation programme
December 2024	
Tuesday 3 rd	KS1 Christmas Production
Wednesday 4 th	KS1 Christmas Production
Tuesday 10 th	EYFS Christmas Production
Monday 16 th	Christmas Service at Kedington Church
Tuesday 17 th	Christmas lunch
Friday 20 th	Role Model Assembly Last day of term