

Magical Moments

Mini Marathon

It was a pleasure to see so many inspiring children give their best sporting efforts during the mini marathon. Congratulations to all the runners and a special shout-out to those who secured top positions:

Year 1 - Mia

Year 2 - Darcey-May

Year 3 - Teddy G

Year 4 - Tommy,
Chester, Tate
and Florence

Year 5 - Hughie

Year 6 - Max



Harvest Festival

Thank you to those families that were able to join us for the Harvest Festival in the church. The children sang beautifully, and special thanks goes to Fr Chris for leading the service.



Halloween Disco

The PTFA Halloween disco was a success, and the children looked very scary in their costumes!

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all the volunteers who helped organise the event and to everyone who attended, making it a memorable evening for all.



Dear families,

We hope this newsletter finds you well! As we move through the school year, we have some exciting news, important reminders, and helpful tips to share.

Hello Yellow Day

Our school recently celebrated Hello Yellow Day, an event dedicated to raising awareness about mental health and well-being. The day was a vibrant display of yellow, symbolizing hope and positivity. We are delighted to share that our school was entered into a competition, and we won a 'buddy bench' as a testament to our collective spirit and participation. This bench will serve as a constant reminder of the importance of mental health and the power of community. Once it arrives, I will share a photo of this with you all.





Family Assemblies

We are pleased to announce the continuation of our live Family Assemblies, a cherished tradition that brings together students, parents, and teachers. These assemblies provide an opportunity for families to engage with the school community, celebrate children's achievements, and share weekly events in school. We encourage all families to attend if children are in the gold book and have received a Dojo message from the class teacher. We are looking forward to our Reception children joining these after half term. If you are able to join Family Assembly, please arrive at the office at 8.50am.

Attendance

As we approach the midpoint of the term, we want to remind everyone about the importance of good school attendance. Our goal is to achieve an attendance rate above 96%. Currently, our attendance is 94% this term so we continue to raise the profile of this by celebrating good whole class attendance in Family Assembly. The class with the best weekly attendance will receive the attendance cup. It's surprising how competitive they are! Teachers will also be reaching out to some families offering support. This could also include a positive message home to celebrate improved attendance.



Online Safety

In today's digital age, online safety is more important than ever. We are committed to educating our students about safe and responsible internet use. We encourage parents to discuss online safety with their children and to monitor their online activities including WhatsApp messages. Together, we can create a safe online environment for our children, but we do need parents help with this. For further information and support, please do visit the NSPCC website:



<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/#advice>

Staff News

We are excited to share that Mrs Reeder is expecting a baby! We couldn't be happier for her and her family during this wonderful time. Mrs Reeder will be due to go on maternity leave towards the end of the Spring term. We will be advertising her maternity cover and will make parents aware of arrangements when details are finalised.



Anti-Bullying Week – 11th to 17th November 2024 and Odd Socks Day

We will be marking Anti-Bullying Week the first week back after the half term. The theme this year is 'Choose Respect'. The campaign will include Odd Socks Day on TUESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER. Children can come to school in odd socks to show that everyone is different. No money is needed. We will be having a special assembly and doing some work in classes around the theme.



Children in Need - Friday 15th November 2024

We are asking everyone to 'be spotacular' this year! Children can come to school in non-uniform, wearing something spotty.

This could just be spotty socks, or you could go all out in a spotty outfit! Hair should be tied up (although children can wear Pudsey/spotty hairbands etc) and make up should not be worn (apart from spots!).

Children are asked to make a donation of £1 on Arbor.



Remembrance Service

Once again, we will be joining the community at the war memorial in the churchyard on 11th November 2024 at 11.00am for the Remembrance Service.

We would also like to encourage children to wear their Rainbow, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts or military uniform on Monday if they attend these groups.



PTFA News

The children have asked the PTFA to raise money for a new playground hideaway similar to the image below. The doughnut fundraiser and school discos raised £800 so we are well on our way.

Over the next couple of months the PTFA will be selling hot chocolate and are looking for donations for a Christmas raffle.

If you would like to donate something or know a company who would like to donate, please get in touch with the PTFA via:

Kedingtonptfa1@gmail.com or speak to Rebecca Myatt (George & Alistair's mum).

The PTFA will be planning lots more events over the next few months and will update the front gate board with any new activities.

Thanks for all your help so far - the money provided by families really does make a difference to all the children in school.



Communication

Please use this guide so you know who to contact about different types of queries. Information about pupil absence must go to the office.

Please use this email address to report pupil absences everyday a pupil is off school:

absences@kedingtonprimary.co.uk

Office admin@kedingtonprimary.co.uk 01440 702787	Class Teacher Dojo In person at end of the day	SENCO (Mrs Miller) Dojo Via school office	Head of School Dojo Via school office
Information about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trips • Arbor • Payments • School clubs & meals & fundraising events/PTFA • Reporting pupil absence • Absence requests & medical appointments • Change in collection arrangements • Medical conditions 	Information about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupil learning/progress • Home learning • Showbie • Behaviour • Incidences • Low level concerns • Concerns about experiences at home 	Concerns about a known or possible SEND need Concerns about mental health & well being (possibly speak to class teacher first)	Serious concerns Safeguarding concerns Queries about school policy or procedures If you are not satisfied with the response from someone you have contacted already

Dates for your diary

November 2024	Event
Monday 11 th - 15 th	Year 6 PGL Residential
Monday 11 th	Anti-bullying week begins
Tuesday 12 th	Odd socks day - wear odd socks to school
Friday 15 th	Children in Need - wear something spotty PTFA selling hot chocolate after school
Wednesday 20 th	New reception Parents' Open Morning
Tuesday 26 th	Flu immunisation programme
December 2024	
Tuesday 3 rd	KS1 Christmas Production – 9.30am
Wednesday 4 th	KS1 Christmas Production – 2.00pm
Tuesday 10 th	EYFS Christmas Production - Time TBC
Monday 16 th	Christmas Service at Kedington Church 2pm
Tuesday 17 th	Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper day/Mad hair day
Friday 20 th	Role Model Assembly Last day of term – 1.30pm finish