



KESTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Part of PACE Academy Trust

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Newsletter – Thursday 8th February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Mental Health and Wellbeing

Children's Mental Health Week has taken place this week, with the theme of 'My Voice Matters'. It was set up by children's mental health charity Place2Be and shines a spotlight on the importance of children and young people's mental health.

Weather

The weather has been variable lately, but we are keen that children get fresh air and to play outside every day, so please make sure that they bring a warm coat, hat, and gloves to school on days that are colder. These should be clearly marked with your child's name in case they get lost. Please remember that we expect children to wear **black shoes** whilst at school and **not boots** for safety and comfort reasons.

Equality and Diversity

All members of the school community (staff, children, parents and visitors) have a right to not experience prejudice at school. At Keston Primary, pupils, parents, staff, and governors work together to create a school community where bullying or racist behaviour is not tolerated. All reported incidents are investigated and appropriate actions are taken. All investigated incidents are included in the headteacher's termly report to the governors and reported to the Local Authority.

PTA

The PTA did an amazing job over the Autumn term. They raised just under £5,000 which will benefit the children at Keston greatly. Thank you to the PTA and all the parents who supported the events. We are so grateful.

Attendance

You might be aware from media coverage that persistent absence from school continues to be a national problem, unfortunately our school attendance is also below where we would like it to be at the moment. The more school children miss, the less education they receive. From next half term we will be having a focus on raising the profile of children's attendance. Please do contact the school office if you require support with your child's attendance – we are here to help.

With this in mind we are running a competition for:

- Best slogan with a logo to encourage attendance.
- Best slogan with a logo for punctuality (This might include a reference to 'Don't be late Llama'!)

There will be a prize for the overall winner in each category. The slogans need to be short and snappy. They will be used in our newsletters and on the school website. So, get thinking!



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Entries for the attendance and punctuality slogans and logos should be placed in the box outside the school office by 23rd February, please make sure they are named.



Attendance at Keston	
Class	Spring Term 2024
Yellow	93.7%
Purple	96.5%
Green	96.6%
Orange	95.6%
Dahl	95.1%
Rosen	97.5%
Rowling	93.2%
Nichols	96.8%
Horowitz	93.5%
Gavin	94.7%
Dickens	93.2%
Shakespeare	92.1%
Government guidelines for attendance is 96% and above.	

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Sports Reports

Cross Country

By Alexa and Lucas P

Keston Primary School have been nothing but outstanding this past year, managing to move up to second place overall in the Primary Schools’ Cross-Country Championships. Our runners have been improving constantly since their first race. We hope that in our next race – which is the last race - we move up to first place overall. For most of the year the runners have been able to get onto the podium. We have been training after school every Tuesday. We practise different parts of our long distance running every week, including: sprinting, warm-ups, maintaining our breathing and lots more.

Netball

By Maya and Holly

This season the netball team have been unbeatable. We have won every single match and have achieved our highest score of 12 goals in one single match. Our friendship is the strongest, which makes playing netball even more fun. We are all committed to our training and matches. Every player of the team comes to every match, both home and away, no matter what. Currently, we are top of the netball league and have scored the most goals. We have all worked really hard together to get to this place. Every player has improved really well this year. We have had lots of help, even from an old Keston student.



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Swimming

By Rose and Owen

Keston Primary school competed in the Croydon swimming gala at Trinity School. Many People gathered to watch Keston. We were ready for the races because we had practised a lot. We had 3 finalists, who will be going to the next round in a few weeks' time. Everyone at Keston wishes them the best of luck.

Football

By Eoin and Oscar H

We have enjoyed our training sessions with Mr Bashford and Mr Newman. We have concentrated very hard on our passing, shooting and communication. Unfortunately, we have only played two competitive matches this season, but we have another four scheduled for next term. We can't wait to play them.

Mrs Green is recovering well and we look forward to seeing her next half term. We wish you a lovely half term break.

Kind regards,
Mrs T Eason
Acting Deputy Headteacher



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