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Weekly News

Respect	Caring	Co-operation	Perseverance	Honesty	Responsibility
Reverence	Compassion	Service	Endurance	Virtue	Trust

Head of School's Message

Another great week of learning and fun here at Kelvedon St Mary's. We have continued to hold our parent/pupil Maths meetings, which were once again well attended. Thank you to all parents/carers who were able to attend and for your continuing support of the school.

I held my first assembly this week, based around our school value of perseverance. We were looking at ways in which we can develop a Growth mindset, and the understanding that we may not be very good at all the things we want to be good at 'yet'. But with perseverance and a positive attitude, we can achieve great things. I demonstrated this with my drawing skills (or lack thereof!) as I showed the children how my drawings had improved over time, with effort and with feedback from my 7 year old son at home. He may not have been the most supportive person to help me with this, but we got there in the end!

Reading is a big focus for us in school at the moment. It is the doorway to all learning and allows us to access so much of the world around us. Reading at home is just as important as in school, so please do remember to set some time aside in your busy lives to enjoy books together. A love of reading lasts a lifetime...

Since starting here at Kelvedon, I have been working closely with staff to make the school as safe and as friendly as possible. One area I have been looking at is our routines for before and after school pick up and drop off times. We are currently working on making these times as safe and seamless for all involved and there will be some further communication coming soon regarding this. Again, your support is greatly appreciated.

Birthday wishes- I would like to wish the following children and staff a happy birthday for this week!

Meme 3J, Max 2C, Willow 2M, Dominic 6L, Ben 4B, Poppy 3J, Mrs Slater, Hugo 2M, Amelia 1H, Rosie 2C, Gigi Nursery, Loulou Nursery, Miss Boosey, Lyla 1H, Isla 6L

Enjoy your weekend and we will see you on Monday.

Anna Nottage

Academy Development

This week we have revisited our understanding of how children learn and the implications this presents for our curriculum planning and delivery.

In particular, we know that regular practice and retrieval of knowledge and skills helps children to secure new learning in their long-term memory. Therefore, this term, our staff team will focus on how we further develop our broad and balanced curriculum to maximise opportunities for children to revisit and build on their prior learning. We will keep you updated and share our progress along the way. Have a lovely weekend!

Lois Osborne

Diary Dates

This week

- Tuesday 17th January – Yr5 swimming
- Wednesday 18th January – YrR/Yr6 height/weight checks
- Thursday 19th January – iRock lessons start
- Friday 20th January- 5S sharing assembly
- Friday 20th January – YrR Parent/Pupil Maths

This term

- Tuesday 24th January – KSM vision meeting 9am
- Friday 27th January – Yr6 to Duxford
- Monday 30th January – KSM vision meeting 9am
- Wednesday 1st February – Yr2 to Chelmsford Museum
- 6th -10th February – Mental Health awareness week ('SCARF')
- Wednesday 8th/Thursday 9th February- Yr4/Yr5 Production
- Friday 10th February- wear your scarf to school day
- Friday 10th February – 2C sharing assembly 9am
- Friday 10th February - Open Door 3pm

Excellent Punctuality

Excellent learners attend school on time! We celebrate punctuality. The classes with the top punctuality are noted below:

KS1: RB, 1H, 1C, 2M

KS2: 3PM, 4F, 4B, 5S, 6L

Stars of the Week – These learners have demonstrated our school values.



Gold Book Honours – These learners have been building excellent habits of learning by consistently displaying one of our 6Rs:

Responsible

Resourceful

Reflective

Resilient

Reasoning

Risk-taking

They have been awarded their bronze, silver or gold badge that they may wear with pride on their school uniform.



Safeguarding

We all have a duty to safeguard the children in our care and if the school suspects or knows that a child is at risk of significant harm, we will make a referral to Social Services. The school does not investigate any disclosures that children may make, we are a referring agency. Procedures on safeguarding from the Government make it clear that all staff should operate with an 'it could happen here' approach to any concerns they may have. If you have any concerns about a child please telephone the Essex Child and Families Hub on 0345 603 7627.

JOURNEY AROUND THE WORLD

A Global Perspectives Community Event
for Pupils in Year 3 and 4.

Join us for an exciting morning exploring cultural identity and diversity from around the world.
Saturday 4 February 9.30 am to 11.30 am. Registration 9.15am



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