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Grange School**  
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## A Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Kilburn Grange School,

Welcome back to the second half of spring term! Hopefully we will see an improvement in the weather and the spring bulbs in the playground will be starting to bloom.

Over half term we saw some further renovations to the school building. We now have new flooring in both the first and second floor halls and new carpeting in the remaining classrooms. If you would like come and have a look, we have a weekly tour every Wednesday at 14:30pm.

Thank you to Mark Lowe, Chair of Governors for meeting the local councillor Barbara Pitruzzella to discuss how we can improve the safety on Priory Park road with regards to cars turning outside of the school gates. He also shared his concerns regarding the rubbish and fly tipping. We will keep you updated as I know this was raised as a concern in our feedback box.

Last term we had a teaching and learning review carried out by Maxine Mallet, the Headteacher of Rutherford House School in Balham and Jerry Goddard who is an advisor for the Trust. They were very impressed by the parents, staff and pupils and saw that the school is very much part of the community. They particularly thought that the school values underpin the life of the school. The school will continue to work hard to ensure that the children are making the very best progress, by ensuring that they have the best teaching and support. Please read on for a staffing update.

We will be continuing with our music provision in Year 1 and 2. The children receive music lessons from a company in Brent called Music's Cool and the pupils have even started a lunchtime choir. They will be performing after school for parents over the next couple of weeks.

It was great to have so much interest in the parent governor vacancy and we are currently holding an election. You should have received your ballot papers this week.

We will be continuing to invite parents to Come Learn With Me, Look at My Learning and Drop Everything and Read. Parent / Teacher meetings are taking place all week, please remember to book an appointment to meet your child's teacher and remember to let us know if you would like to volunteer to be our Mystery Reader!

*Once again, thank you all for your continued support.*

Best wishes,

**Ms Richardson**  
Headteacher

## Attendance Update

The current whole school attendance is **95.3%**. This is a little below our target of **96.5%** and we would like to improve this. The Family Support Worker, Ms Kelly will continue to support some of our families in this area.

Please remember, your child should come to school each day unless they are very unwell. If you are unsure whether to send your child to school, do not hesitate to call the school and we will advise you.

**If your child is unable to attend swimming, we will ask parents to provide a G.P letter, as swimming is part of the National Curriculum.**

The school gates open at 8:30 and registration begins at 8:45. Please try your best to get your child to school on time so that they do not miss any learning and ensure that they can have a smooth start to the day.

Please refer to the [attendance policy](#) for more details.

## Message from Johnathan Kruger (Parent Governor)



At the school, I am the link governor for Pupil Premium, Finance and Parental Engagement

We successfully held our first Parent Teacher Community Association (PTCA) meeting and had a great bake sale after school to raise funds. Thank you to Ms Kelly for helping to organise the event. We will be planning more events soon. ***Please let us know if you would like to join the PTCA!***

Please check out our brand new [parent portal](#) which is a secure webpage for you to view the learning from your child's class. You will be receiving a text message this week with your password.

## Staffing Update

Sadly we have had to say goodbye to Ms Natasha Kelly, the class teacher of Pasture Class and Ms Jouied the class teacher of Cove Class. Both class teachers have left the school due to personal circumstances and the school wishes them well for the future. We are delighted that Ms Nunes will be the new class teacher for Pasture Class for the rest of the year.

Further fantastic news is that we have appointed a new teacher for Cove Class, Ms Melissa Burrell. Ms Burrell is a very experienced class teacher and is very excited to join the Kilburn Grange Team. Ms Khinich will lead the induction for Ms Burrell so that she has the best possible start at the school.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Johnathan Brooks (trainee teacher) for his hard work over the past half term. Mr Brooks will be leaving the school on Friday as he has finished his placement in Year 2. Ms Clionagh Heekin will be returning to train alongside Ms Burrell in Year 2 until the end of the academic year.



Ms Kelly



Mr Brooks



Ms Jouied



Ms Nunes



Ms Heekin



Ms Burrell

## Topics this half term

Please see below for the topics your child will be studying this half term. Shortly you will receive the curriculum leaflet so that you can support your child at home. You can also find more information on the parent portal on the school website. In order to access this you will need a password, which will be sent to you in an email from the school. For security reasons, please do not share this password outside of the school.

### Reception – Space

**Key Books:** Baboon on the Moon / Beegu

**Educational Visit:** Science Museum

**Outcome:** Learning differences between Earth and Space

### Year 1 - *Toymakers*

**Key Book:** The Teddy robber

**Special Visitor:** A toy maker

**Outcome:** Making toys



### Year 2 - *Home Sweet Home*

**Key Books:** Non-fiction books about Houses and Homes and Fairy tales with homes (Hansel and Gretel, The Three Little Pigs and Little Red Riding Hood)

**Outcome:** Designing homes for our Home Exhibition

## Behaviour Update - Class Dojo

### Autumn Term:

Meadow Class: 96% positive

Cove Class: 93% positive

Cliff Class: 89% positive

Dale Class: 89% positive

Pasture Class: 87% positive



All classes are aiming to have at least **95% positive points** by the end of the Spring Term. The school is also focusing on awarding Class Dojo points for learning as well as behaviour. The particular focus this half term is **Reflect** where children will be focussing on reflecting and evaluating their learning in order to improve.

## ParentView

We really welcome your feedback and parental engagement is something parents have been keen to improve. Please register and leave your comments on ParentView so that Ofsted can see how positively you feel about the school. **Click on the link below!**

The recent cake sale raised £150 for the school funds and we hope to use this for books and resources for the school.

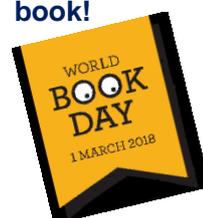


## World Book Day

World Book Day is just around the corner and the school theme is Mr Men and Little Miss Books. Children and staff will dress as their favourite Mr Men or Little Miss or they might choose to dress as their favourite book character.

Each class will be also be decorating their classroom door as a book cover of their choice.

**Competition:** Design a Mr Kilburn Grange or Little Miss Kilburn character for your chance to win your very own book!



## BPET Update – January 2018

This is an update from Bellevue Place Education Trust, the organisation that oversees the running of Kilburn Grange School and six other primary schools across London. To provide an overview of the work carried out by the Board and Central Trust Team that supports this work, this update will be included in the newsletter at the end of the month.

The Trust is overseen by a Board of Trustees, led by Claire Delaney. The Board is supported by an Executive Team, led by Chief Executive Mark Greatrex. For more information on governance structure, please [click here](#).

The BPET Board has the responsibility to:

- Establish the core education vision
- Hold headteachers and LGBs to account for the standards of attainment and achievement of pupils, the quality of teaching and learning, the behaviour and safety of pupils, the leadership and management of the school, the pedagogy, curriculum and learning environment for the children.
- Arrange for educational audits to evaluate performance regularly with cognisance of the latest of OfSTED guidance and to make recommendations to improve effectiveness
- Set school targets (jointly with LGB)
- Budgeting and reporting procedures and manage the financial and administrative policies (HR, ICT)
- Statutory compliance work
- Staff contracts and HR policies
- IT network strategy
- Major procurement policies
- Headteacher recruitment and appointment
- Evaluation of headteacher performance
- Administrative and support services as required
- Other educational programmes including but not limited to: leadership training, extended school programme.

The Board can delegate responsibilities to Committee(s) of the Board. Currently the Board has established a Finance, Audit and Risk Committee and Remuneration Committee. It reviews this structure annually.

## Parent Trustees Appointment

Last year the Board of Trustees commissioned the National Governance Association to carry out an external review of the governance of the Trust, which included a workshop that Heads and Chair of Governors were invited to. Whilst the subsequent report found the governance of the Trust strong, it did make a recommendation for parent governors with certain skill sets to join the Board.

Following this, we are delighted to announce that Chris Gallant and Dina Choudhury joined the Board as elected parent Trustees in December 2017, they will both serve a four year term. Chris has extensive experience in marketing and communications, and Dina is a Chartered Accountant. For more information on the Board of Trustees, please [click here](#).

## **INSET Day**

On 3 January 2018 over 180 staff from across the Trust came together for an INSET day at Rutherford House School. This year we were delighted to be able to offer a number of high quality external providers, as well as sessions led by the experience we have across the Trust. Examples of sessions included Developing Growth Mindsets, Engaging Learning Environments and Teaching Maths for Mastery. These Trust-wide training days provide staff with the opportunity to share best practice and meet staff in a similar role.

## **Maths provision across the Trust**

The Trust is delighted to announce that we are working with a specialist maths consultant, Robert Wilne, who will be working with us on maths provision across our schools. Robert has taught mathematics in both state and independent schools for 20 years and was previously the Head of Maths at Highgate School. He was also the founding Headmaster of London Academy of Excellence in Newham. Robert will be working across the Trust with Head teachers and Maths leads on an ongoing basis to develop the maths teaching to be the very best it can be.

Robert recently met with our maths coordinators at the Trust-wide INSET day on 3 January, where he discussed 'Teaching Maths for Mastery: what it is, what it isn't, and what it looks like in the classroom'. We are thrilled to have Robert on board and to offer an exciting maths curriculum. He has already spent a day at Watling Park School and provided initial ideas for developing maths and including reasoning as part of the maths lessons.

## **Learning Reviews**

This month Bellevue Education will be conducting Learning Reviews across the schools. These reviews are a two day process which involves visiting the school and meeting with senior leaders. During these visits the Bellevue Education team will be looking at all aspects of educational delivery and will also be meeting with parents and key stakeholders. Due to four schools being in an Ofsted window, these visits will take place this month to highlight any recommendations for improvement. The other schools that are not expecting Ofsted will accompany an expecting school so that every school can take part.

## Key Dates and Reminders

### February

**19/02/18:** Wonder Week

**19/02/18:** Parent / Teacher meetings

**27/02/18:** Holi Festival (Assembly)

### March

**01/03/18:** **WORLD BOOK DAY** (whole school celebration)

**02/03/18:** 100 Days of school celebration (assembly)

**Week beginning 05/03/18:** Parent / Teacher meetings Pasture Class

**06/03/18:** International Women's Day (assembly)

**08/03/18:** Year 1 Toy making workshop

**09/03/18 at 3:00pm** Drop Everything and Read (all classes)

**07/03/18:** Mothering Sunday (assembly)

**13/03/18:** St David's Day and St Patrick's Day Assembly (Patron saints of Wales and Ireland)

**14/03/18 at 9:00am:** Pasture Come Learn with Me

**16/03/18 at 9:00am:** Cove and Cliff Come Learn with Me

**20/03/18:** International Day of Happiness Assembly

**21/03/18 at 9:00am:** Dale Come Learn with Me

**22/03/18:** Healthy Heart Day

**26/03/18:** Passover Assembly

**26/03/18 at 3:00pm:** Look at My Learning/Fantastic Finish (Meadow & Pasture Class)

**27/03/18:** Easter Assembly

**27/03/18 at 09:00am** Look at My Learning/Fantastic Finish (Dale Class)

**28/03/18:** Look at My Learning/Fantastic Finish (Cove & Cliff Class)

**29/03/18 at 9:45am:** 100% Attendance Celebration

**29/03/18:** Last day of term, school closes at 2:00pm