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Our value: At Kilburn Grange School we put the children at the heart of everything we do in order for them to Learn. Enjoy. Succeed. – Wonder, Enjoy, Collaborate, Aspire, Reflect, Endeavour.

Message from the Head

Welcome to the latest KILBURN GRANGE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER.

We have had another busy few weeks during which the children have had a visit from the NSPCC and have heard all about 'speaking out and staying safe'.

They have also attended a Black History Month assembly and workshops and have performed their 'FANTASTIC FINISHES' for those of you who were able to attend.

Miss Storey also delivered a highly informative workshop on the teaching and learning of phonics.

Term Dates - We would like to consult with parents about changing the summer half-term dates so that they align with Brent's dates.

Currently, all our dates align with Brent apart from the coming half-term that begins on Monday and the summer half-term.

This has caused great inconvenience and many parents have found this lack of uniformity with Brent and other schools difficult. It has meant that childcare provision has been challenging and that parents with children at other schools have had to juggle childcare over two weeks, not just one.

If you feel strongly about changing the half-term dates in the summer term to align with Brent and other schools, or if you feel otherwise, please let the office know via email (info@kilburngrangeschool.org.uk) so we can liaise with the Trust and make a firm decision quickly and efficiently.

School Improvement Plan - We have recently revised and updated our School Improvement Plan and would like to keep you updated of our key priorities. They are:

- . To increase challenge in the curriculum so that more able children achieve the higher standard – Greater Depth Standard – in reading, writing and maths***
- . To improve writing across the curriculum so that it is in line with national average at the end of Y2 and is comparable to standards in reading and writing across the school.***
- To focus on improving the writing of boys, in particular.***
- . To ensure that all children become independent learners by helping them to develop resilience, independence and confidence in their learning.***

Change to Morning Routine - From 5th November, we will be opening the gates at 8:35am in the morning, not 8:30am. Notices have been placed on the school gates. We hope that this will minimise the congestion in the playground.

The routine will be as follows:

8:35 gates open

8:40 bell goes and parents exit the playground safely and swiftly

8:45 gates close and any arrivals after this time go to the main office and sign the late book.

Staffing - Mrs Aikman, our current Y1 part-time Dale class teacher will be coming out of her class-teaching role to take on the role of cover/PPA/group work teacher and will therefore be working across the school. She will still be available to talk to parents should you need her and will continue to work with our strong and committed staff team.

Miss Richards, Dale's full-time class teacher, will be completing her placement in her 'contrasting setting' next half-term and Ms Mahmoud will be taking Dale class, supported by our highly experienced SLT members Ms Khinich, Mrs Holmes and Ms Storey.

Attend and Achieve

Currently, our overall attendance for this year is 96.8%, slightly above national figures. This is very pleasing to see and we thank all those parents who inform us promptly if their child is going to be absent or late.

ALL parents must do this routinely otherwise parents should expect a daily call while your child is absent.

Absence will not be authorised during term-time for holidays so please ensure that all holidays and medical appointments are made before or after school. Thank you

There is clear information on the entrance door about ailments for which parents should and should not keep their children off school. Please consult this if you are unsure about whether or not to send your child to school.



Class	Attendance	Overall Attendance
Meadow	97.1%	97.0%
Pasture	97.4%	
Dale	96.5%	
Lake	97.9%	
Cove	96.6%	
Heath	98.9%	
Moor	96.1%	

Remember that the National Attendance Figure is 96+%.

Finally, a few brief points:

We have started to plan some very exciting trips and visits to the school to enrich our curriculum. We ask all parents if they can make a £10 per term contribution to ensure that these trips and visits can go ahead as, unfortunately, if we do not collect sufficient money, trips and visits may need to be cancelled. Please use PARENTPAY for this payment.

Please ensure that adults for whom you give authorisation to collect your child are logged on our system as having consent. This is very helpful at dismissal time.

If you would like to discuss an issue of concern, please address it to your child's class teacher in the first instance, then the Phase Leader (Ms Storey – EYFS, Ms Khinich – KS1, Ms Le Marchand – KS2), then Ms Khinich who will, if the issue is unresolved, refer it to the Headteacher.

You may speak to class teachers in the playground from 8:35am when they come outside, or you may make an appointment via the main office.

Please note that neither girls nor boys should be wearing trainers to school. Thank you

Term recommences on Monday 5th November at the usual time.

Wishing you all a restful and happy half term.

The Kilburn Grange Team.

KEY FORTHCOMING DATES

Monday 5th November - Children return to school as normal after the half-term break.

Tuesday 6th November – School photographs for individuals and siblings. Please wear full school uniform and, if Tuesday is a PE day for your child, please send them to school in uniform with their PE clothes in a separate bag. Please ensure that hair is tied back if long (not with an oversized, coloured bow) and that children look neat and tidy, with all ties and blazers worn.

Monday 12th November (week of) – Parents will receive copies of curriculum leaflets for the half-term OR can access them on the website.

Tuesday 13th November – SATs meeting for Y2 parents (time and place tbc)

Friday 16th November – Pyjama and teddy bear day for Children in Need. Children can come to school in their pyjamas and with their favourite soft toy or bear. We aim to offer the children chocolate milk while they listen to a story. Please let us know if your child has any allergies that we do not already know of otherwise, we will assume that all children can take part in this.

Thursday 29th November – **COME LEARN WITH ME** – Parents are invited to join an English writing activity in the afternoon for Yrs 2 and 3 and a phonics lesson for Reception. This will be from 2:45pm. A message will follow nearer the time to finalise details for parents.

Friday 30th November – **COME LEARN WITH ME** – Parents are invited to join a phonics lesson for Y1 from 2:45pm. A message will follow nearer the time to finalise details for parents.

Tuesday 4th December – **4:00 – 6:15 PARENTS' EVENING 1 for all classes**. Details for signing up will be shared nearer the time.

Wednesday 5th December – **1:00 – 3:00 PARENTS' EVENING 2 for Reception Meadow class only**. Details for signing up will be shared nearer the time.

Friday 7th December – **1:00 – 3:00 PARENTS' EVENING 2 for all classes except for Reception Meadow**. Details for signing up will be shared nearer the time.

2:00 – 3:00 Christmas Pantomime at school for all children.

Monday 10th December – **Pasture, Meadow, Dale and Lake** Christmas Show. Performances at 10:00am and 2:30pm

Tuesday 11th December – **Pasture, Meadow, Dale and Lake** Christmas Show. Performance at 10:00am

Wednesday 12th December - **Cove, Heath and Moor** Christmas Show. Performances at 10:00 am and 2:30pm

Friday 14th December – All children to wear a Christmas jumper for 'Christmas Jumper Day'. Class parties for children.

FRIENDS OF KILBURN GRANGE (FoKG) Winter Fair from 2:00 – 3:30pm. Parents welcome and schedule of events and times to follow.

Friday 21st December – LAST DAY OF TERM, ENDING AT 2:00pm. The end of the day will be preceded by our assembly celebrating children who have achieved 100% attendance this term. Parents of these children will be invited to this very special event.

FANTASTIC FINISHES

