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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.

WELCOME TO OUR LATEST NEWSLETTER.

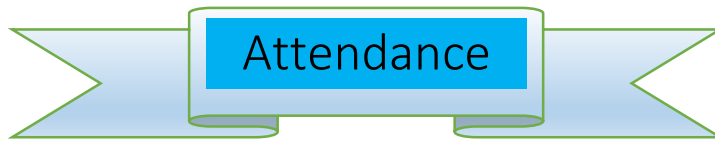
What has been happening?

As always, the past two weeks at school have been as busy, exciting and fun-filled as ever, with lots of learning in all areas!

Over the past two weeks, these are just some of the things that have taken place:

- We have been treated to a wonderful class assembly from Year 3 all about Earthquakes and Volcanoes. Both classes joined forces to share their knowledge and show off their writing and poetry skills and they ended with a unique and specially adapted song.
- Year 3 also took part in a special, day-long workshop on 'Earthquakes and Volcanoes' to supplement what they had learned in school about their topic.
- Dale class assembly followed fantastically in the footsteps of Heath and Moor and presented their assembly this morning. The theme was the four seasons and the class treated us to a wonderful and spirited version of 'Here Come the Sun'. It was a wonderful performance enjoyed by all.
- Our 'Fantastic Finishes' took place in many classes this week and that has brought our half-term topics to a wonderful close.
- All classes have been involved in their Design and Technology days and many have been working together collaboratively to produce famous landmarks and buildings such as Big Ben!
- On Thursday, the whole school took part in our regular 'Everybody Writes' morning. This time, our focus was 'The Magic Paintbrush' and children let their imaginations run wild. We are so proud of the work they produced and their engagement in and enjoyment of writing.
- 5th February was our 'Online Safety /Safer Internet Day'. Our timetables changed slightly so that we could make sure all our children learned about being safe online.
- Following parental input at the 'Accelerated Reader' meeting with Ms Khinich, all class libraries will have more books for able readers. Our English Leader, Mrs Le Marchand, has bought books for each class to supplement the AR reading books and to ensure that children who are able to read confidently have access to early and more challenging chapter books.
- **Attend and Achieve** – Attendance continues to fluctuate and seasonal viruses have taken their toll on the health and therefore the attendance of some of our children.
- Our average attendance currently stands at 96.2% which is below national average. The figure for persistent absence i.e. children who have attendance of less than 90% is 10.6%, which requires some collaborative work with you.
- We ask all parents to call **on every day that their child is unwell or not attending school** and we ask that you do not to take any time off during the school term or school day. It is crucial that children have both morning and afternoon attendance marks and that they are in for the whole day. Where appointments are necessary, we are thankful to parents who make those appointments outside school hours wherever possible. Please note that any absences requested for holidays will not be authorised during term time.

Please see the table below for class and overall figures.



Class	Attendance	Overall Attendance
Meadow	95.8%	96.2%
Pasture	95.5%	
Dale	96.5%	
Lake	96.7%	
Cove	95.2%	
Heath	97.8%	
Moor	96.6%	

A few brief reminders:

- Please ensure that children come to school with appropriate uniform, including PE kits. They should also have warm clothing while the weather remains chilly and damp.
- Please ensure that children with long hair, whether boys or girls, have it securely tied back to minimise the risk of it becoming tangled in zips and equipment and to reduce the risk of head lice. Thank you.

Staffing – This half-term, we have said a sad farewell to Ms Cepele who has been with us since the school began and who is moving on to pastures new in a setting away from schools where she will utilise her language skills. We wish her every success in her new role although she will be very sorely missed by us all.

We welcome Ms Andrea Sawyer, covering the maternity leave of Mrs Holmes, Nadia Masmoudi who takes over from Ms Cepele and Natalia Kavvadia who takes on the role previously held by Ms Hussein on a Friday.

Some new guests in the building – We welcome Salusbury World who will be running sessions for our parents and others in order to support queries about Universal Credit, housing, benefits etc. Leaflets are available at the front desk in a range of languages.

If you fancy a Zumba class to keep you fit, please ask Mrs Thomas or Ms Murray about classes on a Monday and Wednesday evening.

If you can't think of what to do with the children over the coming half-term or over the Easter break, perhaps you would like to consider the Superstar Sports camp running at the school. There are details at the front desk.

Finally, we would all like to take the opportunity to wish you a happy and restful half-term and to remind you that children return on Monday 25th February at the usual time.

We thank you for all your support and feedback this term.

Best wishes from the **Kilburn Grange School Team**.

We value your contribution and feedback very highly and are very grateful to those of you who were able to take the time to complete the parent questionnaire. Please find below a quick summary of our analysis and what we will be doing to address the few issues raised.

Summary of key responses from parent questionnaire:

- 98% of those who responded said their child was happy at school
- 98% of those who responded said their child felt safe and well looked after
- 98% of those who responded said their child was taught well at this school
- 96% of those who responded said that they were pleased with after school activities
- 96% of those who responded said that they would recommend this school to another parent.

You said.....	We will.....
You didn't know if the children at school behaved well	Reflect on how we inform you about our behaviour strategies so you are better aware
Your child has a specific issues in his/her class that requires attention	Speak to the individual class teacher about developing strategies to ensure specific children are happy and settled
Your child requires additional challenge	Address this with the whole staff through training and will look at challenge across the school
There are no open days for parents to meet the Head	Ensure that the Headteacher has an appointment list at parents' evening so you have this opportunity.

KEY FORTHCOMING DATES UP TO THE EASTER BREAK

WEEK OF 18TH – 22ND FEBRUARY – HALF-TERM WEEK

Wednesday 27th February – Ms Le Marchand leading a parent session on supporting writing. 9am – location to be confirmed.

Friday 1st March – Lake Class Assembly for parents to watch. This will take place in the second floor hall at 9:00am

Week of 4th March – BOOK WEEK IN SCHOOL, including WORLD BOOK DAY ON THURSDAY 7th MARCH. ALL CHILDREN AND ADULTS IN SCHOOL TO DRESS AS A BOOK CHARACTER TO CELEBRATE THIS SPECIAL DAY.

Friday 8th March – Meadow Class Assembly for parents to watch. This will take place in the second floor hall at 9:00am

Friday 15th March – Pasture Class Assembly for parents to watch. This will take place in the second floor hall at 9:00am

Friday 22nd March – Cove Class Assembly for parents to watch. This will take place in the second floor hall at 9:00am

Week of 1st April – Fantastic Finishes in all classes – date and time to be confirmed AND attendance rewards for 100% attendance in assembly for parents. Time and location to be confirmed.

PLEASE NOTE: WE WILL LET YOU KNOW AFTER THE EASTER HOLIDAY THE DATE OF OUR FINAL INSET DAY. WE INTEND TO ENSURE THAT IT COINCIDES WITH THE DATE OF EID. IT IS HIGHLY LIKELY TO BE ON 4TH OR 5TH JUNE.

Fantastic Finish in Pictures

