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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 FIRST NEWSLETTER OF 2019.

What has been happening?

Before we tell you all about what has been going on, we'd like to thank the 'Friends of Kilburn Grange School' (FoKGS), particularly Jennifer Fee and her loyal and dedicated helpers, for all their efforts in putting on the highly successful Christmas Fair. It raised £500 so a huge 'thank you' from all of us to all involved is in order.

In addition to this, FoKGS purchased some playground equipment which many of you were able to see first-hand when you attended the 100% attendance assembly on the last day of term. We have some giant games that will enhance the children's outdoor learning experience.

As you would expect, the first two weeks back at school have been busy, exciting and full of learning and fun! All classes took part in their 'Super Starters' and all our classes have begun their new topics. We will be sharing our learning with you when we have our 'Fantastic Finishes' and you will all have received information about this term's learning in the curriculum leaflets.

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

- The children attended a whole school assembly on weight management and how to stay healthy. This was led by our assistant school nurse, Laura. She spoke to the children about how important it is to make the right food choices, to brush teeth regularly and to take exercise.
- Years 2 and 3 were treated to a special assembly about 'Air Pollution' and the part we can play in keeping pollutants at bay.
- The well-known youth Paralympian and gold medalist, Souleyman Bah, visited the school to deliver an assembly and class workshops with the theme of 'Inspired through Sport'. He was truly an inspiration and a role model showing us all that anything is possible, despite a disability.
- Ms Khinich led an informative and well-attended session on how we use 'Accelerated Reader' to enhance and develop our children's reading. Following your feedback, we are looking closely at our budget in order to allocate funds to buy more chapter books and books that offer challenge for our confident readers. Watch this space and feedback from your children!
- On Tuesday 22nd January, Coach K and her team visited the Charteris Sports Centre for a friendly match against Hampstead School. KGS was defeated 5-3. We congratulate them on their effort and continuous hard work.
- We have been joined on Friday afternoons by some sixth form students from University College School, West End Lane. They are working in some of our classes under the supervision of our teachers. They are developing their outreach and community-building skills and we are benefitting by having older role models in the school.

Club collection and dismissal – We thank you for your highly positive feedback about the improvement in club dismissals. We value your feedback and constructive comments, particularly if it enhances health and safety and the experience of dropping and collecting your children.

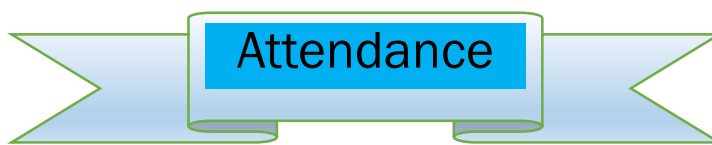
Please note that clubs finish at 4:45pm and children should be collected ONLY AT THE END OF A CLUB, NOT DURING THE CLUB UNLESS THERE IS AN EMERGENCY.

Attend and Achieve – Again, attendance has fluctuated since we returned to school and many of our children have been struck down with high temperatures and other winter viruses.

Our average attendance currently stands at 96.1% which is slightly below national average. The figure for persistent absence i.e. children who have attendance of less than 90% is creeping up and is higher than national figures but we are confident that this will reduce as our children who have had time off with sickness return to full health and to school.

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%	96.5%
Pasture	95.7%	
Dale	97.2%	
Lake	97.0%	
Cove	96.4%	
Heath	97.7%	
Moor	96.7%	

Remember that the National Attendance Figure is 96+%.

We value your contribution and feedback very highly and would be grateful if you could complete the parent questionnaire that will be sent home in your child's bag today. Please return all completed questionnaires to the front desk.

A few brief reminders:

- Please ensure that children come to school with appropriate uniform, including PE kits. They should also have warm clothing as the weather is due to become colder!
- Next year's term dates are now on the website. Please refer to them when booking holidays and avoid making bookings on any school days. Thank you.
- Please avoid sending your children in with lip balm. We are mindful that these lip balms may contain nut oils such as almond oil and we do not want to trigger allergic reactions.
- **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES** are children to bring in toys or trading cards from home. If they are seen, they will be confiscated as they cause no end of problems when children trade and swap! Thank you.

KEY FORTHCOMING DATES UP TO THE EASTER BREAK

Tuesday 29th January – Y3 photographs being taken for the Tate project. Please ensure that your children are in full uniform and smart. No big bows for girls and all long hair tied back, please, whether your child is a girl or a boy with long hair!

Thursday 31st January – Heath and Moor Class Assembly for parents to watch. This will take place in the second floor hall at 9:00am

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

Week of 11th February – Fantastic Finishes in all classes – date and time to be confirmed.

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

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

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.

Life at KGS in Pictures



