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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?

Kilburn Grange School has been full of fun, learning and a range of activities, as usual!

Here is an overview of some of the things that have been going on:

- The return to school after the Easter break was calm but exciting as all the children were introduced to their new topics as their 'Super Starters'.
- Year 3 have started a joint music project with a group called HARMONISE which will end in a music concert in London. We are working with Salusbury School and other local schools to produce our own compositions. It is all very exciting!  
Y3 have also begun swimming and have taken part in a Roman workshop to help bring their topic to life.
- We have a number of 'visitors' to our classrooms this term. Year One have welcomed chicks, Year Two are hosting African snails and EYFS have some butterflies in their classroom. All of this is helping them to learn about lifecycles and see growth and animals first-hand.



- We are immensely proud of our sporting coach, Coach K, who has received the Brent Active Hero award for her total commitment to making sure children have healthy minds and bodies. She was nominated by us for this highly competitive and prestigious award and was selected by a panel from Brent Local Authority. Congratulations to her. We are so lucky to have her on our team. Well done!
- Unfortunately, due to the unexpected school closure on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May which was preceded by some unpleasant smells in the building, we had to cancel the RSE workshop for parents. Please see the new date on our 'Key Dates' list at the end of the newsletter – 15<sup>th</sup> May at 3:50pm.

## Attend and Achieve

Our average attendance currently stands at 96.3% which is just above national average. The figure for persistent absence i.e. children who have attendance of less than 90% is 10.9% which is far too high and has been affected by children who have been on holiday and have not returned to school on time, as well as by children who have had extended periods of absence due to illness. Illness cannot be avoided but holidays during term time can!

Please note that any absences requested for holidays **will not** be authorised during term time and note that some parents may be invited for meetings if their child's attendance is close to triggering a referral to the Education Welfare Service.

Please see the table below for class and overall figures.

Class	Attendance	Overall Attendance
Meadow	96.1%	96.6%
Pasture	95.8%	
Dale	96.7%	
Lake	96.8%	
Cove	95.5%	
Heath	98.4%	
Moor	97.1%	

**Eid:** We support all our families who are fasting during this holy time. We do ask that you put in writing any requests for your children to fast as the school day is quite long and involves physical as well as mental activity. We need to know that the children can cope with this and still follow their religious obligation so written confirmation is vital.

**Internet Safety:** Please see the Snapchat parent guide.

**What parents need to know about SNAPCHAT**

**EXPOSING YOUR CHILD'S EXACT LOCATION**  
The 'Snap Map' lets you share your EXACT location in real-time through a map on the app. The user's location updates when the user has been exposed on the map. Parents can see a map of the location and whether about uploading images and videos to 'Our Story' means that 'Snap Map' is visible to 'Our Story' and can be seen on the app, no matter which location you are in. There is also a 'Snap Map' option in 'Search Results and Stories' on Snapchat.

**SCREENSHOTS & SAVED MESSAGES**  
While Snapchat denies that it photos, videos and text disappear eventually, users still have the capability to screenshot or record content which can be saved on their phone. Parents can check that screenshots are possible and send a warning message to their child. They may also accidentally send screenshots or messages to someone who they don't want to see. Parents can help their child by turning on 'Message History' which will save messages they have received, which can be accessed or used against them in a later date.

**SEXTING**  
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**SNAP ORIGINALS**  
Through 'Snap Originals', users can watch content that has been shared by Snapchat on the app, including comedy shows, games, music and more. Additionally, there are new lenses and filters available, inspired by the 'Snap Originals' show. This is a new feature to encourage children.

**Top Tips for Parents**

**THE RISKS OF SEXTING**  
It can be difficult to get your child to stop sexting with you. It can be difficult to get your child to stop sexting with you. It can be difficult to get your child to stop sexting with you.

**USE 'GHOST MODE'**  
Whisper is a feature that allows users to share their location with friends. Parents can help their child by turning on 'Ghost Mode' which will hide their location from everyone.

**RESTRICT STORY VIEWS**  
Users can restrict who can see their story. Parents can help their child by turning on 'Restrict Story Views' which will only allow approved friends to see their story.

**HOW TO DELETE A MESSAGE**  
Users can delete messages they have sent. Parents can help their child by turning on 'Delete Messages' which will allow them to delete messages they have sent.

**REPORTING A STORY, LENS, FILTER, SNAP OR MESSAGE**  
Users can report inappropriate content. Parents can help their child by turning on 'Report Content' which will allow them to report inappropriate content.

**TURN OFF 'QUICK ADD'**  
Users can turn off 'Quick Add' which will stop suggestions of new friends. Parents can help their child by turning off 'Quick Add' which will stop suggestions of new friends.

**National Online Safety**  
A whole school of community approach to online safety  
[www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com)

You can also visit [www.Nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.Nationalonlinesafety.com) for more online safety tips.

**Final INSET Day:** The final INSET day of the year will be on **June 5<sup>th</sup>**. On this day, school will be closed to children and staff will be taking part in professional learning activities.

**End of term – final day:** The last day of term will be Tuesday July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00pm.

**Site** – The work in the dining hall continues and will be extensive, meaning that the first floor hall will continue to act as our dining hall for the coming weeks. We will keep you informed of any major issues and also of progress via the newsletter.

**Staffing** – We are currently in the process of recruiting new staff for the school's natural expansion. We will keep you informed before the end of term about our new staffing structure.

We will be bidding a fond farewell to Mrs Sarah Kelly at the end of this half-term. She leaves us after almost three and a half years at the school. She has had a huge impact on the children she has worked with and is a popular and well-loved member of staff.

We wish her all the best as she takes on new challenges away from Kilburn Grange School.

**Local Advisory Board** – Please see their attached newsletter.

**A few brief reminders:**

- Zumba continues on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Please find information in the main reception area.
- No earrings or other jewellery should be worn at school and we ask that nail polish also be used at home only and not at school. Thank you.
- 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.
- **NO PHONES SHOULD BE USED ON SITE.** Every phone these days has a camera and we do not want any children to be filmed or photographed deliberately or inadvertently while on the school site. **Please focus on collecting and dropping your children and make your calls after this has been done.** Thank you.
- **Key rings** – Please avoid putting key rings on your children's book bags as this is now becoming competitive and also a space issue as bags with too many key rings do not fit into our drawers!

Finally, we would like to wish you all a restful and happy weekend

We thank you for your continued support and feedback.

Best wishes from the Kilburn Grange School Team.

## KEY EVENT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
<i>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May</i>	Parent workshop on Sex and Relationship Education (SRE), led by Helen Khinich at 3:50pm
<i>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</i>	Parent workshop on Maths at KGS, led by Helen Khinich at 9:00am
<i>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June</i>	Final INSET Day. School closed to children.
<i>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June</i>	Sports' Day. Details to be given closer to the day.
<i>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June</i>	Year 2 and 3 end of term music concert at KGS at 2:45pm.
<i>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June</i>	EYFS and Year 1 end of term music concert at KGS at 2:45pm.
<i>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July</i>	Report collection afternoon and time to share work with children – 3:45pm – 4:45pm. ALL CLASSES
<i>Thursday 18 July</i>	EYFS Teddy Bears' Picnic for EYFS only.
<i>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July</i>	2pm last day of term. Break for the summer holiday.
	<i>Every Friday morning – Stay and Play on 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of KGS</i>