



# KING EDWIN NEWS



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Dear Parents and Friends of King Edwin Primary School,

As we near the beginning of springtime and start preparations for what we hope will be a lovely warm summer, it is always great to look back and reflect on the last few weeks at King Edwin Primary School.

As ever it has been a very busy period of time and there are so many positive learning experiences to share with you all. It really has been a lovely term so far and it is hard to believe that we are now over half way through the academic year. The children have started confidently and I have spent a great deal of my time observing their learning around school.

- It was lovely to see our Foundation children enjoying their topic all about Emergency Services and then ending the half term with the celebration of Chinese New Year.
- Year 5 have also had an 'awesome' time during their America topic and they have amassed a colossal amount of homework in such a short period of time.
- Year 4 blew me away with their knowledge and understanding of the Romans and they have produced some beautiful work too.
- Year 6 are working at such a high standard that I have to swat up before I go into their class! Their WW1 work has been excellent.
- Year 2 had a great time travelling to Africa - they made it there and back in just one day!
- Year 1 now know everything there is to know about Florence Nightingale - their display looks excellent!
- Year 3 are also body experts and they have had a fab few weeks...their classrooms have been a pleasure to go into - so vibrant and busy.
- Many children are working hard on our DoodleMaths App and Edward Ryder was No.1 Doodler in the entire country just before the February break...this really is some achievement!

Well done children - keep up the good work! It's wonderful to get in to see children learning and it is certainly one of my favourite parts of being a headteacher.

Our school clubs started the year with a bang and children have taken advantage of the many opportunities on offer. We had over 13 clubs operating over the course of the week, many subsidised by FOKE and school. Over 50% of children have taken part in clubs after school this term and this is set to rise this year as we expand our provision. If you would like to volunteer your services for other clubs later in the year, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We have a comprehensive array of activities on offer throughout the year but we are always looking to add to the list.

There is much to share and look forward to in the coming weeks not least the residential visit for Year 3 and 4, World Book Day next week and many other wow days. All of these activities add to the already enriching curriculum we offer in school and I know from talking to children and parents that this is supported at weekends and during holiday in the form of family excursions.

Many of our children are also making good use of our online resources such as 'Purple Mash' and 'DoodleMaths' as well as reading regularly, practising number facts and tables too. We cannot emphasise enough how much of a positive impact this has on both the self esteem and confidence of a child and also the sharpness of recall and understanding across the whole school curriculum. This family support is very much appreciated.

Children are in for a little surprise when they return next week as staff have worked hard to transform the learning environment and completely refurbish our sensory rooms and SLT work room. The outcome is nothing short of remarkable and I would like to thank TEAM KEPS for what they have achieved. Our children deserve nothing but the best and this has certainly been delivered over the half term break. If the second half of the year is as good as the first six months, we are all in for a great learning journey.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Kind regards,  
Mr Callaghan-Wetton.



## KING EDWIN 'HIGH 5' VALUES

RESPECT GOOD CHOICES EXCELLENCE DETERMINATION CREATIVITY

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*GROWING, LEARNING & ACHIEVING TOGETHER*



## Punctuality and Attendance

### LITTLE MISS LATE

By Roger Hargreaves



Please ensure that children are in school on time in the morning. It is very unsettling for the child and the rest of their class if they arrive late and part way through the lesson. Whilst we fully understand that there are often circumstances that are beyond a family's control that prevent them getting to school on time, these instances should not be frequent. This also applies to the opposite end of the school day. It is not pleasant for children to wait for parents to collect them on a regular basis. Attendance has improved this term and I believe this reflects the fact that many children are really enjoying their time at KEPS...we want to keep improving our attendance and very much value your support as parents. Thank you for helping us to make a difference.

## A few polite and friendly messages

I would like to ask for your support with the following :

- Children should wear the appropriate footwear and uniform every day
- School meals are to be booked via the School Gateway - thank you...almost all parents are doing this now
- Parents - please continue to support children with their DoodleMaths, reading, spelling and Purple Mash
- Children should continue to read daily - Early Bird Reading is also Tuesday to Thursday mornings
- Please park thoughtfully around our school site for the safety of our school community
- **No dogs** are to be brought onto school site under any circumstances
- Children must wear the correct PE Kit - we will ask children to wear our spare kit otherwise

## WORLD BOOK DAY Thursday 2nd March

It is time for the Travelling Books Book Fair to visit school again, with lots of exciting books on offer. Have a look at the leaflet that will be coming home to see some of what's on offer, including special offers. World Book Day vouchers can be used as part payment towards any book costing £2.99 or more.

The Book Fair will be in the HALL/CORRIDOR - open from 3.15 - 4.00pm from Monday 26th - Friday 2nd March. Payment can be made using cash, credit card or by phone (instructions available at the Book Fair). During the week the children will be visiting the Book Fair to look at the books in school time.

As it is World Book Day on Thursday 1st March, we will be organising book related activities for that day in school. We would like to have a 'book swap' on the day, so children are invited to bring in a book they have enjoyed and would like to swap with another child. They can also come to school dressed as a book character.

In the past our book fairs have been very well supported and as a result we are able to spend a proportion of the total collected during the fair on books. The last Book Fair was very successful and gave the school nearly £500 worth of new reading books. Thank you for your ongoing support.

## ECO TEAM NOTICES

Our Eco Team members have noticed that certain areas of our school site have more litter appearing than we would like. It is very likely that its blown onto site, however we did draw a conclusion that litter may be dropped outside school when children have a snack. Outside the school gates was deemed as the most littered area of school. Please help us to keep our school tidy by encouraging others to put all litter in the bin. Thank you -The Eco Team



## Languages at KEPS



### LATIN

After half term, Year 5 and Year 6 will be studying Latin using the 'Maximum Classics' course, a programme encompassing Latin language and the highlights of Roman and Ancient Greek culture.

The course aims to teach a foundation level in Latin language, focusing on grammatical and etymological (word root) understanding to support English language and literacy, as well as underpinning current and future foreign language learning. The course cherry-picks the 'best bits' of Classical culture, whilst focusing on their relevance to modern history and society.

Cultural segments in the course range from food to philosophy, from mosaics to the military, with an emphasis on active debate and hands-on creativity.

In addition to Latin, children will continue to learn French so they leave KEPS with a wider range of skills to prepare them for the variety of Modern Foreign Languages on offer at their chosen secondary school.

If you have any further questions do not hesitate to come and ask - Mrs Harvey - MFL Coordinator

## FOKE Donations

Our friendly FOKE team have kindly contributed towards all after school clubs this half term and they have also donated funds towards our new sensory rooms. They have pledged to support our reading shed and Eco activities too. All of this support makes a huge difference to our children. The FOKE team do a great job and are always aiming to provide new activities and initiatives whilst raising a little money as a consequence. I am sure we all appreciate their continued commitment to KEPS.

## Useful dates for your diary - others to follow

### Half Term

Sat 17th -Sun 25th Feb

### Book Fair Week

Monday 26th February

### Group Photographs 1015

Wednesday 28th February

### World Book Day

Thursday 1st March

### Mini Basketball Y5/6

Friday 2nd March

### Mini Basketball Y3/4

Friday 9th March

### British Science Week

Monday 12th March

### Pinxton Puppets F1 & 2

Tuesday 13th March

### Year 3/4 overnight-The Deep

Thursday 15th March

### Year 1 Grandparents Day

Wednesday 21st March

### F1 Stay and Play

Wednesday 21st March

### London Parliament Visit

Friday 23rd March

### Year 1 Toy Day

Wednesday 28th March

### Passover Themed Day

Thursday 29th March

### End of Spring Term

Friday 30th March

### Beginning Summer Term

Monday 16th April

### KS2 SATs Week

Mon 14th -Thur 17th May

### INSET Day

Friday 25th May

### Half Term

Sat 26th May-Sun 3rd June

### INSET Day

Monday 4th June

\*All dates subject to change

See school online diary to keep up with all the latest news at KEPS

