

04/10/2024



KIDSGROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Headteacher

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

One of our school values is Friendship. We have been encouraging the children to be supportive of one another and to celebrate each other's accomplishments. Friendship is one of our seven core school values, and at the start of the year, it is crucial that pupils develop positive relationships. In the coming weeks, our assemblies will focus on managing conflicts between friends and problem-solving together.

The new iPads have been given out this week and we are dedicated to using digital technology to support learning. Next week we will be introducing our new App, Showbie. Showbie, will allow children to present their knowledge in various ways.

During my learning walks this week, I have been immensely proud of all the children, but particularly our Nursery and Reception pupils. They have already become confident learners and are working well to build new relationships. It's wonderful to see our youngest children showing such exceptional manners and respect towards adults, greeting them and asking how they are.

We are so proud of our children's positive attitude to their swimming lessons week. It has been a privilege to see the determination and courage shown and then the proud smiles. I know we have had a few issues with the pool, so we have it on site until Tuesday 15th October.



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Thank you for all your kind donations. We will be taking our harvest donations to the foodbank in Kidsgrove.

Behaviour

Class	Percentage of Green Dojos
Mice	100%
Rabbits	100%
Squirrels	100%
Foxes	99.5%
Badgers	100%
Owls	99%

HELP with Safeguarding

Come immediately and see Mrs Johnson (Headteacher) or Mrs Newbon (reception Class teacher) or phone 08001313126

**FREE
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Are you entitled?



Nursery and Reception class places available for immediate start.

Ask about vacancies in other year groups throughout the school.

Full-time funding available



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Time 4 Wellbeing Programme For Your Family!

We at Kidsgrove Primary School are pleased to announce we will be working in partnership with Time 4 Sport, to offer our children to join their family members and have some fun, taking part in FREE fun Change 4 Life Healthy NHS Lifestyle Workshops; in a safe and informal environment educating our children/families on the importance of living a healthy lifestyle.

The 6 sessions will be weekly and commence from Thursday 3rd October 2024, 9-10.30am:

- FUN weekly multi-sports games/activities for all the family
- Advice on fats and sugars in foods, portion sizes and food labels
- Motivation & support on how to exercise and nutrition goals
 - Support on how to live a healthy lifestyle on a budget
 - Complete a activity booklet together
- Optional individual health checks, which includes physical measurements and a family questionnaire.
- Each child will receive a certificate for participating in the workshops.

Children and family members of a maximum of 16 families to consent first, will participate in these FUN NHS Healthy Lifestyle Workshops but as stated above the individual health checks including physical measurements (height and weight) and family questionnaires are optional and consent will be needed before these checks will be made.

If you would like to take part let us know and complete a consent form and questionnaire to the school office by Wednesday 25rd September 2024



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Around the School



In music, the children in year 1 have been learning about orchestral percussion instruments including triangles, maracas, snare drums and tambourines. They talked about how some percussion instruments are tuned and can play different notes. Also, they talked about how some percussion instruments are untuned and are not pitched to a specific note. Then, the children had the opportunity to play a percussion instrument to the beat of 'Tony Chestnut'. This is the song that they have been learning in our music lessons. 🥁 🎵

Through their writing journey to find the monster, reception had to pass the 'bubbly bubble lake' environment 🐸 🐸 🐸 . Here they found lots of objects and 'bubbles' with initial sounds on them. Their task to pass the lake was to match our objects with the correct initial grapheme.



In DT this week, badgers have looked at how a structure needs a strong foundation before they can begin to build their very own pavilion

Today in writing, Foxes continued to look at using adjectives in their writing. Using different pictures of settings and our favourite story characters, we moved in groups around the classroom adding our own descriptions using sticky notes. After visiting each picture, we have lots of amazing descriptions that we can now use in our writing 🖋️



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Hello Yellow

Come together in yellow.

Thursday 10 October 2024

Every year, thousands of schools, companies and communities come together to make World Mental Health Day that little bit brighter by wearing something yellow and donating to YoungMinds.

Right now, the world is a really tough place for children and young people to grow up in. We want young people to know that they don't have to go through this alone. Things can get better.

This World Mental Health Day, we are inviting everyone to come to school wearing yellow with thousands of others across the UK and bring in a donation of £2 to show young people that they're not alone with their mental health.

Because we stand brighter, together.



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Swimming

Next week – the children are loving it

Since 1994, swimming and water safety has been a statutory element of the national curriculum for Physical Activity in England. Swimming is the only sport to be included within the national curriculum physical education programme of study.

ALL PRIMARY SCHOOLS MUST PROVIDE SWIMMING AND WATER SAFETY LESSONS IN EITHER KEY STAGE 1 OR 2. But we are providing this to everyone!

How does it work?

Filtered, heated pool on the school Grounds (KS2 playground)

Qualified swimming teachers & Lifeguards

The pool is 32 x 16 ft - 55,000 litres - filtered - heated between 26-32 degrees and covered with a secure marquee.

All children must wear a swimming cap. **If you don't have one you can purchase them for £3 on the day.**

We will have separate spaces in school for the boys and girls to get changed for their lessons. Please bring flip flops / Crocs for the covered walk to the pool.

Pupils will receive a 30 minutes daily intense lessons in small ability groups.

If you haven't already done so please pay via Parent Pay.



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Dates

September 24	WC 30 th September – Year 1 – 6 daily swimming lessons
October 24	WC 7 th – Year 1 – 6 daily swimming lessons Thursday 10 th – Hello Yellow Day £2 donation Thursday 17 th – 9am – Seeing is Believing – Phonics / Reading – Join us in school and learn with your child WC 21 st – Year 5/6 Bikeability Friday 25 th – Halloween Dress up day £2.00 donation
November 24	Friday 8 th – Year 3/4 Bikeability Thursday 14 th – School Photos Tuesday 19 th – 1 till 2pm Reception Intake 25 Open Afternoon Wednesday 20 th – Flu Vaccinations Thursday 21 st – 9 till 10am - Reception Intake 25 Open Morning Thursday 28 th - 9am – Seeing is Believing – Maths – Join us in school and learn with your child Friday 29 th – Bring in a bottle for our tombolo store in return Non-Uniform
December 24	WC 2 nd – Assessment Week Wednesday 11 th – 4 till 6pm – Parents Evening Monday 16 th – Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day Wednesday 18 th – 9.30am KS1 Christmas Performance Wednesday 18 th – 2pm – KS2 Christmas Performance Thursday 19 th = 9.30am – EYFS Christmas Performance
January 25	
February 25	Thursday 13 th – Valentines Discos 1-2pm – EYFS 2 – 3pm – KS1 3 – 4pm – KS2 Friday 28 th – 9am – Join us for a brew and a biscuit



Dates

March 25	Thursday 6 th – World Book Day WC 24 th – Assessment Week
April 25	Wednesday 2 nd – 4 – 6.30pm – Parents Evening
May 25	Commencing May – KS1 Sats Friday 9 th -9am – Join us for a brew and a biscuit WC 12 th – KS2 SATS
June 25	WC 2 nd – Year 4 MTC WC 9 th – Year 1 Phonics Checks WC 30 th – Assessment week
July 25	Monday 7 th – 9am – EYFS Class Assembly Tuesday 8 th – 9am – Squirrels Class Assembly Wednesday 9 th – 9am – Foxes Class Assembly Thursday 10 th – 9am – Badgers Class Assembly Friday 11 th – 9am – Owls Class Assembly Friday 11 th – Reports go home Tuesday 15 th – Sports Day and Parents Picnic Wednesday 16 th – 5 till 6.30pm – Year 6 Prom Thursday 17 th 9am – EYFS / KS1 Acorn Awards Thursday 17 th – 2pm – KS2 Acorn Awards Friday 18 th – 2pm Year 6 Leavers assembly

**Save
the
Date**



More dates to follow – so
watch this space



Term Dates

Term and holiday dates for academic year 2024/2025

Autumn Term 2024

Inset day: Monday 2 and Tuesday 3 September

Term Starts: Wednesday 4 September

Half Term: Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November

Term Ends: Friday 20 December

Holiday: Monday 23 December – Friday 3 January

Spring Term 2025

Inset day: Monday 6 January

Term Starts: Tuesday 7 January

Half Term: Monday 17 February – Friday 21 February

Term Ends: Friday 11 April

Holiday: Monday 14 April – Friday 25 April

Summer Term 2025

INSET Day: Monday 28 April

Term Starts: Tuesday 29 April

May Day: Monday 5 May

Half Term: Monday 26 May – Friday 30 May

Inset day: Monday 21 July

Holiday: Tuesday 22 July – Friday 29 August



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