



KILLIGREW NEWS

16th June 2023

Dear Parents,

The Eco Council and Travel Ambassadors have been really busy over the past few weeks so we have included lots of information in this newsletter about their work. Keep up the splendid work children!

Kindest regards,

*T.Mylotte
Head teacher*

Attendance

Congratulations to Pelicans for excellent attendance last week. Well done to Skylarks, Bluejays and Toucans for their great attendance too.

Firecrests	93.1%	Puffins	96.0%
Skylarks	98.6%	Kingfishers	95.4%
Goldfinches	90.5%	Macaws	91.7%
Nightingales	94%	Pelicans	99.2%
Cardinals	96.6%	Toucans	98.8%
Parakeets	96.1%	Eagles	93.1%
Bluejays	98.9%	Peacocks	96.3%

Clean Air Day

This week, the children had an assembly about Clean Air Day. The ATA's are very keen for people to switch off engines when parked, rather than idling their engines. It can make a big difference to the quality of the air around our school and the air inside your vehicle.

Here is a link to two leaflets which further explain the initiative.

<https://killigrew.herts.sch.uk/news-events/letters-home/>

School Travel Plan

You will find two questionnaires on Google Classroom. Please help us with our School Travel Plan by completing them. One is for parents/carers and one is for children, so please complete the parent/carer one then ask your child to fill in theirs.

We are aiming to reduce the number of car trips to and from school to make the journey safer, healthier and more sustainable, as well as improving air quality around school. Thank you.

Sust Fest

Eco Council delivered assemblies about our 'No Waste Lunch' challenge. Please try to reduce any single use wrappings in lunch boxes. Excellent examples will earn an Eco Awareness Marvellous Me badge. See the Eco Council newsletter for more information. You can also see the Sust Fest website for other events that are taking place.

<https://sustainablealbans.org/sustfest/>

Other Eco Council News

We have been given a Swift Box from the Hertfordshire Zoo. Mr Borley is going to put it up on the school chimney as they need to be very high for the swifts to use them. If you are inspired to have one at home, there is more information here:

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/nature-on-your-doorstep/garden-activities/create-a-high-home-for-swifts/>



We have a bird bath in our little wild area (pictured) and the Eco Council will be working with Mr Borley to develop a new wildlife area.



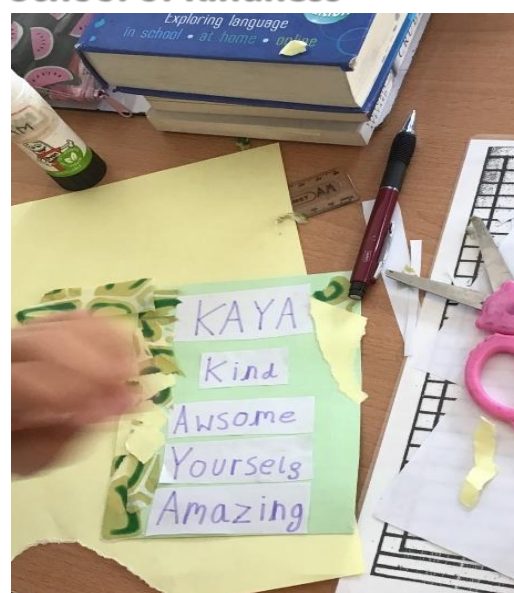
We are going to create more bug hotels, hedgehog hibernation homes, and add more bird boxes. We would appreciate donations of bamboo sticks, wood (to make bird boxes with), compost and clear Perspex. Please bring these to Mr Borley.

Staff Updates

We have some staff changes happening at the end of the school year. We will be sorry to say goodbye to Mrs Friend who will be taking early retirement. She has worked at Killigrew for 10 years but has been associated with the school for more than 20 years. Prior to that, she attended the school as a pupil!

We will also be sorry to say goodbye to Miss Palmer who is leaving teaching and to Miss Maggs who will be moving to a school much nearer to her home.

School of Kindness



Last week, Killigrew welcomed the School of Kindness charity for a wholesome morning of activities. We started off with an assembly where we were told all about the amazing work the charity does, and we explored what it means to be kind. We defined kindness and three characteristics: compassion, friendliness, and generosity with the most valuable being generous with your time.

In our classes, we created something to give to someone to show we are thankful for them and to show kindness. Y6 composed an entertaining rap describing what it means to be kind!



Coffee Mornings 9.15am-11.00am (no need to book)

Venue: The Hub, Fleetville Junior School, 228 Hatfield Road, St Albans, AL1 4LW

Dates:

Wednesday 28th June

Wednesday 4th October

Wednesday 29th November

Wednesday 31st January 2024

Wednesday 13th March 2024

Wednesday 8th May 2024

Wednesday 26th June 2024

For more information about this service or to book an appointment please call Vista on 07584 798528

Email: vistastalbans@gmail.com

Cricket

Last week, Killigrew had our first cricket match of the season against Skyswood. Ten children from Y5 and Y6 enjoyed an evening in the sunshine playing an entertaining game of cricket. With some fantastic bowling, catching and batting, Killigrew ended the game victorious. We are looking forward to our next fixture against Bowmansgreen. Well done to Grace, Georgina, Elaina, Anaya, Trishul, Austin, Josef, Sebastian, Evan, and Sammy.

Vista SEND Coffee Mornings

Vista St Albans is hosting coffee mornings with a School Family Worker to help support parents/carers of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, whether there is a diagnosis or not. This is an informal place to share information and chat.

Running alongside the coffee mornings, there is also the opportunity to pre-book an appointment with a member of staff from the SEND Specialist Advice and Support Service.

Free School Meals

If your circumstances have changed, you may be interested in the following information regarding free school meals for your child.

[Free school meals](#)

Feedback Form 22-23

Please add any positive comments, concerns or suggestions:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=UKgBZMCcg0yzyPngbCwRs9svUSsaXKhIrJIleIKv0S9UNIJRUFM2MTYzODILUEk5MVNMOVpCN0IWQy4u>

Name:

Child's Class:

Dates for the Diary 2022-23

(Any changes/additions to the previous week will be highlighted)

Date	Event
Monday 19 th June	PTA AGM 1.30pm
Friday 23 rd June	Y5 Virtual Greek day
w.b. 26 th June	School fundraising week
	Y6 Bikeability
Monday 26 th June	Y1 Trip to Capel Manor
	Library Service Visit
	Y3 Herts Catering Service Workshop
Wednesday 5 th July	Infant sports day
Tuesday 11 th July 2:00pm	Y6 play
Wednesday 12 th July 9:00am	Y6 play
Thursday 13 th July	Transition day-meet the new teacher
Friday 14 th July	Mr Mitchell's music concert
	Annual school report sent home
Monday 17 th July	YR-Y6 Parent & child reading session 8:40am
Thursday 20 th July	Y6 leavers' assembly
	End of term for children (2:15pm/2:20pm finish)
Friday 21 st July	INSET day (school closed)
Academic Year 2023-24	
Friday 1 st September 2023	INSET day (school closed)
Monday 4 th September 2023	Children return to school
23rd October- 27th October 2023	Half term holiday (school closed)
Monday 30 th October 2023	INSET day (school closed)

Friday 24 th November 2023	Occasional day (school closed)
21st December 2023-3rd January 2024	Christmas holiday (school closed)
19th-23rd February 2024	Half term holiday (school closed)
29 th March 2024-12th April 2024	Easter holiday (school closed)
27th May-31st May 2024	Half term holiday (school closed)
Monday 3 rd June 2024	INSET day (school closed)
Monday 22 nd July	INSET day (school closed)
Tuesday 23 rd July	INSET day (school closed)
24th July-1st September 2024	Summer holiday

