



KILLIGREW NEWS

17th November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Macaws led a great class assembly this morning, working cooperatively to sing a song in French. It was lovely to see how much they have learnt in such a short time. Their very topical work on volcanoes and their science experiments were very interesting.

Don't forget that next Friday (24th November) is our Occasional Day so school will be closed.

kindest regards,

T. Mylotte
Head teacher

Attendance

We had excellent attendance for Goldfinches last week, very closely followed by Nightingales, Parakeets, Bluejays, Macaws, Eagles and Peacocks. Very well done to all these classes!

Class	Attendance
Firecrests	92.0%
Skylarks	87.6%
Goldfinches	100.0%
Nightingales	99.0%
Cardinals	95.2%
Parakeets	98.9%
Bluejays	97.9%
Puffins	96.0%
Kingfishers	95.2%
Macaws	98.3%
Pelicans	95.3%
Toucans	95.0%
Eagles	99.0%
Peacocks	98.0%

Y2 Trip



Year 2 really enjoyed their trip to Paradise Wildlife Park. They learnt about rainforest animals and used map skills to move around the park as part of their geography topic.



The children were very excited about getting so close to a lion!



Y4 Brass Concert

We are really looking forward to hearing Y4 perform in their brass concert on Monday 18th December at 1:30pm. All Y4 parents/grandparents are most welcome to come along to hear the piece that the children have been learning this term.

Do you wear a uniform?

Reception's topic this half term is all about the clothes we wear. We are looking for any volunteers to pop into our classes to show us your uniform and why it is special to your role. This could be a police officer, a firefighter, anyone in the medical profession, sporting profession, builder or any job which requires you to wear a certain piece of clothing. We aim to carry out this activity before Christmas. Alternatively, if you are unable to come in, but would let us borrow your outfit for the day, that would be great. Please email the admin team if you can help us.

Diwali

It was lovely to see so many children wearing their beautiful Diwali clothes on Monday.



Y1 learnt about how Diwali is celebrated by Hindus. *'In our RE lesson, we were visited by Mrs Singh and Simran, who told us about how their family, as Sikhs, celebrate the festival together. They explained how light represents good and how they clean and open all the windows and doors to let in light and welcome positivity. We looked at the candles they decorate their house with including diva lamps that they have made from clay.'*



'We learnt that they have a big celebration with lots of food followed by fireworks. They also make Rangoli patterns using bright colours which we recreated together outside our classroom.'



School Uniform

We have noticed that a few children are not wearing the correct clothes for PE so thought that a reminder would be useful. All children should wear a pair of bright red shorts and a white t-shirt for indoor PE.

Junior children need a white t-shirt, red or black tracksuit trousers and a red sweatshirt for outdoor PE. These items do not need to have a Killigrew logo on them. PE kits should remain in school every day so that the children can participate in PE on any day. Here is a link to our uniform policy.

<https://killigrew.herts.sch.uk/parents/uniform/>

Gymnastics Success

We are delighted to share Samuel's (Y6) achievement from the weekend when he attended the East Region gymnastics competition held in Ipswich, Suffolk.



There were 5 categories (floor, rings, vault, parallel bar and high bar) and 8 clubs from Norfolk, Suffolk, Herts and Essex took part. Samuel was awarded two gold medals for high bar and rings and a bronze medal for the floor for under 12s. He works so hard in his training and he is really happy with the results he achieved. Very well done Samuel!

Thank You

St Albans & District foodbank has been in contact to say thank you for your harvest donations. They said that the donations make a big difference to local people in crisis. Killigrew donated enough food to make 420 meals. Thank you for your generosity.

Sports Updates

Football- By Finlay H

Last Wednesday, we took on Samuel Ryder Academy in a league match. From the start we dominated the play and Michael L scored a tap in after

only 5 minutes. Unfortunately, the lead didn't last long, and they quickly equalised to make it 1-1. We reset and after some lovely passing, Evan blasted it from inside the box into the side netting to take us into the lead again as we went into half time 2-1.

The second half saw some excellent defending from Cameron, Sammy and Theo marking their danger man to keep the Samuel Ryder team from equalising and it wasn't long before Kayden capitalised on a mistake from their defence to make it 3-1. Some excellent runs down the line from Finn and passing from Finlay and Evan took the ball up to our end again where, not happy with just one goal, Michael L took a shot to make the final score 4-1. Well done to Michael B and Kayden for stepping up to play in goal. We remain undefeated so far this season with 3 wins out of 3. Player of the match-Finlay.

Netball

On a very windy Monday, Killigrew hosted Park Street for our final netball game of the Autumn League. We were excited and determined going into our last game undefeated. We worked the ball down the court well and all worked well as a team.

Amelie and William linked together well and showed fantastic shooting where together they scored 14! The final score of the game was 11-1. (When the goal difference is 10 the scoring stops). We then continued to play a friendly where we mixed the positions up and we had a go in a different part of the court.

Well done to all who played and a special mention to player of the match William. (Daisy F, Daisy J, Valentina, Joni, Karen, Amelie)

Girls' football

We travelled to Bernards Heath for our second game of the season and first game for some of the girls. In treacherous conditions and sliding

over the mud, we defended brilliantly with Verity and Bernards Heath pinched a first half goal with the last kick of the half. We re-grouped and focused on the skill we are focusing on in training- passing forward and away from the centre of the pitch.

We showed tremendous strength of character and kept fighting to the final whistle with Alivia and Daisy F sending the ball forward to Keira who showed great composure and had a few shots on target. The final score was 5-0 to Bernards Heath. Really well done to Verity, Alivia, Emma, Joni, Keira, Daisy S, Daisy F and Nishi. Player of the match went to Alivia for her dedication to winning the ball back.

Samuel Ryder v Killigrew by Lucas

This week, Killigrew's B team played their first ever match away against Samuel Ryder's B team. In the first half, Killigrew had some amazing passes which led to some great chances on goal, but all were denied by Samuel Ryder's goalkeeper. The opposition broke out into attack and nearly scored, but Seeley threw his body on the line and made an excellent save - the first of many!

Both teams had some exceptional defensive challenges with Leo and Lucas ensuring the ball didn't get past them. The ball was played up the field where both teams battled hard, but Killigrew broke through Samuel Ryder's defensive wall with Thomas scoring the first goal. This was followed shortly by Edward's crisp finish. Killigrew headed into halftime with the score 0-2.

The second half began with a strong attack from Samuel Ryder leading to their first goal. Killigrew dug deep and with some skilful passing from Rio and Archie the ball was soon in the opposition's half again with Theeran clinching the third goal. Killigrew were not finished with their attack though. With Clayton's shot being deflected Arthur took the opportunity for our

fourth goal with a superb shot from a volley. With teamwork being the key, Clayton shot the ball towards the goal again and Samuel ensured it was definitely going in with a finishing touch. In the final few plays of the game, Samuel Ryder scored their second goal.

As soon as the final whistle blew, Killigrew had secured their first victory. What an amazing team effort against a great opposition - well done Killigrew B Team! Final score: 5-2 to Killigrew.

MVP- Thomas

Players - Archie, Arthur, Clayton, Edward, Leo, Lucas, Rio, Samuel, Seeley, Theeran and Thomas



Cross country

Well done to all the children who took part in Wheatfields cross country event. We showed great determination and resilience in the rain and the mud. Evan ran an incredible race and came first! Well done Evan- you should feel very proud of your determination throughout our cross country season so far. Well done Millie, Nishi, Olivia, Lexi, Rio, Theo, Finn and Evan.

PTA News

Year 1 Cake Sale

Thank you for your support for Year 1's cake sale. They raised £184 for the school! Year 3's cake sale will take place on Monday 27th November.

Wreath Making/Painting with Prosecco

Tickets can now be bought at <https://killigrew-pta.sumupstore.com> for the Wreath Making/Painting with Prosecco evening on Wednesday 29th November. There will be a bar selling prosecco and nibbles on the night and tickets are limited so get in quick!

Winter Wonderland

Killigrew's Winter Wonderland is taking place on Saturday 2nd December from 12-3pm. We need as many helpers as possible to make it a success so please look out for requests for volunteers on the PTA Facebook or Parents WhatsApp groups and let us know when you can help.

Non-Uniform Day

Thursday 23rd November will be a non-uniform day at school. The children are invited to wear their own clothes in exchange for a donation of a bottle or chocolate for the Christmas Fayre. Donations will be taken at the gate on the way into school that morning.

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](#)

Is my child too ill for school?

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Feedback Form

Please add any positive comments, concerns or suggestions:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=UKgBZMCcg0yzyPnqbCwRs9svUSs_aXKhrJlIeIKv0S9UNURUFM2MTYzODILUEk5MVNMOVpCN0lWQy4u

Name:

Child's Class:

Dates-Academic Year 2023-24

AUTUMN TERM 2023	
Date	Event
Thursday 23rd November 7:00pm.	Safe use of technology webinar for parents Y4 local area trip Non-uniform day in exchange for chocolates/bottle for PTA Winter Wonderland
Friday 24 th November	Occasional Day-school closed
Monday 27th November	Y6 RAF Hendon visit PTA Year 3 Bake Sale
Tuesday 28 th November 1:30pm	Rehearsal for readers and actors at the Advent Carol Service at the Abbey
Wednesday 29 th November 10:30am-11:30am	Advent Carol Service at the Abbey (Choir-parents and grandparents welcome)
Thursday 30 th November am	Flu immunisations
Saturday 2 nd December 12-3:00pm	PTA Winter Wonderland
Monday 4 th December	Read with your child 8:40am
Tuesday 5 th December 9:00am	LKS2 Christmas concert (parents welcome)
Tuesday 5 th December 2:00pm	UKS2 Christmas concert (parents welcome)
Wednesday 6 th December 9:00am	UKS2 Christmas concert (parents welcome)
Wednesday 6 th December 2:00pm	LKS2 Christmas concert (parents welcome)
Friday 8 th December 3.20pm- 3.45pm	Book Look (parents welcome)
Tuesday 12 th December 9:15am	EY Christmas Play (parents welcome)

Wednesday 13 th December 9:15am	EY Christmas Play (parents welcome)
Wednesday 13 th December 2:15pm	KS1 Christmas Play (parents welcome)
Thursday 14 th December 9:15am	KS1 Christmas Play (parents welcome)
Friday 15 th December	Mr Mitchell's music concert (pm) Christmas jumper day (wear a Christmas or winter jumper)
Monday 18 th December 1:30pm	Infant Christmas parties Y4 brass concert
Tuesday 19 th December	Junior Christmas parties Christmas dinner
Wednesday 20 th December	Last day of term -school finishes at 2:15pm/2:20pm Non-uniform day for winning house (KS2)
SPRING TERM 2024	
Date	Event
Thursday 4 th January	Spring term begins
Monday 8 th January	Read with your child 8:40am
Friday 12 th January	Bluejays assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
Friday 19 th January	KS2 Speech Cup final
Monday 22 nd January	PTA Year 6 Bake Sale
Friday 26 th January	Parakeets assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
Wednesday 24 th January	School Nurse visiting Y6 (TLM health questionnaire)
Friday 2 nd February	NSPCC number day Goldfinches assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
Monday 5 th February	Read with your child 8:40am School nurse visiting YR-health checks
Monday 5 th -11 th February	Feel Good Week
Tuesday 6 th February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 9 th February 3.20pm-3.45pm	Book Look (parents welcome) Firecrests assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
Wednesday 14 th February	Parents evening 3:30pm-6:30pm
Thursday 15 th February	Parents evening 3:30pm-6:30pm
Monday 19 th -Friday 23 rd February	Half term-school closed
Friday 1 st March	Secondary School allocation day
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day (Dressing up)
Friday 8 th March	Eagles assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
Monday 11 th March	PTA Year 2 Bake Sale
8 th -17 th March	British Science Week
Friday 15 th March	Red Nose Day Pelicans assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
Friday 22 nd March	Mr Mitchell's music concert (pm)
25 th -27 th March (evening)TBC	Alban Arena Concert-choir & musicians
Thursday 28 th March	Easter hat parade (children to bring a decorated hat to school) Non-uniform day for winning house (KS2) Last day of term-school finishes at 2:15pm/2:20pm
SUMMER TERM 2024	

Date	Event
Monday 15 th April	Summer term begins
Friday 19 th April 3.20pm-3.45pm	Book Look (parents welcome)
Wednesday 24 th April	School nurse visiting YR (health checks)
Friday 26 th April	Kingfishers assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
Monday 29 th April	PTA Year R Bake Sale
May TBC	Walk to School Week
Friday 3 rd May	Puffins assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
Monday 6 th May	Bank holiday-school closed
Friday 10 th May	Cardinals assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
13 th -16 th May	KS2 SATs week
Friday 17 th May	National Numeracy Day
Friday 24 th May	KS2 sports day (parents and grandparents welcome)
Monday 27 th -Friday 31 st May	Half term-school closed
Monday 3 rd June	INSET day
Monday 3 rd -Friday 14 th June	Y4 multiplication table checks
Friday 7 th June 3.20pm-3.45pm	Book Look (parents welcome) Nightingales assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
w.b. 10 th June	Y1 phonics screening check week
Monday 10 th June	PTA Year 4 Bake Sale
Friday 14 th June	Skylarks assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
Wednesday 26 th June	School photographer-class photos
24 th June-5 th July TBC	National Fieldwork fortnight
Monday 8 th July	PTA Year 5 Bake Sale
Tuesday 9 th July 9:00am	Y6 play (parents and grandparents welcome)
Wednesday 10 th July 9:00am	Y6 play (parents and grandparents welcome)
Thursday 11 th July	Transition day-meet the new teacher
Friday 12 th July 9:00am	Infant sports Day Mr Mitchell's music assembly (pm) Annual school report sent home
Friday 19 th July 9:00am	Y6 leavers' assembly (parents and grandparents welcome) End of term for children-school finishes at 2:15pm/2:20pm Non-uniform day for winning house (KS2)
Monday 22 nd & Tuesday 23 rd July	INSET days-school closed