



# KILLIGREW NEWS

19<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Dear Parents,

*As we come towards the end of this academic year, we send our very best wishes to the Y6 pupils as they prepare to move onto secondary school. They have been a super year group and we thoroughly enjoyed watching their end of year show last week. We look forward to hearing about how they get on in the future. We also wish the families who are relocating and Mrs Friend, Miss Maggs and Miss Palmer every success for the future.*

*I would like to thank you for your ongoing support. We have had a very successful year, getting back to our full programme of visitors and activities and welcoming you into school to share these with us. Thank you to everyone who has helped us e.g. on trips, workshops, in the library, and at Parent Forum.*

*School closes at 2:15pm tomorrow. I wish you a safe and healthy summer holiday and look forward to seeing you and the children on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September.*

Kindest regards,

T. Mylotte  
Head teacher

## Gold Sport Award

We are delighted to announce that we have just been awarded the School Games Gold Mark for the 2022-23 academic year. The School Games Mark is a government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to

reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.



Our sporting achievements this year include A, B and girls football teams winning their leagues, girls 6-a-side champions, representing our district for girls football, winning the district cup, coming second in the netball league, topping the girls cross country league, being in the final of the cricket league and many other successes on day events such as trigolf and tag rugby. Lots of our children competed in inter-school competitions this year and we are extremely proud of them.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that everyone's hard work has been rewarded. We look forward to applying once again in 2024!

A special thanks to the children and families who represented Killigrew and to Miss Walsh for making this possible.

## KS2 SATS Results

You may have heard that Y6 SATs results have gone down across the country in reading but ours went up!

### Our results

Reading 88% (National is 73%)

Writing 88% (National is 71%)

Maths 87% (National is 73%)

Combined 83% (National is 59%)

Very well done to the Y6 children and all staff who played a part in achieving these excellent results.

## Gardening Competition

We have just been notified that Killigrew came second in the St. Stephen's gardening competition. The judges were very impressed with our onions! We will receive a diploma, gift and free admission to the Gardening Club.

## Governors Update

*I was fortunate enough to attend the induction meeting for new intake parents last Thursday. I am sure we can all remember how excited we were, as parents, on the run up to starting at Killigrew. This year, we are thrilled that we have a full Nursery and two full Reception classes. We do have additional spaces in some other year groups. If you know of any parents who are moving into the area and are looking for a new school, please direct them to the Killigrew office.*

*On behalf of the Governors, I'd like to thank all the teaching staff at Killigrew and congratulate them on finishing this year with some truly outstanding results in the Y6 SATS. Every one of them has contributed to this final event, whether it was starting phonics in Reception, teaching about the Stone Age period, the seaside, the rainforest or conjugating verbs! The TAs, LSAs, admin team and site manager have also made a huge contribution this year, which I'd like to recognise. We say goodbye to Miss Palmer, Miss Maggs and Mrs*

*Friend, and wish them well in the next chapter of their lives.*

*We would also like to thank the newly formed PTA, for all the great work they have done so far. Setting up a new group did look quite daunting beforehand, but it's great to see the organisation start shaping up and we're excited to see some of the fundraising activities that are due in future. Our school community is all the better for being supported by a strong PTA that deliver additional funds, which benefit all the children in the school. It's a really tough time financially for many families, so please remember the PTA if you no longer need your child's uniform, or are in need of some pre loved uniform, ready for September.*

*When we come back in September, we will officially be in the 'Ofsted window.' These inspections have been in the press recently and are still the Government's main way of assessing school standards. As parents, you will have your opportunity to give feedback to the inspectors, by way of a feedback questionnaire, on the first day of the inspection. We encourage feedback throughout your child's education, so please feel free to follow the process of feedback, as outlined in every week's newsletter. On our last inspection, in 2018, Killigrew was graded 'Good'. Since then, the school has implemented the action points and helped pupils fulfil their potential. The children's results have been outstanding, in arguably the most difficult of circumstances, with results being recognised as being in the top 20% of schools in England in 2022.*

*Whatever you plan to do this summer, stay safe and enjoy your time together. We look forward to welcoming you back in September.*

*My best wishes,*

*Giles Fry  
Chair of Governors  
[admin@killigrew.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@killigrew.herts.sch.uk)*

## Music Lessons

We are delighted to inform you that KS2 instrumental lessons on piano will continue to be available at school next academic year.

### HOW TO SIGN UP

[www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/register](http://www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/register)

- Choose '**step 1 – select school**' and choose **Killigrew Primary School**
- Scroll down to '**step 2 – sign up for courses**'
- Scroll down to the **purple box** and choose '**lessons**'
- Click on the **instrument** that you are interested in
- Choose the **lesson length** you wish to have (please note shared (pair)/group lessons are subject to enough children signing up to create a viable group. If we are unable to offer this, you will be offered an alternative-shared or individual lesson
- Once you have selected the course type, click on '**add to basket**'
- Fill in the full details to complete registration.

If you already have an account with Hertfordshire Music Service, you will then get the opportunity to login with your existing information. Once you have registered, you will automatically be added to HMS waiting list and contacted once lessons become available.

More information including the cost of lessons can be found here

[www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk](http://www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk)

## Sports Week

This week has been our Sports Week so each class has taken part in a variety of different activities throughout the week. We were very lucky to welcome some outside agencies to introduce some new sports to us. The activities have included roundnet, interhouse rounders, tennis, dance and Boccia. Keep an eye on our Twitter page for photographs.

## Free Trees

Hertfordshire residents have the chance to claim free trees. Please use this link.

[Your tree, our future | Hertfordshire County Council](#)

## Parenting When Separated

The 'Parenting When Separated' programme' is a practical and positive evidence-based course for parents who are preparing for, going through, or have gone through a separation or divorce. It is a six-week course that highlights practical steps parents can take to help their children cope and thrive, as well as coping successfully themselves. Topics include:

- Solving co-parenting problems in a positive way that focus on the needs of children.
- Coping with the emotional impact of separation and learning stress management techniques.
- Helping your children cope with the impact of the separation both emotionally and practically.
- Enhancing communication with their children and with their children's other parent.

The course is free to attend and is open to separated parents from all backgrounds. Both mothers and fathers, resident and non-resident parents. Both parents of the same children are welcome to attend though they recommend you attend separate groups.

### How to register

You can be referred by a professional or parents can self-refer here.

<https://surveys.hertfordshire.gov.uk/s/5SHI7N/>

## PTA News

The PTA committee would like to say a huge thank you for all your help and support this term. Since the new committee was formed, we've raised £1171.77 for the school. We're very grateful to the

organisers and volunteers of the ice cream, cake and second-hand uniform sales plus the infant sports day refreshments.

A big thank you, also, to the Trigwell family for donating rolls for infant sports day and Rachel Shadbolt, whose company donated the soft drinks. If you have connections to a business that could donate goods or services for Killigrew PTA, or if you have a great idea for a fundraising activity, please get in touch via [killigrewpta@hotmail.com](mailto:killigrewpta@hotmail.com).

To celebrate the end of the year the PTA have arranged a special treat for all the children - an ice cream van will visit the school today and every child will be given a free ice cream or lolly to enjoy on the field with their class. We have also provided autograph books and contributed funds towards the end of year party for the Y6 classes as they mark the end of their time at Killigrew.

We'll be back in the Autumn term with more fundraising events to raise money for items needed to enhance our children's learning. Until then we wish all families a happy summer holiday!

## Free Weekly Timed Run

If your child enjoys running and wants to stay active over the summer holidays, you might like to register for free junior parkruns.

Verulamium Junior parkrun takes place in Verulamium Park, St Albans. There are other local junior parkrun events that may be nearer to you. Junior parkruns are free 2k runs, held every Sunday at 9am, aimed at children aged 4-14. You don't need to pay, but if you have not already registered for parkrun, you will need to.

<http://www.parkrun.org.uk/register/>

The aim of parkrun is to encourage everyone to be more active and to become involved by running, jogging, walking or volunteering. We have lots of budding runners at Killigrew, taking part in the Daily

Mile and regularly attending junior parkruns. Well done to those who have already earned their half marathon wristband (completing eleven junior parkruns) and marathon wristbands (21 junior parkruns).

Please see their course website here <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/verulamium-juniors/> for more details. If you do register, please select 'Killigrew runners' from the club list. If you have already registered for another parkrun, your barcode will work at any parkrun so you won't need to register again. You do not need to sign up for particular dates-you can just turn up on the morning and the volunteers will welcome you and talk you through how it works.

## Cricket

Last week, our cricket team took part in the finals of the summer cricket league. As we won all three of our games, we went through as top of our group and played Maple in the semi-final. We played a great game with it ending 35-7 to us and we headed into the final against Alban City. We have previously played them and went in with confidence and positivity. We were batting first and Alban City made it very difficult to get the runs and 4s and 6s. We had a challenge on our hands when it was our time to field. Unfortunately, it wasn't our day and despite a very successful cricket season, we didn't come home with the trophy. Well done and thank you to our cricket team- Sam, Josef, Austin, Trishul, Grace, Elaina, Anaya, Lucy, Sebastian, Evan and Sammy.

## Girls Football

Last Saturday, our Y6 girls football team entered the annual 6-a-side tournament. Our first game was against Maple which ended 0-0. Up next was Oakwood. Elaina and Amber stayed solid at the back to support Isabella in goal. Georgina and Grace had many close chances in the games with Georgina hitting the back of the net to end our second game 1-0. Our final group game was against Fleetville. Elyssia showed

determination in goal and Indy and Poppy continued to challenge the defence and create space up top. The game ended 0-0 and we went through top of the group to play St Adrian's in the semi-final. We continued to play well and show our flawless organisation and shape and cruised through to the final with the score being 3-0. The final was against Skyswood. The girls all played their part in the tournament. Unfortunately, the final game was cut short by the thunder storms, but with an absolute beauty of a goal by Grace beforehand, Killigrew were crowned champions. Another trophy to add to your collection this year girls! The whole of Killigrew are so proud to have been part of your football success.



### Feedback Form 22-23

Please add any positive comments, concerns or suggestions:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=UKgBZMCcg0yzyPnqbCwRs9svUSsaXKhlrJIleIKv0S9UNIJRUFM2MTYzODILUEk5MVNMOVpcN0IWQy4u>

Name:

Child's Class:

### Dates for the Diary 2022-23

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

Date	Event
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 leavers' assembly
	End of term for children (2:15pm/2:20pm finish)
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	INSET day (school closed)
<b>Academic Year 2023-24</b>	
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2023	INSET day (school closed)
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Children return to school

23rd October- 27th October 2023	<b>Half term holiday (school closed)</b>
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	<b>INSET day (school closed)</b>
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	<b>Occasional day (school closed)</b>
21st December 2023-3rd January 2024	<b>Christmas holiday (school closed)</b>
19th-23rd February 2024	<b>Half term holiday (school closed)</b>
29 <sup>th</sup> March 2024-12th April 2024	<b>Easter holiday (school closed)</b>
27th May-31st May 2024	<b>Half term holiday (school closed)</b>
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024	<b>INSET day (school closed)</b>
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	<b>INSET day (school closed)</b>
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	<b>INSET day (school closed)</b>
24th July-1st September 2024	<b>Summer holiday</b>

