



KILLIGREW NEWS

8th December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

The junior children set a very high bar indeed for our Christmas festivities. What fabulous performances from both lower and upper KS2. We are looking forward to welcoming you to the Early Years & KS1 plays next week.

Kindest regards,

T. Mylotte
Head teacher

Attendance

Well done Nightingales for keeping up that great attendance again-super work!

Class	Attendance
Firecrests	94.5%
Skylarks	94.5%
Goldfinches	97.9%
Nightingales	99.5%
Cardinals	96.4%
Parakeets	90.7%
Bluejays	92.9%
Puffins	94.0%
Kingfishers	91.2%
Macaws	95.0%
Pelicans	95.3%
Toucans	98.7%
Eagles	92.0%
Peacocks	92.0%

Wish lists

We would like to say a huge thank you to all parents/carers who sent us books from our class Amazon wish lists. It felt like Christmas had come early and we really are very grateful for your generosity. The books look so lovely in our reading areas. Thank you!

Y6 Author Recommendation

On Wednesday, Y6 took part in a virtual workshop with the author Katherine Rundell. We learnt all about her life and the inspiration behind some of her books, including her latest 'Impossible Creatures'. Other books by Katherine include 'Rooftoppers' and 'The Explorer'. Her books are wonderfully exciting and we recommend reading them!

Subject Vocabulary

We have produced some subject vocabulary maps to support your child. You can find them on this link at the bottom of the history, geography, RE and science subject pages.

<https://killigrew.herts.sch.uk/our-curriculum/curriculum-for-parents/>

These can be used to talk through the different words your child will be learning, and you could use them to extend your child's learning at home. We'd love to hear if they have carried on their learning in their own time!

Words in blue are words that we use over and over again in our teaching. They are especially important for primary education. Our vocabulary maps are ambitious, and your child will be able to use spelling supports for more complex words. However, we encourage children to practise spelling the blue words as they are so very useful!

Other subjects will be added to this page, so watch for updates!

Childcare Choices

You could be saving money on childcare costs but might not know what support you might be eligible for. The Childcare Choices website brings together all the existing childcare offers in one place.

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

You might be eligible to use more than one childcare scheme together. From next year even more help is on the way:

- From April 2024, eligible working parents in England with children aged 2 will have access to 15 hours childcare.
- From September 2024, the 15 hours childcare offer will be expanded to eligible working parents in England with children between 9 and 23 months old.
- From September 2025, eligible working parents in England with children between 9 months up to school age will have access to 30 hours childcare.

Support is also expanding for primary-school aged children. From September 2024, parents/carers are expected to see an expansion in the availability of childcare before and after school, between 8am and 6pm, also known as 'wraparound care'.

Neurodiverse children

A Neurodiversity Support Hub has been launched which is open Monday-Friday from 9am-1pm. Please note, no diagnosis is required to access the support and the helpline is open to parents and carers.

Contact them on 01727 833963 or via supporthub@add-vance.org

You can find a flyer on our website. <https://killigrew.herts.sch.uk/news-events/letters-home/>

You may find the following link useful as it has suggestions about how families can cope with sensory overload at Christmas. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/christmas-sensory-overload-advice/zw8pg2p>

Sports Reports

The Game of Two Halves by Lucas

Killigrew's B team's second game of the season was against Bowmansgreen's B team. Both teams started with 6 players on the field and Bowmansgreen made an early attack at Killigrew's goal, but the chance was denied! The ball was soon moved up the field and after some battling in midfield, Rio put Killigrew not one, not two, but three goals up. An amazing hat-trick. Killigrew's attacking formation was working and Lucas manned the defensive line. Shortly after, Thomas slotted the ball into the bottom left corner. Killigrew did not stop attacking and Clayton's shot made the score 5-0 to Killigrew. The score became 6-0 after a rocket of a shot from Edward flew into the net. After some great passes, Theeran dribbled past the Bowmansgreen defence, and he hammered the ball into the goal. Edward finished the match with a second goal. According to the league rules, if one team has a difference of 9 goals, the match ends. 9-0 Killigrew.

The Friendly

The match turned into a friendly because of the rules, but Killigrew didn't let that stop them from scoring. Just a few minutes after the whistle blew, Arthur put his name on the scoresheet with a wonderful strike. After lots of attempts on goal, Archie narrowly missed and hit the post, but all was not lost as Samuel was there to score a great finish. The scoring wasn't over though. Thomas grabbed his third soon after. In the last few kicks of the game, Seeley kicked the ball up the pitch to Leo's feet and he smashed an absolute world class shot into the roof of the net. Final friendly score 4-0 to Killigrew. Well done Killigrew B team! POM Thomas

Killigrew Vs Alban City- by Thomas F

On Thursday 30th November 2023 Killigrew's B team played against Alban City boys' team. It was very close defensively on both sides! It was a really fun game and Killigrew won the game 6-0. The Killigrew goal scorers were Rio, Clayton (2 goals!), Arthur, Samuel and Eddie. A great team effort on home ground. POM was given to Clayton for his amazing

performance in the match. Congratulations Killigrew B Team! Well done to Seeley, Leo, Lucas, Clayton, Edward, Rio, Samuel, Arthur, Archie, Theeran and Thomas.

PTA Update

Winter Wonderland

The PTA would like to thank everyone for their support last Saturday - altogether we raised an amazing £2,547.19. To each and every one of the 76 volunteers and the staff- THANK YOU! We hope that you enjoyed the experience and you volunteer for something in the future: we couldn't have done it without you!

Christmas Trees

Don't forget that you can raise money for the school just by buying your Christmas tree through www.christmastreeeasy.co.uk (making sure you select 'Killigrew' when you order).

Is my child too ill for school?

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

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

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
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
SPRING TERM 2024	
Date	Event
Thursday 4 th January	Spring term begins
Monday 8 th January	Read with your child 8:40am
Thursday 11 th January	Y1 trip
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 YR 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 10th 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 8th 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