

# **KILLIGREW NEWS**

9<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Dear Parents,

I thought you might like to see the letter we recently received from the Department for Education.

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Dear Miss Mylotte,

I am writing to congratulate you on your school's achievements in the 2022 multiplication tables check.

Your average pupil score of 24 out of 25 makes Killigrew Primary and Nursery School one of the top 200 performing schools in England for the multiplication tables check.

The excellent achievement of your pupils is something the Government hopes to see replicated in schools across the country. Knowing times tables is vital for school and day-to-day life. Recalling multiplication and division facts up to 12x12 is important for progression in maths. That is why we recently introduced these checks, as a helpful tool for teachers to identify those pupils who need extra support.

I would like both to congratulate your staff and pupils for their hard work and success and to thank you for your leadership in continuing to promote the important subject of mathematics.

Yours sincerely,

The Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP Minister for Schools Very well done indeed to last year's Y4 children and their teachers for their hard work in achieving such excellent results.

I hope that you have a very enjoyable weekend now that the sun has arrived!

Kindest regards,

T. Mylotte Head teacher

#### **Knex Workshop**



On Wednesday, Y6 were fortunate enough to participate in a K'Nex Challenge involving 150 schools. We learnt about STEM careers before beginning the challenge. In pairs, we had to work together to make a mechanical structure.

We had to use our DT knowledge of pulleys and gears to help us. It was a fantastic workshop and really helped our collaborative and communication skills as well as providing us with real life experience of STEM.



#### **Y5 South West Herts Consortium**

Don't forget that the closing date to register your child for the SW Herts Consortium academic and music tests is Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June.

#### **Summer Reading Challenge 2023**

Hertfordshire Library Service is delighted to announce Ready, Set, Read, the Summer Reading Challenge 2023. It is designed to keep children reading over the summer holidays and helps to maintain reading levels ready for the start of the next academic year.

Children are encouraged to read six library books of their choice during the school holiday, returning to their local library to share what they have been reading with staff and volunteers.

Each participant receives a themed folder and is awarded stickers for every book they read. Children who complete the challenge are presented with a certificate, a medal and a special finishing gift.

The theme for 2023 focuses on participation in shared sports and activities and aims to keep children's minds and bodies active.

Ready, Set, Read packs will be available in Hertfordshire libraries from Saturday 8th July. Further information on the Summer Reading Challenge in Hertfordshire and a link to the national Ready, Set, Read website can be found at <u>www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries</u>

# **School Uniform Reminder**

Please ensure that long hair is tied back with a small, plain coloured hair bobble or hair band, unless there is a medical reason. Any earrings should be flat to the ear and removed or taped on PE days. Children should wear shoes not trainers-summer shoes must be closed toe and ideally have a T-bar/ankle strap. Here is a link to the uniform policy on our website. https://killigrew.herts.sch.uk/parents/uniform/

# **Early Years Admission Forms**

If you have a child joining us in Nursery or Reception in September, please return their admission form and associated paperwork to us as soon as possible.

# **Children's Wellbeing Workshops**

The HCT Children's Wellbeing Practitioners regularly run a variety of workshops focused on child and adolescent emotional wellbeing and mental health. Some workshops are for the parents/carers of primary school aged children and others are directed at adolescents, although parents can also attend these. The workshops aim to provide support, guidance, some strategies and tips to support child and adolescent mental health.

The workshops are free to attend and currently take place on Microsoft Teams. The workshops available can be found on the Children's Wellbeing Practitioners Eventbrite page, where you can also find out more information about what the workshops will cover and book a place.

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/childrenswellbeing-practitioners-school-nursing-servicehertfordshire-33494371787

# **School Nursing Team Oral Health**

Please follow the link to the latest oral health information from the school nursing team: <u>https://killigrew.herts.sch.uk/news-</u> <u>events/letters-home/</u>

## **PTA Update**

Hello, Parents and Carers! A new PTA is in the process of forming. Eight parents have stepped forward to be on the committee (more details about us to follow) and the AGM is being held on Monday June 19th at 1.30pm: all welcome. After that, Killigrew will have an active PTA again. It will only be sustainable with your support, so please contact <u>KilligrewPTA@qmail.com</u> or message us on Facebook: 'Friends of Killigrew PTA' if you can offer to help in any way. Sincere thanks to anyone who has already offered to volunteer in some capacity: rest assured you are on a list and will be contacted as events become more numerous.

Keep your eyes on the noticeboards, future newsletters and year group WhatsApp groups for details of events this term. We'll be:

- honouring the cake sales already on the calendar
- running £1 ice cream sales on Fridays after school outside the infant office for the rest of the term (16/6; 23/6; 30/6; 7/7; 14/7)
- serving refreshments at infants sports day

We need volunteers to help with each of these, so please engage with Year Group Reps when you hear from them and/or send us an email or Facebook message using the details mentioned above if you can spare a little time.

We are looking forward to getting some events going for our community to enjoy. Hope you'll join us on the journey and together we'll be able to raise much needed funds for the school. **PTA** 

#### **Hot Weather**

Please remember sunscreen, hats and water bottles next week.

## **Free School Meals**

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

# **KS2 Sports Day Report**

On Sports Day this year there were many fun and enjoyable activities to participate in with your house teams. Before the event, in PE, we took part in javelin, long jump and 600m races. These contributed to the final scores. Some of the exciting games the juniors played were the netball shoot, hurdles and football shoot. All of these activities were inclusive, so no one was left out and everyone had a good time. Some activities required a lot of skill and attention including the quoit toss, the sprints, beanbag toss and the tennis relay.

If you had come 1st, 2nd or 3rd in your sprints, you would be put forward for the sprint finals. The Year 3's and 4's had a relay final, and the Year 5's and 6's had a sprint final. There was also a Year 5 girls relay, Year 5 boys relay, Year 6 girls relay and Year 6 boys relay. The rest of us cheered our houses on.

After sports day, we came back together to reveal the results:

Aylward came 4<sup>th</sup>, Wilberforce came 3rd Barnardo came 2<sup>nd</sup> and Shaftesbury were this year's winners .

We would like to thank all the parents and family members that came to support us.

Written by Josef, Y6 Peacocks

# Feedback Form 22-23

Please add any positive comments, concerns or suggestions:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=UKgBZMCcg0yzyPnqbCwRs9svUSsaXKhIr JIIeIKv0S9UNIJRUFM2MTYzODILUEk5MVNMOVpCN0IWQy4u

Name:

Child's Class:

#### Dates for the Diary 2022-23

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

Date	Event
w.b. 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Y4 multiplication table checks
	Y1 phonic screening check
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	YR Roald Dahl Children's Gallery trip
w.b. 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 work shadowing week
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA AGM 1.30pm
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Y5 Virtual Greek day
w.b. 26 <sup>th</sup> June	School fundraising week
	Y6 Bikeability
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1 trip to Capel Manor
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Library service visiting
	Y3 Herts Catering Service workshop
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Infant sports day
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Annual school report sent home
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2:00pm	Y6 play
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July 9:00am	Y6 play
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition day-meet the new teacher
Friday 14th July	Mr Mitchell's music concert
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	YR-Y6 Parent & child reading session 8:40am
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)
	Academic Year 2023-24
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	Half term holiday (school closed)
2023	
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	INSET day (school closed)
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> March 2024-12th April	Easter holiday (school closed)
2024	
27th May-31st May 2024	Half term holiday (school closed)
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024	INSET day (school closed)
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	INSET day (school closed)
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	INSET day (school closed)
24th July-1st September 2024	Summer holiday

