



Keir Hardie Newsletter

Parent Meet & Greet Sessions

We would like to say a big thank you to all the parents who have attended the meet and greet sessions so far. We look forward to meeting many more of you next week.



Celebrations



We were all very pleased and proud of our Early Years, Key Stage 1 (Year 2) and Key Stage 2 (Year 6) SATs results and Year 1 phonics screening. A big thank you to all the staff, pupils and parents for their hard work and commitment.

Attendance



The Attendance Team would like to thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child has good attendance! Over the past few years we have seen an improvement in the school's attendance figures, we are still striving to reach our target of 97%.

To help us reach this target we would kindly ask that parents only request term time leave in exceptional circumstances. All other term time requests will remain as unauthorised absences.

We would like to remind parents to contact the school if your child is going to be absent or unwell and upon their return to school to provide any medical evidence.

In line with government regulations if your child's attendance falls below 90% in a term or there are 12 unauthorised sessions, a penalty notice of £60 per parent may be issued or a referral to the Attendance Management Service made.

We look forward to working with parents and carers again and hope that this year will be another successful year for attendance at Keir Hardie!

	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
Whole School Attendance	95.3%	95.6%	95.4%

Working at expected level	Reading	Writing	Maths
Year 2	82%	80%	80%
Year 6	100%	100%	100%

Early Years Level of Development	71% (Good)
Year 1 Phonics Check	92%

Upcoming Dates

- **Friday 23rd September**
- INSET Day (School Closed)
- **Tuesday 27th September**
- Yr 3 Meet & Greet
- **Wednesday 28th September**
- Yr 2 Meet & Greet
- **Week Beginning Monday 3rd October**
- Yr 6 Residential to Aberdovey (Wales)
- **Tuesday 4th to Wednesday 5th October**
- Yr 3/4 Cycle Training (all day)
- **Week Beginning Monday 12th October**
- Yr 5/6 Cycle Training (all week)
- **Monday 24th to Friday 30th October**
- Half Term Break (School Closed)



Circusology Workshops

Keir Hardie pupils started the academic year by participating in a series of exciting Circusology workshops designed to develop dexterity, balance, coordination and concentration.



Happy Puzzle Company

Students from across the school put their maths skills to the test when they challenged themselves individually and collectively to solve a variety of absorbing maths problems.



Natural History Museum

During the first week of term, our Year 4s enjoyed a fascinating day at the Natural History Museum exploring and discovering interesting facts about the creatures and animals which inhabit or no longer inhabit the earth.



Houses of Parliament

On Tuesday 20th September, the Year 6 students had the privilege of visiting the Houses of Parliament. They were able to go into both the House of Commons and the House of Lords and stand in the very hall where slavery was abolished. They also took part in a short workshop where they learnt about how new laws are made.



Lambourne End

On Monday 19th September, the pupils in Year 4 spent an exciting day at Lambourne End. They participated in a range of activities including orienteering, a ropes course, team building exercises, learnt all about mini-beasts and the many uses of different plants.



History off the page

To introduce their History topic, our Year 6 pupils took part in a special workshop to experience what life was like during the 1940s.



Year 1 visit Margate Beach

As an introduction to their humanities topics, our Year 1 pupils visited Margate Beach on Tuesday 20th September.

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Are you working or doing a college course? Do you need after school care for your child? If so, please speak to Mrs Bond or Ms Berni about our After School Club. The cost is £35 per week or £8 per session. The club operates every day from 3:35 - 6pm during term time only. We currently have **10** spaces.