



Keir Hardie Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carers,

Flowers are blooming, evenings are becoming lighter and warmer weather is on the way as we finish the Spring Term and enter the Easter Break. We were delighted to welcome pupils back to school in March; the pupils have settled back in tremendously well and really shown their MAGIC Habits in their attitudes towards their learning. I would like to thank all parent / carers for their continuous support and wish all a restful Easter Break.

Attendance Update

A huge congratulations to our pupils and families for the outstanding attendance on Google Classroom. We appreciate that at times it was difficult, but with your support we managed to achieve a high engagement online.

Whole School Remote Learning Attendance

Week	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week
1	2	3	4	5	6
69.8%	86.7%	92.1%	95.5%	94.7%	93.4%

Spring Term 2 Attendance

KH Whole School Attendance (including EYFS)	KH Whole School Attendance
95.7%	96.2%

It has been an amazing return back to school, please continue to support us with raising our attendance.

Important Reminders

- hay fever / cold and runny nose **are not** reasons to keep your child at home.
- If you are concerned that your child's symptoms are related to COVID, please get them tested and inform school.
- Please remember to call the school as soon as you know that your child will be absent.

Dates for the Diary

Friday 2nd —Friday 16th April

- Easter Break (**School Closed**)

Monday 19th April

- Summer Term Begins / Pupils return to school

Friday 30th April

- Friendship Friday

Monday 3rd May

- May Bank Holiday (**School Closed**)

Friday 28th May

- Friendship Friday

Monday 31st May — Friday 4th June

- Half Term Break (**School Closed**)

Monday 7th June

- Pupils return to school

RE

April 2021 is full of religious celebrations. Passover began on the 27th of March and ends on the 4th of April, Easter Sunday falls on the 4th of April and Ramadan is likely to begin on the 12th of April. You can find information to share with your child for each of these important days on this link: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/39565685>. Please take a look on your child's Google Classroom to support your child to enter into the Keir Hardie RE competition. There will be a prize given to a winner from each year group!

Ramadan

As the season of Ramadan approaches in April, we would like to ask parents/carers to inform the school if their child will be fasting. To ensure that safety procedures are adhered to during the lunch period, there are very limited spaces and areas around the school and pupils & staff must remain with their bubbles. Parent/carers will need to be mindful of these arrangements when making decisions and prior to informing the school.

Relationships & Health Education

We are happy to inform you that this term we have finalised our Relationships and Health Education Policy and curriculum. Thank you again for all your feedback and support in our consultation meetings. In the summer term we will begin teaching our Relationships and Health Education curriculum as part of PSHE. The topics for the term include; 'physical health and mental wellbeing', 'growing and changing' and 'keeping safe'. Please take a look on our school website for further information.

Staying Safe

We would like to say a big thank you to the parent / carers for keeping safe at the school gates and keeping school informed of any updates. A quick reminder, if you or your child do receive a positive test result during the Easter Break, please inform the school so we can make any necessary track & trace arrangements. Thank you.

Comic Relief / Red Nose Day

To celebrate Red Nose Day and raise money for Comic Relief, the pupils and staff at Keir Hardie dressed as superheroes for the day! We would like to thank all the pupils, parents and staff for their kind contributions, the total raised was £200.00. Please click the image [right] to see images from the day!



World Book Day

The school celebrated World Book Day with some fantastic costumes from pupils and staff! It was a wonderful celebration of books and reading, with remote workshops from Bigfoot theatre company throughout the day, and assemblies so that we could all share our love of reading from home and school. Please click the image [right] to see images from the day.



Keir Hardie in Bloom!

The flowers are beginning to bloom at Keir Hardie Primary School. Pupils across the school have been enjoying fantastic sessions with Mrs Gilani, learning about different types of seeds, seed germination and the best conditions for growth. Click the image right to discover more.



Keir Hardie Poetry Book

Haiku's, acrostic's, short verse, long verse. Rhyming or non-rhyming; the pupils, parents, staff and school governing body members have been writing poems to capture our own experiences during the pandemic. We aim to compile the poetry and publish a Keir Hardie Poetry Book. If you would like to contribute a poem to for the book, please email your contribution to:

info@keirhardie.newham.sch.uk

Online Safety

Please continue to keep your child safe online. There are some fantastic resources available on the school website and via the LGfL website. Please click the icons below to access.



Newham Easter Holiday Programme



There are lots of exciting activities occurring across the Easter Holiday period. Please click the image above to access the Newham Holiday Programme.

Governors Update

On behalf of Keir Hardie Governing Board, Cleon Wilson
– Chair of Governors.

This Spring term has been a busy one for the Governing Board.

We sadly saw the departure of one of our Co-opted Governor, James Collier. We thank him for his voluntary service and wish him all the best.

We were delighted to welcome a new Staff Governor to the Board, Mrs Alasko. Mrs Alasko is a 1:1 SEN TA and is keen to offer her time and expertise.

Meeting with School Improvement Advisor

Back in January, Oran (Vice Chair) and I met with the school's Improvement Advisor, the headteacher and senior team. We mainly discussed the school's remote learning provision. We asked some tough questions to satisfy ourselves that the teaching and learning within the school remained strong. We are confident that lessons are well executed via remote provision, on account of teachers' strong practice. We also note, staff have improved in confidence in managing and delivering online and live streamed lessons.

Governor Finance Training

In January, The Governing Board attended Finance Training virtually.

One of our newest Governors had the following to say, "The finance training we received in January gave all Governors the opportunity to understand how to budget and ensure the school is in good financial health. It was particularly informative and beneficial for me to see how much is being spent and the impact of our spending in particular areas of the school. The finance training has given us the necessary tools to ensure we are managing our resources effectively and improving every year to provide the best possible outcomes for our children."

Emmanuel Awoyelu, Co-opted Governor

Termly RE Link Governor Visit, Cleon Wilson

– RE/ RHSE Link Governor

I virtually visited several classes across years 1 through to 6. I was very impressed with what all the children remembered from their RE lessons both online and face to face. They were able to recall the virtual tour of a church, online workshop and so much information about Christianity and Hinduism.

A year 4 child said the best thing about RE is 'respect and tolerance of other religions.' I was so impressed with a year 6 boy who mentioned the story of Jesus' betrayal and the cross curricular link to creating a pie chart to deduce who may have been responsible - absolutely incredible!

Termly Safeguarding Visit, Yvette Freestone

– Co-opted Governor

"Safeguarding at the school is robust and all best practices are followed. DBS checks, staff training are up to date and learning mentors continue to be extremely supportive of pupils and parents. Well done to the senior leadership and all the staff for their hard work."

We wish all staff and children a restful Easter Break.