



Dear Parent/Carers, once again it has been a MAGIC filled Autumn 1 half Term. We are delighted to share the fantastic learning experiences that have taken place so far at Keir Hardie. I would like to thank you for all your continued support and encouragement during the beginning of this academic year and wish you all a restful half term break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 30th October.

New Attendance Information

The London Borough of Newham and Department of Education has introduced new attendance information for schools to put into practice.

As from this Term we are following new guideline from Newham Attendance Support Service:

- Inform parents when attendance is **below 95%** by sending out a **School Attendance Concern Letter 1**.

To make parents aware of their child's current attendance, inform school of any concerns. As a school community will work together to overcome any barriers and improve attendance.

Where parents have provide medical evidence for absences, no further action will be taken.

The school attendance policy is currently being updated with this information and will be available on the school website.

The Governing Board, staff and pupils say farewell

We are saying goodbye to Ms Tromp who is retiring. Ms Tromp has been a member of the Keir Hardie family for over 10 years. We would like to say a heartfelt thank you to Ms Tromp for her commitment and hard work and wish her a very Happy Retirement.

Keeping children safe in the dark

As the clocks go back an hour and as the nights draw in, it is an overnight adjustment for all of us keeping children safe in the dark. The darker evenings can have a big impact. However, our routines of picking up children from playdates or afterschool clubs, cycling home from work or taking the dog out for a walk all continue. These common daily activities can be very different experiences in the dark.

Take a look at the following websites for simple steps on how to stay safe in the dark:

[First Aid for Life](#)
[Cycle Training](#)
[Children's Accident Prevention Trust - Be Bright Be Seen](#)

Keir Hardie Loves Reading

Keir Hardie is a Reading School, we want our pupils to be passionate about reading. There are wonderful spaces across the school to pick up a book and read including: classroom reading corners, the wellbeing reading hut and our school library. The school library is open after school on Tuesdays between 3:15 - 3:45pm for pupils to visit.

The school reading lead, Ms Nguyen, would like to say a big thank you to the parents/carers who attended the reading workshop.

Please encourage your child to read for at least **20 minutes** a day. The Half Term break is a great opportunity to delve into a new book or visit a library.

To find out more about libraries in Newham, please click here: [Newham Library Information](#).

Important Dates for the Diary

- **Friday 20th October**
Staff INSET Day [School Closed]
- **Sunday 29th October**
2am: Clocks go back 1 hour [Daylight Savings Ends]
- **Monday 30th October**
Pupils return to school
- **W/B Monday 30th October**
Year 6 Residential to Wales
- **Tuesday 31st October**
Primary to Secondary School Deadline for Applications
- **Monday 6th November**
Individual Pupil Photographs
- **W/B Monday 13th November**
Anti Bullying / Rights & Respect Week
- **Monday 13th November**
Odd Socks Day
- **Wednesday 15th November**
Year 6 Junior Citizens Visit to Tate & Lyle
- **Monday 20th November**
Flu Vaccines
- **Wednesday 22nd - Friday 24th November**
Year 5 Residential to Fairplay House
- **Friday 24th November**
Friendship Friday
- **Wednesday 6th December**
Parents Evening 3:15 - 7:45pm [Face to Face]
- **Thursday 7th December**
Christmas Jumper Day
Pupil Christmas Lunch
- **Tuesday 12th December**
EYFS Nativity (AM Showing)
- **Wednesday 13th December**
EYFS Nativity (PM Showing)
- **Thursday 14th December**
Year 2-6 Nativity
- **Wednesday 20th December**
Last Day of Autumn Term (**Pupils finish at 1pm**)
- **Thursday 21st December - Wednesday 3rd January**
Christmas Break (**School Closed**)
- **Thursday 4th January**
Pupils return to school (**Spring Term Begins**)



Keeping Children Safe Online

It is important for our pupils to stay online whilst in school and at home. LGFL have some great advice and tips for parents/carers for keeping their children safe online. Please visit <https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/> for more information.

House Points Update



GARNET
1061



EMERALD
1137



SAPPHIRE
1174



CITRINE
1197

Parent Survey: Workshops

Thank you to all the parents/carers who completed the parent survey on workshops. We are currently reviewing the feedback and will update parents with a schedule of workshops for the Autumn / Spring Term.

Celebrating Our MAGIC Learning!

Please click the links below to view some of the exciting learning that's been taking place!



[Year 2 visit to Lambourne End](#)



[Year 1 History Workshop](#)



[Year 2 History Workshop](#)



[Year 5 History Workshop](#)



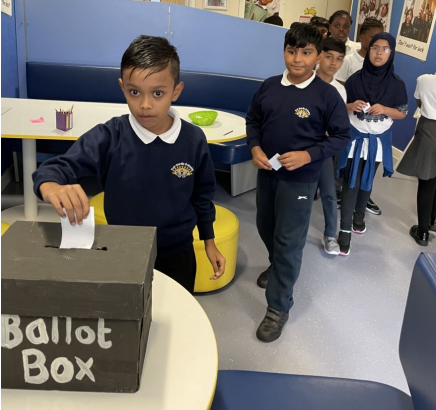
[Year 6 History Workshop](#)



[Autumn Harvest!](#)



[Harvest Collection](#)



[School Council Elections](#)



[Special visit from Artist!](#)



[SEND Ten Pin Bowling](#)



[Sports In Your Future](#)



[Cross Country](#)

OCTOBER HALF TERM PROGRAMME



Join us this half term for free activities in the parks for children and young people. This half term we will be based in our Multiuse Games Areas (MUGAs) across 5 parks. As part of our activity programme we want to hear your thoughts on how these great spaces could be improved. So come down and chat to us and try a variety of sports including Football, Basketball, Handball, Baseball/Softball, Cricket, Netball and Tennis! We will also be running fun mini activities for little ones, including: Mini Tennis, Mini Kickers and Mini Yoga!

DATES:
Monday 23 October – Friday 27 October
TIMES/AGES:
 11am-12pm - 3-5 years
 12pm-2pm - 5-11 years
 2pm-4pm - 12-16 years
VENUES:
 • Central Park, High Street South, E6 6ET
 • Plashet Park, Plashet Grove, E6 1BT
 • Plashet Park, Balaam Street, E13 0PE
 • Canning Town Rec, FreeMasons Rd, E16 3PB
 • Little Ilford Park, Church Road, E12 6HB

PLAYZONE CONSULTATION

Have your say on PlayZones in your local area

London Borough of Newham is seeking the views of residents to understand the community need and requirements for local PlayZones.

The PlayZone Programme is a new, exciting investment programme aimed at tackling inequalities in physical activity and access to facilities by funding community-led spaces.

Its aim is to focus on communities with the greatest need and will deliver new or refurbished safe and accessible mini pitches that will allow priority groups to be more active.

Primarily funded by the Football Foundation, PlayZones are high quality facilities offering space for recreational physical activity across sports such as Football, Netball, Rugby, Cricket, Hockey or Basketball.

In order to gather information we will be running engagement activities alongside our holiday programme. We would love to hear from you, so come down and have your say!



To book: tinyurl.com/OctoberHActivity
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