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**Inspiring Excellence** Keir Hardie Newsletter

#### Headteacher's Message

Welcome Back! We hope you enjoyed the festive break. It is wonderful to see how well the pupils have settled back into the school routines. We look forward to working together as a school community to improve outcomes for all our pupils. Thank you for your continued support. Please find below some key updates for the Spring Term.

### Attendance Update

The attendance percentages for the Autumn Term 2023 were as follows:

Nursery & Reception	Year 1 to Year 6	
90.4%	94.3%	

Our school target for attendance is 96%, and regular school attendance is proven to improve outcomes for pupils.

Attendance percentage can be equated to the following number days missed per academic year.

100% Attendance	0 days missed		
98% Attendance	4 days missed		
96% Attendance	8 days missed		
95% Attendance	10 days missed		
94% Attendance	12 days missed		
93% Attendance	14 days missed		
92% Attendance	16 days missed		
91% Attendance	18 days missed		
90% Attendance	19 days missed		

#### Poor attendance has an impact on progress, social skills and attainment.

Adhering to the Local Authority's attendance policy:

- The school will not authorising any term time leave. Any leave taken without the school's permission could result in a penalty notice.
- Medical evidence is required when a pupil is absent for three days or more or attendance is below 90%.
- The school will continue to inform parents when attendance is below 95% by sending out a School Attendance Concern Letter 1.

#### Timestable Rockstars / Sumdog

To support pupils fluency in' mental arithmetic, all pupils have access to the online platforms Timestable Rockstars and Sumdog. They are great resources for pupils to practice their timestables and are accessible on most devices. Please encourage your child to access the platform at home. For any login queries, please speak to your child's class teacher or email the school via the school info box: info@keirhardie.newham.sch.uk.

#### Narrowing the Gap

The school will be organising after school Booster Sessions from Year 1 - Year 6 on Thursdays. If your child is invited, you will receive a notification via ParentMail.

#### Reading

At Keir Hardie we are passionate about reading. please encourage your child to read 20-30 minutes per day. we are committed to ensuring that the school provides creative and enriching books for pupils to take home and read. There have been a number of books which have not been returned to school, please help your child look at home for any unreturned books. A polite reminder, if a

## Important Dates for the Diary

- Friday 26th January Friendship Friday
- Thursday 1st February Spanish Day
- Week Beginning Monday 5th February World of Work Week (Aspiration Week)
- Tuesday 6th February Internet Safety & World Computing Day
- Friday 9th February INSET Day (School Closed for pupils)
- Monday 12th Friday 16th February Half Term Break (School Closed)
- Monday 19th February Pupils return to school

#### Message from the Governing Board

Happy New Year from the Keir Hardie Governors. The Board would like to create more opportunities to engage with parents in 2024. Please look out for opportunities to meet governors in future newsletters. We look forward to meeting you!

#### **WoW World of Work Week**

We work with an organisation, that supports school to connect with businesses to help pupils develop knowledge, skills and understanding about the world of work. We want to increase our pupils aspirations for the future.

From Monday 5th - Thursday 8th February, Keir Hardie will participate in World of Work Week. There will be visitors to the school and pupils will participate in theme based lessons & workshops, and attend educational visits to places of work.

The themes for the week will be:

Nursery - My First Job **Reception - All Aboard** Year 1 - Robots & Machines Year 2 - Community Jobs Year 3 - Building Futures Year 4 - Showcase Year 5 - Ethical Business Year 6 - Tech Masters

#### **Pupil Survey Feedback**

We conducted a Pupil Survey to gain pupil voice and views on different aspects of school life end of Autumn term. A summary of the feedback below: This feedback will be used to inform decision making with the support of our pupil leaders (School Council, Prefects, Sports Leaders, Librarians and Digital leaders).

	EYFS	KS1	KS2
Safety & Behaviour	84%	98%	93%
Learning & Teaching	81%	87%	88%
Wellbeing	86%	100%	91%
Play & Lunchtime	82%	87%	76%

book is lost or not returned to the school, a payment of £5 will be requested to cover the cost of a new book.

#### **Parent Workshops**

We will be organising Parent Workshops to support parents:

- Year 1 Phonics-preparing for Phonics screening
- Maths Workshops-How we teach maths
- Reading Supporting reading in school and at home
- Wellbeing and Mindfulness-Supporting Mental Health

If there is a particular subject or area that you believe could be beneficial in supporting parents, please let us know by emailing the school info box: info@keirhardie.newham.sch.uk

Your views are important to us!

House. We raised £375

#### **Richard House Children's Hospice**

A Richard House representative visited the school to thank the pupils and explain to them about the wonderful work the charity does to support children with life-limiting conditions. Thank you parents/carers for your support and contributions - extended on behalf of Richard

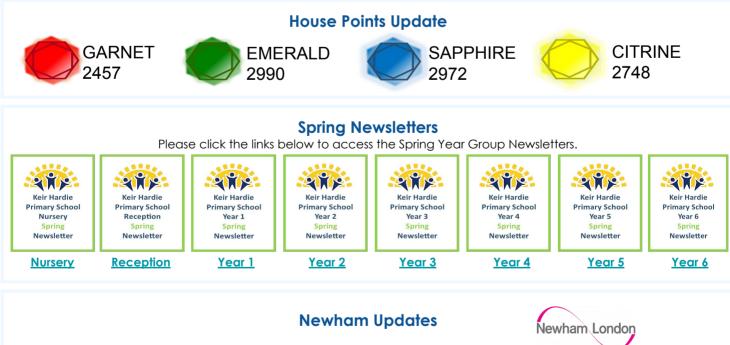
#### **Picture News**

A reminder that each week Keir Hardie pupils and staff discuss a **Bia Question** linked to current affairs in the news which also links to British Values, UN Rights of a Child and the MAGIC Habit of the week. The resources are updated weekly on the Homepage school website and discussed in assemblies. Please remember to have discussions with your child about the weekly Big Question topic. This will develop children's oracy ability to discuss and **debate** skills current issues.



#### **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 <u>https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/</u> for more information.



Polio & MMR Vaccination Catch Up Clinics

If your child is aged between 4-11 years, they may be overdue for their Polio and/or MMR Immunisations. Vaccination UK are running the following clinics so that children can be vaccinated and protected.

Saturday, 27th January, 10:30 am-2:00 pm, Beckton Globe Library, E6 5JQ Saturday, 10th February, 10:30 am-2:00 pm, Canning Town Library, E16 1EH Saturday, 24th February, 10:30 am-2:00 pm, Katherine Road Community Centre, E7 8PW

If parents/carers would like an appointment for their child to receive the Polio and/or MMR vaccine, please follow this <u>link</u>.









#### Find a place to stay warm and have something to eat as the months get colder.

The community warm havens not only offer a hot meal but support, guidance and signposting to other services including, debt and benefits, employment and mental wellbeine

Take part in free activities designed to improve both your mental and physical well-being. Join sessions like yoga, board games, music, arts and activities for children. Your community is here to support you!

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