

Keston C. E. Primary Newsletter 25 31st March 2017

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Dear Parents,

Future Dates:

18th April: First day of the new term.

Awards

Congratulations to the following children who received their **Silver Awards**: Leela Doshi, Nikhil Doshi, Lily King and Henry Wiltshire (Y1), Lexi Belgrave and Charlie Wang (Y2), Zac Boutcher, Katie Carere, Taylor Caulfield, Alexandra Gere, Jonty Parish, Myles Parsons and Frankie Whitney (Y3), Livia Di Mucci, Grace Hower and Bobby Caulfield (Y5), Eleanor Benke (Y6). **The Spike Award** for attendance and punctuality went to **Y1** this week and the Music Trophy was awarded to **Y6** – well done both!

School News

Easter Service

Many thanks to Mrs Ross and the Worship Committee (Grace Freemantle, Emilie Browning, Phoebe Williams and Archie Hill) for organising Wednesday's service which included some beautiful singing from the children. Rev Carol was presented with a card and a leaving gift and our very good wishes as she looks forward to her new post in Groombridge. Our thanks too to David Cook for accompanying the children's singing.

Clubs

Clubs are now live on Gateway. **Please book by 17th April as late requests cannot be accommodated.** Once a club is full, it's no longer visible on Gateway. However, it's always worth checking periodically in case extra spaces are released (eg if people change their minds).

Easter Competitions – Thursday 30th March

Many congratulations to Evan Stuart and Beth Craddock (YR), Harrison Gardener and Tegan Mitchell-Ramdas (Y1) and to Benjamin Browning and Florence Spencer (Y2) whose Easter Bonnets were

chosen by the Y6 House Captains as this year's winners. We had some fabulous entries so the decision was not an easy one!

Isabella Mumford and Blaine Cresswell won the Blown Egg Competition for Y3 with Issey Edmunds, Dolcie Gatsell, Ophelia Rose and Joseph Saunders for Y4. We were delighted to have Miss Glew as a guest judge! She found it a very hard decision as there were so many fantastic entries.

The Y5/6 Egmobile Competition was won by Drew Gatward with Ryan Smith (and his very inventive elastic band seatbelt) second and Francesca Pepper third. Well done all!

Y5 Saxon Day

First of all, we started with a quiz. It was set up with double sided boards with lots of information about the Anglo Saxons. Next we entered the Mead Hall and had a (pretend!) fire in the middle of the circle. We sat around the circle and shouted our names out as loud as we could. Then we made up nicknames and added in adjectives – I was Livia, The Great Artist! Afterwards we listened to the story of Beowulf and acted parts out. We played a really fun game called Nine Men's Morris. After listening to the story of Grendale, we acted out a little war between the Normans and the Saxons and played a game called Fox and Geese. We looked at weapons and things the Anglo Saxons were buried with such as glass jars and brooches. The workshop was fun and I learned lots. – Livia Di Mucci

Poetry Slam

On 29th March, we went to a Poetry Slam at Trinity Primary School. We met a poet called Mr Gee and we talked about what poetry meant to us. After play, we talked about dreams and feelings and about how to construct a poem. Then Mr Gee put us into groups. We were put with two Y9 girls and we started our poem which was based on how some dreams make zero sense! After lunch, we finished off our poem and then performed it in front of the whole school and some judges. Once we had all read them out, the suspense started to build up and then they announced the winners. We didn't win but we thoroughly enjoyed the excitement and thrill of the day and we all got a badge for taking part. – Isis Ottewill and India Saunders Y5.

Lunches

Despite our plea in the Newsletter last week, we've still got a number of lunch accounts in deficit. Unfortunately, children whose accounts are still in deficit at the beginning of next term, will not be

provided with a school lunch until their account has been cleared.

Miss Tomlin Goes Travelling

We wished Miss Tomlin a Bon Voyage today as she leaves us (temporarily!) to go off travelling to Australia and then to the USA. It will certainly be very quiet around school without her! We will look forward to hearing about all her adventures when she returns in September. In the meanwhile, YR will be taken by Mrs Louth and then by Mrs Mole.

Drama Club Performance

I was so proud of every member of Drama Club when they performed "Whoever Heard of an Easter Badger". They have worked hard all term and it was apparent as they gave such an amazing performance. I would also like to thank parents for providing such amazing costumes. I'm looking forward to next term already! - Mrs Turner

(NB: We would like to say how proud we are of Mrs Turner for penning the play – it was brilliant!)

JTA (Junior Travel Ambassadors) Competition

Our JTAs, Millie McNamara, Alex Payne and James Duval have been very busy judging the entrants of their two competitions. Here are the results you've been waiting for: KS1 excelled themselves with some wonderful names for our JTA bear mascot. He shall henceforth be known as Jackson, as named by Tom Rose Y1. Well done!

The KS2 Design a Seatbelt Model competition was won by Drew Gatward Y6 with his clever cardboard construction and William Summerfield Y3. Winners receive JTA goodies! – Christine Martin.

Y6 Forest School Celebration Treat

For working so conscientiously, going the extra mile and trying super hard, Y6 have been earning raffle tickets, 8 of which have been drawn this week. These 8 winners got their celebratory treat in Forest School today, solving a riddle not unlike the one in the book they've been studying all term: Wolf Brother and earning their feast! Well done! – Christine Martin

Chess Club Winners

Many congratulations to Tim Kirdar (Y6) who won the final tournament. Also to Hugo Stone (Y5) who won the best player trophy as a result of his calm and consistent match strategies.

Keston Bank

To add to the celebrations of the 25th anniversary of the Lewisham+Bromley Credit Union, from 1st March, children will be able to open accounts without paying the £3 administration fee! We suggest you open your accounts while this window is open.

Sporting News

KS1 Bunny Run

Florence Spencer, Annabel Waite, Eoin McCarthy, Sam Weber, Harrison Gardener, Tom Rose, Isabella Impey, Evie Saunders, Tegan Mitchell-Ramdas, Ben Rose and Lexi Belgrave represented the school in this annual 800m cross country event at St Paul and St Peter's in Orpington. The children all did fantastically well with a special mention to Sam Weber who came first overall!

KS2 Gym Competition

The Teams, comprising Lewis Rodgers, Eddie Waite, Aquilah Ismail, Nabilah Ismail (Y3/4) and Hugo Stone, Ruben Spencer, Lucy Hempseed and Lucy Pitt (Y5/6), represented the school on Monday at Farringtons where they competed a number of local schools. Y3/4 came a commendable fourth with Aquilah and Nabilah doing particularly well in the vault. Y5/6 came fifth with the whole team looking particularly stylish!

PTA News

Bags2School

Bags came home yesterday/today via book bags. It's an easy way to raise funds for school so if you're having a clear-out over the Easter break, please take the opportunity to off-load any good quality adults' and children's clothing, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags and soft toys. Unfortunately we are unable to accept uniforms, bedding, curtains, towels, household linen or bric-a-brac. Please return any filled bags to school by 10th May. Extra bags are available from the Office or, alternatively, bin bags are fine.

Stamptastic

Leaflets were sent home via book bags this week for Stamptastic, a company who do fab name stamps to use on clothing, plastic and anything else that requires personalisation. The PTA will receive up to 30% cashback against orders of these, when parents use the code **BR26BN** when they order online.

Pantomime

The PTA have acquired reduced rate tickets to Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs at the Churchill Theatre on Wednesday 20th December at 1.30pm. Tickets normally £33-36, we are selling them for £20 and we

have reserved all of rows B, C, D and E, so great seats. To book tickets, please email kestonprimarypta@gmail.com. As we booked the date thinking the children would still be at school on 20th, Mrs Evison has kindly said that children who are attending the performance are able to leave school at 12.30pm (school closes at 1.30pm)

Community News

Easter Activities – Please see separate attachment

Childminding Vacancies – Please see separate attachment



With very best wishes for a lovely Easter break. Let's hope the sun shines and the Easter Bunny is kind to all of us!

Julia Evison
Headteacher