

Park Infant Academy

Autumn 2 Newsletter

We have had another busy time at Kettering Park Infant Academy. It was so lovely to welcome all our families into school for our Friday reading session, we look forward to seeing you all every Friday from your child's drop off time until 9am. This week we have looked at ways to support Mental Health and the children have carried out activities linked to this. Within school we have also been focusing on our behaviour expectations and ensuring all children are ready for learning and demonstrating that they are a responsible learner. The teaching staff are looking forward to meeting with you all for parents' consultation next week, if you haven't already booked your appointment on Arbor please do so as this is a vital time to discuss your child with their teacher. Have a lovely weekend and if you have any questions please do come and speak to the staff. Mrs Powell.

OPEN DAYS

We are delighted to offer open days for our new Reception children who will be starting with us in September 2023. Please contact the office if you would like to make an appointment. The latest available dates are:

Thursday 20th October at 1.30pm

Saturday 5th November at 9am, 9.30am, 10am, 10.30am

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Thank you to those that have already returned their child's photographs. Please be reminded that they need to be returned by Monday 17th October at the latest. Please hand them to your class teacher or the school office.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

We are looking forward to celebrating harvest on Tuesday 18th October. This will take place in school and we would like to invite families to bring in items that can be given to Homestart Food Bank. Donations can be brought into school from Monday 17th October 2022. We will be taking videos of the children performing and will share them with you. Thank you for your support with this.



DOLCE SCHOOL CATERING

From the 31st October, after half term, we will be changing catering providers to Dolce Schools Catering. If you have ordered through Dolce for next week's meals, please cancel them and order through Kingswood as normal. If you haven't already done so, please remember to order your child's free school lunches. You can order the main meal and the children will be able to choose sides and puddings on the day. If you need a new link sending to you, please contact the school office or alternatively if you need to contact Dolce for any advice, please contact Dolce Customer Care team, Monday to Friday 8am to 5pm on 01942 707709 or by email to customercare@dolce.co.uk.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 17th October	Year 2 Trip to Wicksteed Park
Monday 17th October and Thursday 20th October	Parent consultations
Tuesday 18th October	Harvest Festival
Friday 21st October	Close for half term
Monday 31st October	Return to school

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Arriving at school on time every school day is crucial. Children must be brought into school by an adult or sibling who is of secondary school age.

The attendance target for every child is at least 97%.

Whole School Attendance: 94.6%

Rainbow Room: 94.2%	Class 1: 100%	Class 2: 100%	Class 3: 100%	Class 4: 93.9%
Class 5: 95%	Class 6: 94%	Class 7: 97.3%	Class 8: 95.4%	Class 9: 94.1%

The Attendance newsletter has been sent for all families to read.

Children in Reception need to be in school by 9am and finish school at 3.10pm. Children in Years 1 & 2 need to be in by 8.50am and finish their school day at 3pm. Children must be collected promptly.

We will be sending out weekly emails to those parents who's children are late and monthly emails for those who are persistently absent. Please be aware that this is a government requirement but if you have any queries you can contact the office. Please, where possible try and book appointments outside of normal school hours and if you are reporting a child absent please call the office and leave a message before 8.30am. The message left should explain why your child is absent.

Reading aloud with your child, just **10 minutes** a day, is one of the best ways to provide learning tools for life

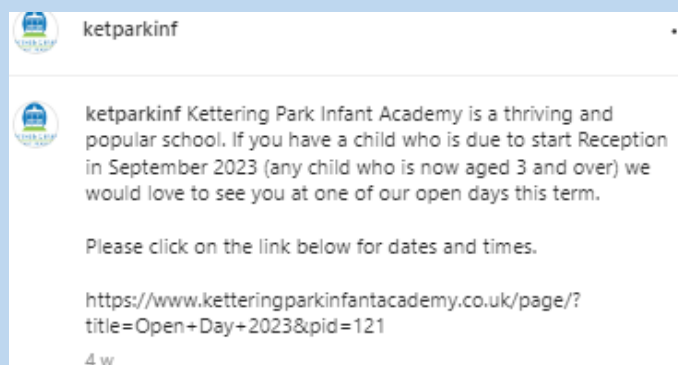
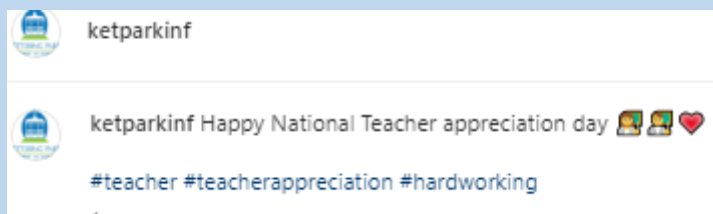


READING

Reading is incredibly important to all our children and we really appreciate your support with this. Please can you spend time reading with your child every day. This can be reading their school book with them or reading to your child. If you have any questions please speak to your child's teacher.

KPIA SOCIAL MEDIA

We are on Twitter and Instagram: @Ketparkinf



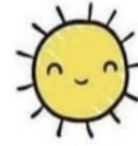
Mental Health Day

Monday was World Mental Health Day, so this week the children have been discussing mental health, particularly how to turn negative thoughts into positive thoughts. We call these red thoughts and green thoughts. In assembly, we looked at a story and how the character had some red thoughts and how much more he achieved when he turned those thoughts green! An example of a red thought could be 'Nobody wants to play with me' with a green thought for this being 'I could talk to a teacher or ask someone new if they would like to play'. See if you can practice this at home when you're feeling down to help with your resilience and growth mindset!

Self-Care & Mental Health for Kids



Share your own feelings to encourage self-awareness.



Find social groups that help them feel like they belong.



Focus on articulating feelings.
"I am angry."
"I am sad."

Set aside time for low-stress or solo activities.



Practice self-care for yourself to set the standard.

Encourage journaling and diaries.



Encourage your child to focus on the moment.

Establish a self-care routine.

Recognize toxic stress events.

BlessingManifesting

Cultivate interests and hobbies.

ART AFTERNOON

On Monday we welcomed Year 2 parents into the hall to join in with an art afternoon.

The children really enjoyed being creative and enjoying putting into place their new understanding of perspective and space.

