



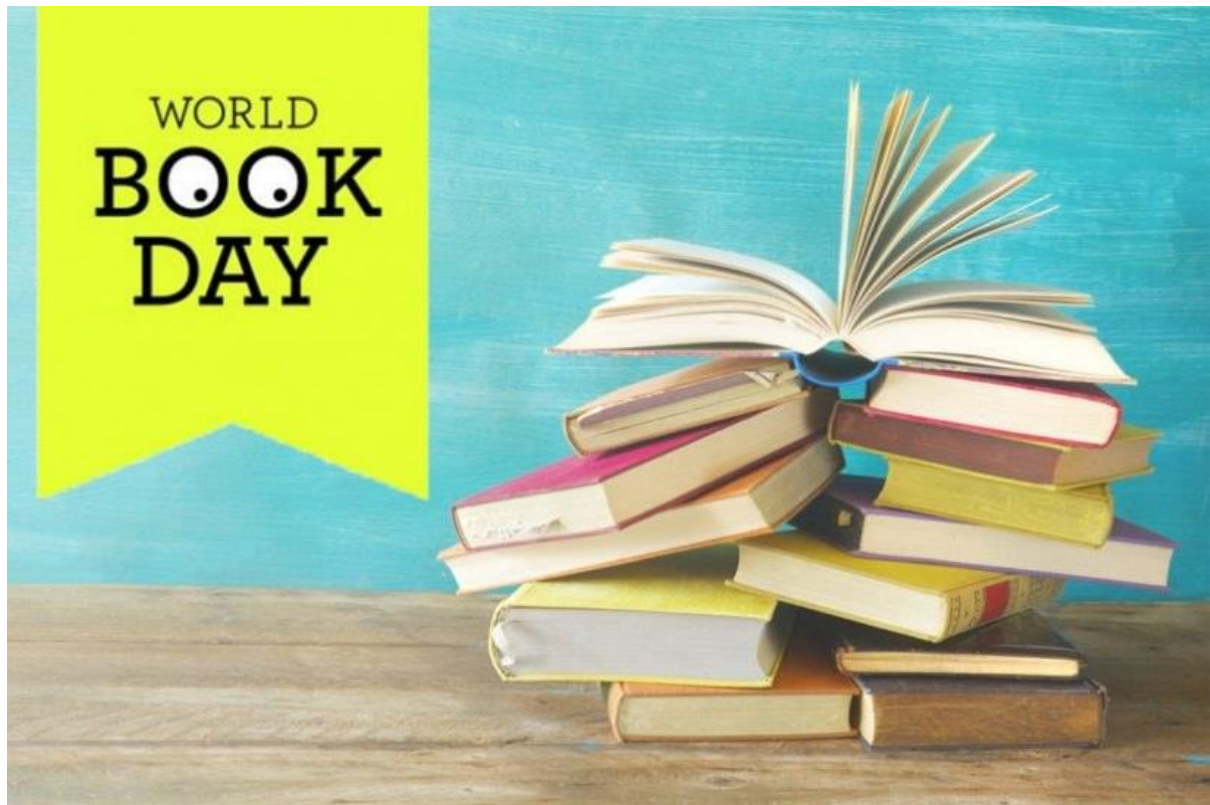
January 2023

It has been a busy time at Kettering Park Infant Academy. It has been lovely to see the children enjoy the many different clubs that we have on offer this term, my thanks to the staff for providing our children with such a range of clubs for the children to enjoy. The children have all been working hard on their presentation and handwriting and it has been pleasing to see progress especially with children in Year 2 - keep working hard everyone, I have been so impressed. It is always lovely to see

the work produced by the children when I am visiting their classrooms and they are always so proud of what they have achieved. We will soon be completing our RWI assessments for this term, please ensure you are reading at home with your child daily, if possible, as this will really support and impact their progress.

Have a lovely weekend. Mrs.Powell

World Book Day



It is World Book day on Thursday 2nd March and we will be inviting the children to dress up as their favourite book character. There will be more information to follow in the coming weeks.

Attendance



Here are the figures for attendance so far this term. If you have a child in a Reception class who turned 5 years old before the 31st December 2022, they will now be marked as absent or late. Emails are sent out highlighting your child's attendance or late record on a weekly and termly basis. At KPIA we know it is incredibly important to bring your child, on time to school. This is vital in assisting with their education, their social skills, and routine. If the children miss just a couple of sessions, it may take some time before they are back to their daily routine. We understand that children can be ill and do take illness into consideration before sending out emails. This is all in line with guidance from the Government. If you have any questions regarding this, please see our Attendance Policy on our website.

Class 1 - 99.4%

Class 2 - 99.1%

Class 3 - 99.6%

Class 4 - 94.1%

Class 5 - 92.9%

Class 6 - 91.4%

Class 7 - 95.3%

Class 8 - 94.8%

Class 9 - 91.9%

Rainbow Room - 91.3%

Whole school attendance - 93%

NSPCC Number Day

On Friday 3rd February, the school will be taking part in a 'Number's Day' which is a great opportunity for children to apply their maths skills in a fun and enjoyable way as well as raise money for the NSPCC charity. The money raised could help this fantastic cause to run it's 'Speak out Stay Safe' programme helping children understand what abuse is and what to do if they are scared or worried. The school would appreciate any donations towards this worthy cause. Thank you for your support.

Mental Health Awareness Week



Mental Health Awareness Week is on Monday 6th February to Sunday 12th February 2023, as a school we will be carrying out activities linked to this. We will share information with all our school community.

Aladdin



As a school we have been lucky to be able to see a showing of "Aladdin". The M and M Theatrical Company came into school last week and put on a wonderful performance which had our children and adults taking part in the singing and dancing, which they thoroughly enjoyed.









Safeguarding



Out of hours housing, debt & benefit advice

At Accommodation Concern we understand that the Cost of Living Crisis is affecting more of us than ever before with more people who are in full time work requiring help and advice on Debts Housing and Welfare Benefits

We know it can be difficult to make an appointment if you work full time 9-5 Monday to Friday. Because of this we are now happy to be able to offer an out of hours drop in service.

You can visit us on:

Monday - Friday 9:00am - 5:00pm	1 Meadow Road, Kettering, Northamptonshire NN16 8TL
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Or out of office at:

Saturday 09:00am - 12:00am Check our Facebook page for details of location	Wednesday 5:00pm - 8:00pm 1 Meadow Road, Kettering, Northamptonshire NN16 8TL
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We would prefer you to make an appointment if you are unable to access the service during the day but we will accept walk in's if we have availability.

Contact us today to book an appointment
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Online Safety

ONLINE SAFETY

Online safety is incredibly important in protecting our children. Please find attached an information poster that we think you will find useful.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about MINECRAFT

Minecraft is a beloved classic of modern gaming. First released in 2011, this open-ended 'sandbox' game of building and exploration still has over 140 million players who happily return to play it at least once every month. Minecraft has also been utilised for much more than just entertainment. It's sometimes used in schools to teach children coding, and it's also employed as a tool for computer-aided design, which is another valuable skill. Encouraging creativity and problem solving, Minecraft has plenty to offer gamers of all ages, and it's available on almost all video game platforms.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

PUBLIC SERVERS
Joining a public network (called a server) lets your child instantly interact with strangers through text chat. Some servers focus on role-play, while others encourage direct player interaction. Anyone can join public servers and connecting to one is relatively simple. Public servers are vulnerable (and therefore frequently hacked), are easy to find with search engines.

GRIEFING
Some people in Minecraft delight in purposefully destroying or destroying another player's creation. This is called griefing and is a form of bullying. Griefing can be prevented by using a private server. Many public servers treat griefing as a serious offence and frequently ban offenders.

ADDICTIVENESS
Minecraft's gameplay is relatively simple, and the outcome (when it does have built-in winning time, for instance) can be achieved in a relatively short time. The game is highly addictive, it's easy to lose track of time while playing Minecraft. Considered young players to target about other activities like homework or enjoying family time.

RESEARCH CONTENT CREATORS
There are a lot of Minecraft content creators who release content about the game on YouTube and Twitch. Not all of these creators are suitable for children. Watching these content creators can lead to children being exposed to inappropriate content. It's a good way to find out about Minecraft videos to share with your children. This document also contains more about the game itself, and how your child plays it.

ENCOURAGE BREAKS
It's easy for the hours to fly by while your child is playing Minecraft, so reminding them to take regular breaks is essential. This is a useful way for them to learn good time management, which they'll benefit from as they get older. It will also teach them to play their favourite games in moderation, preventing addictive behaviour and allowing them to manage their day better.

MEET OUR EXPERT
Chris Godwin (aka. Lumberdude) has worked as an editor and publisher on the gaming magazine Edge and is a leading authority on the game. He's also a Minecraft player and has been working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.

CHOOSE THE RIGHT MODE
Selecting 'Creative' or 'Peaceful' mode allows children to play Minecraft without having to contend with enemies. It's also a great way for you to get used to playing the game with them, since the difficulty level is lower. This allows you to work together on a long-term project, creating something great without the threat of menacing zombies or creepers damaging your build.

TALK ABOUT STRANGERS
At some point in their lives, almost everyone needs to have contact with a stranger online. Talking to your child about online safety, therefore, is essential – as is having a plan in place for dealing with any issues or difficult situations. Remind your child to never reveal to a stranger online their contact details, and that they should come to you straight away if they do encounter a problem.

SCARY ELEMENTS
The visual design and gameplay of Minecraft is generally friendly, but there's nothing on screen in the game that's scary. However, the game's sound effects and music can be unsettling. Some of the game's sound effects and music can be unsettling. Some of the game's sound effects and music can be unsettling.

ADDITIONAL PURCHASES
After initially buying the game, players can make optional extra purchases for cosmetic items and other content. Minecraft features an in-game store where players can purchase items. These items are not necessary to play the game, but they can be a source of distraction. Some players may be tempted to spend money on items they don't need. It's important to set boundaries around in-game purchases and to ensure that any money spent is from a trusted source.

HOST A PRIVATE SERVER
The easiest way to find a safe server for hosting a game is to use a service like Minecraft Realms. This service allows you to create a private server and invite only the players you want. It's a good way to ensure that your child is playing on a safe server and that they are not exposed to strangers. It's also a good way to ensure that your child is playing on a server that is suitable for their age group.

National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

www.nationalonlinesafety.com @nationalonlinesafety

Arbor and Pupil Information

Arbor is the system we use to store all of our children's data. It includes details of those grown ups that we can contact, should we need to, during the school day and information about our children that we need to fulfil government requests, such as address, nationality, languages spoken. You would also have received an email recently asking for consent regarding photographs and where they are used.

Could I ask that you check your child's account and make sure we have at least two sets of contact details, correct email addresses, any allergies that your child may have and please complete any missing information, such as ethnicity and languages spoken. If you would like to opt out of giving consent for school photos, then please do so as a matter of urgency. If you have any questions regarding this matter, then please feel free to contact the office and we will be happy to help.

School of Rock

Some of our Year Two children will be taking part in "The Big Sing" in March and the practice sessions sound amazing! I have attached an information poster for you. Don't forget to purchase tickets so that you can enjoy this if your child is performing. We look forward to sharing photos of their experience with you soon.



Based on the Paramount movie written by
Mike White

Music by
Andrew
Lloyd Webber

Book by
Julian
Fellowes

Lyrics by
Glenn
Slater

NMPAT Big Sing

Derngate, Northampton

6.30pm on Monday 6th March 2023

Tickets available from the Derngate box office:
01604 624811 or scan the QR code >>>



School Uniform

If you have borrowed some of the spare school uniform recently, could I ask that it be returned as soon as possible. We are running low and won't be able to provide spares for the children when they need it. You are always welcome to leave a spare change of underwear and/or uniform in your child's bag. We can leave this on their peg or it can be taken home every day.

Strike Action

I can inform you that the school will be open on Wednesday 1st February 2023. If you have any questions then please do let me know.

Before and After School

Please can you ensure that you (parents/carers) are responsible for your child/children before and after school and that everyone is still following the school rules. We have had some reports that this

is not always happening and I thank you for your support with this matter. If you have any concerns, please do speak to a member of staff.

