



# Newsletter 28th April 2023

## Kettering Park Infant Academy

We have had a great start to the term at KPIA and it has been lovely to see the children working hard. Mrs. Eldridge has started at the school as Deputy Head Teacher and we look forward to Mrs. Everest starting on Tuesday 2nd May as Assistant Head Teacher and teacher in class 6. The children have all started their new topics for the term and have continued to take part in their daily RWI sessions. Please take time to read at home with your child every day, this is incredibly beneficial to all children, the children bring home a book to read and you can also access additional books on Oxford Owl. If you have any questions please do speak to your child's teacher. We are looking forward to many other events over the summer term including many trips and visitors into school. Have a lovely weekend and thank you for your continued support.

Mrs.Powell

## Attendance

We believe that all our pupils should be given the best chance to do well in life. We know that coming to school on time, every day, is important if your child is to get the best start. There is a clear link between good attendance and good results.

If your child is absent from school you must call the office **every morning** that your child is absent. Please leave a message with your child's name, class and reason why your child will not be in.

If we are unable to reach a parent/carer by 12pm we may carry out a home visit. This is integral to our Safeguarding and Attendance Policy.

Please see the attendance records so far:

Class 1 - 97.1%

Class 2 - 98.8%

Class 3 - 98.9%

Class 4 - 94.2%

Class 5 - 93.3%

Class 6 - 91.4%

Class 7 - 94.8%

Class 8 - 93.3%

Class 9 - 91.7%

Rainbow Room - 91.2%

Whole School Attendance - 94.3%

## Staffing update

Mrs. Capps who has worked at the school as a lunchtime supervisor for 42 years has decided it is time for her to retire. We will all miss Mrs. Capps a great deal. I would like to thank Mrs. Capps for her hard work and commitment to the school and wish her the best of luck for her retirement, I know that you will stay in touch with the school and come and see us all.



## Coronation of King Charles III

We are looking forward to celebrating the coronation of King Charles III at school on Friday 5th May 2023. Children are invited to come to school wearing clothes that are red, white and blue and will carry out activities linked to the coronation over the day. We are looking forward to seeing your creations on the paper plates and invite you to come and view these at the end of the day on Friday. Each child and member of staff will be given a commemorative gift on the Friday as a memory of the coronation.



## Ramadan and Eid

Mrs. Haque led an assembly last week about Ramadan and Eid. The children enjoyed learning about this and asked lots of great questions. We hope all our families who celebrated Eid had a lovely time with their families.

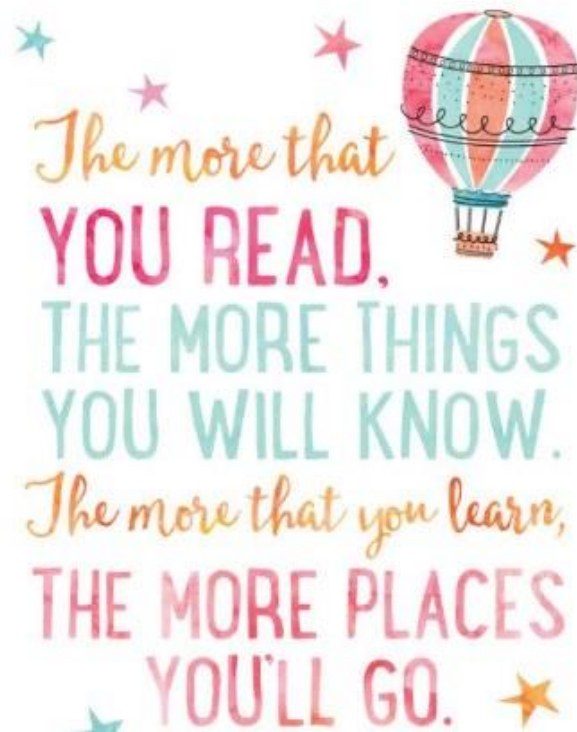


## Reading books

The children are now bringing home a library book and a Phonics book. Please can you make sure your child is reading these books each week and their reading record is signed. We recommend 10 minutes daily reading. Each time the children bring in their signed reading record they get 2 dojo points and work towards reading certificates that are presented in assembly.

We really appreciate your support.

Miss Burn



## Uniform

Please can you ensure that all your child's uniform is named and please return any uniform that has been taken home by mistake so it can be returned. Please be reminded that children's hair must be tied up each day and earrings removed on PE days.

Please be advised that the correct uniform for school is as follows:

- White collared polo shirt
- Grey or black trousers/skirt/dress
- Royal blue cardigan/sweatshirt
- Black shoes – no trainers

## Upcoming Dates

**Monday 1st May 2023 - Bank Holiday**

Tuesday 2nd May 2023 - Math's Whizz online parent session 18:30pm

Wednesday 3rd May - Lost Property Stall by Reception Doors

Friday 5th May 2023 - Mufti (red, white and blue) for the Coronation

**Monday 8th May 2023 - Bank Holiday**

Monday 15th - Friday 26th May - Year 2 SATs

Monday 15th - Friday 19th May 2023 - Mental Health Awareness week - more information to follow

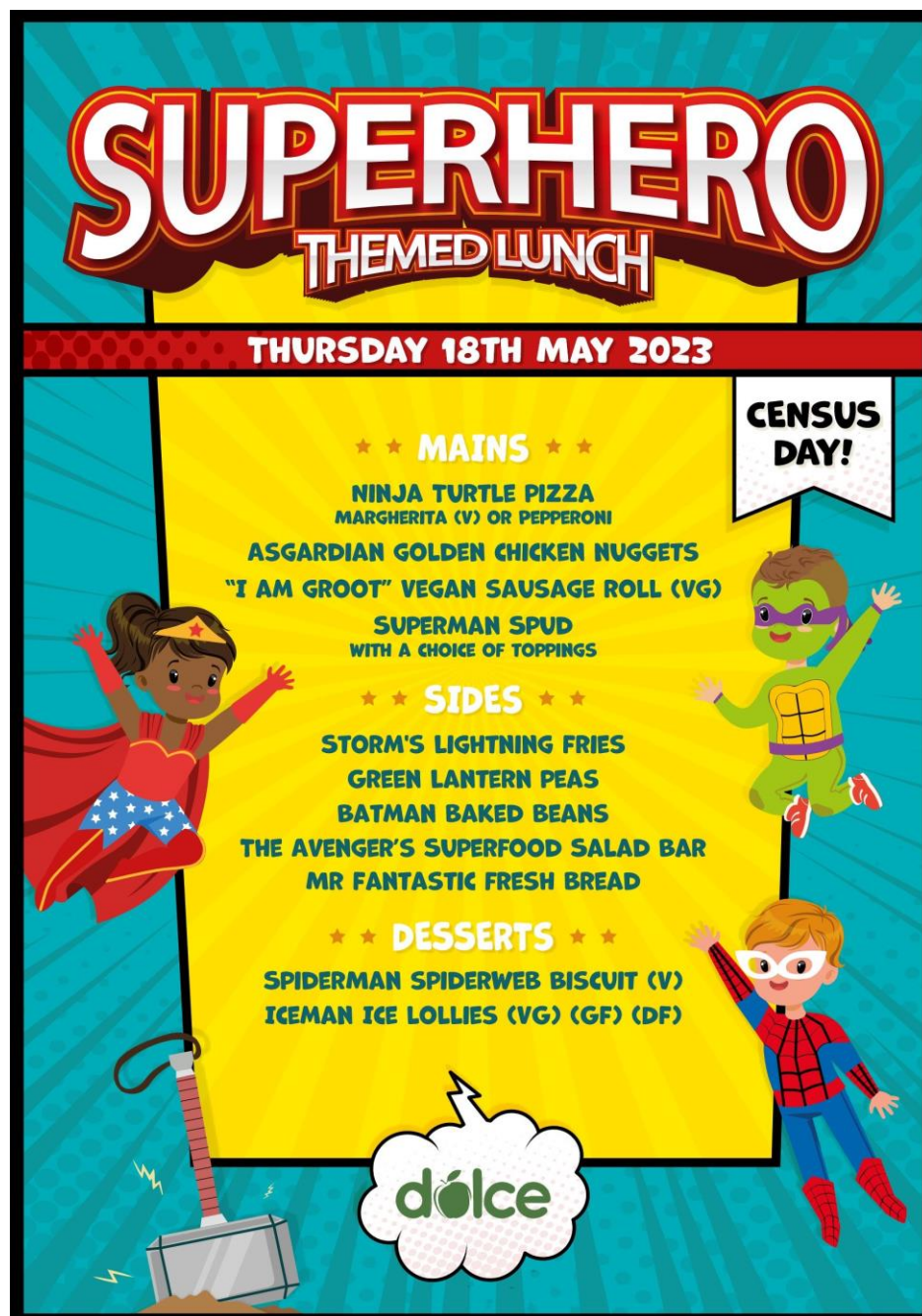
Thursday 18th May - Superhero themed lunch with Dolce

Friday 26th May 2023 - End of term

Monday 5th June 2023 - School open for all pupils







## Maths Whizz

All children now have a log in for Maths Whizz , we really hope that the children are using this programme at home.

It really is beneficial for the children to use this at both home and school and we are monitoring this within school. Please do attend our parent session on Tuesday 2nd May 2023 at 6:30pm for further information and how you can support your child at home with this. Thank you to everyone who attended the session on Tuesday.



Please use the link below to register for the meeting.

[Maths Whizz Link Tuesday 2nd May 18:30](#)

Any questions please see your child's class teacher.



## Supporting your child

As you may know our school's maths provision includes Maths-Whizz, the award-winning virtual online tutor proven to build confidence and accelerate progress in maths. It supports your child's learning with engaging, interactive maths lessons tailored to their unique learning needs. Your child can access Maths-Whizz both at home and at school.

To give you more information about how you can support your child's learning with Maths-Whizz we have organised two online Zoom sessions for parents at 11:00am on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 6:30pm, it would be great if you could join us there! The link to register for the meetings are:

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 11:00

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZykC0IsrD8qGtZAI5kMsY8PxWDiQv71FR1Z>

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 6:30pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZlpcuVhrzIsGteP3NuR49-wCQt9SiB1C1I>

### How does Maths-Whizz work?



#### Interactive Lessons

Engaging lessons that perfectly match both your child's ability and unique pace of learning



#### Short Assessments

Assessments at the end of each topic, to ensure new topics are presented at the right time, every time



#### Topic Challenge

Fills knowledge gaps and builds confidence, by replaying exercises and refreshing knowledge.

### What you need to know

- After an initial assessment in school, the Tutor calculates a unique learning profile for your child and uses this to build their personalised lesson sequence
- Each lesson uses clear visual explanations, interactive exercises and a test to reinforce understanding of each topic
- Maths-Whizz is intended to be used independently, but you may want to monitor their usage initially and schedule regular times for Maths-Whizz at home
- Your child's teacher will advise on how many minutes of usage they recommend each week - we usually suggest sessions of up to 20 minutes at a time at home, with the aim of finishing at least 3 lessons to get their full gem each week
- Maths-Whizz works on any device where you have an internet connection so you can use it on tablet and mobile as well as desktop

### How to monitor your child's progress



- Monitor your child's progress and try to encourage them to fill their gem by finishing 3 or more lessons



- We know from research that students who use Maths-Whizz for at least 60 minutes a week should make accelerated progress in maths
- For maths activities, tips, our blog and more, follow us on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#) and register to receive our newsletter via [whizz.com](#)

## Healthy Lunchboxes

Lunch is an important meal for children to provide energy and nutrients to keep them going throughout the afternoon. The key to a healthy packed lunch is variety and getting the right balance of foods to provide children with all of the nutrients they need to stay healthy.

Packed lunches should include:

- at least one portion of fruit and one portion of vegetables.
- meat, fish, eggs, or a non-dairy protein.
- a starchy food such as any type of bread, pasta, rice, couscous, noodles, potatoes or another cereal.
- a dairy food such as cheese or yoghurt.
- a drink of water or juice.

Packed lunches can occasionally include:

- products such as sausage rolls.
- cakes and biscuits, but encourage your child to eat these as part of a meal, and be mindful of appropriate portion sizes.

Packed lunches should not include:

- confectionery such as chocolate bars, chocolate-coated cereal bars, processed fruit bars and sweets.
- sugary soft drinks, such as squash and fizzy drinks.

We have a No Nut policy in school as children that attend our school have severe nut allergies.

No nuts means that the following items should not be bought into school:

- Packs of nuts
- Peanut butter sandwiches
- No Chocolate Spread sandwiches
- Fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts i.e. tracker bars
- Chocolate bars or sweets that contain nut



## Online Safety

### What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# FORTNITE

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Age Restriction

Fortnite may be something of a veteran in gaming terms (having launched back in 2017), but it remains massively popular – with more than 200 million people playing online every month. That's partly due to the competitive nature of its popular '5v5 party' game, but also because of its constantly shifting map. Significant updates are rolled out with each new version of the game – known as 'chapters' – and within these at shorter 'seasons', which bring more subtle changes. The latest iteration, Chapter 4 Season 2, adds a cyberpunk-themed city and some 'villain' bosses, for example, along with new weapons and characters.

#### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

##### ALWAYS ONLINE

Fortnite is the only game that can be played in a 'party' mode. This means that you can play with up to 100 other players at any time. This means that you can play with people you don't know, which can be a risk. However, you may find that this also allows you to play with friends who are not on the same device as you. This means that you can play with people who are not on the same device as you, which can be a risk. However, you may find that this also allows you to play with friends who are not on the same device as you.

##### IN-GAME COSTS

Fortnite is free to download and play, but it does offer various in-game purchases. These include skins, emotes, and other cosmetic items. These purchases are made using 'V-Bucks', which can be bought with real money. This means that there is a risk of children spending money on these items without their parents' knowledge.

##### POP CULTURE REFERENCES

Part of Fortnite's appeal is its regular references to other popular culture. This includes movies, TV shows, and music. While this can be fun for children, it can also be a risk. For example, if a child sees a reference to a violent movie or TV show, they may be confused or scared. This means that parents should be aware of these references and talk to their children about them.

##### CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT

Fortnite is popular with vast numbers of players, and this means that it can be played on a wide range of devices. This includes consoles, PCs, and mobile phones. This means that children can play with people who are not on the same device as they are. This can be a risk, as it means that children can be exposed to inappropriate content or behavior from people they don't know.

##### VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

At its core, Fortnite is a shooting game. This means that there is a risk of children being exposed to virtual violence. While this is a common feature of many games, it can be a risk for some children. This means that parents should be aware of this risk and talk to their children about it.

##### FREQUENT UPDATES

The game's developers release updates regularly. This means that the game is constantly changing. This can be a risk, as it means that children may be exposed to new content or features without their parents' knowledge. This means that parents should be aware of these updates and talk to their children about them.

### Advice for Parents & Carers

#### MATCH GAMING TIMES

Younger players tend to want to play Fortnite every day. With this in mind, it could be worth setting a limit on how long your child can play each day. This could be as little as 30 minutes, or as long as 1 hour. This means that parents should be aware of this risk and talk to their children about it.

#### SET SPENDING LIMITS

Fortnite's in-game store is a temptation for many children. They may want to buy skins or other items without their parents' knowledge. This means that parents should be aware of this risk and talk to their children about it.

#### USE UPDATES AS REWARDS

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#### BE AWARE OF SCAMS

The popularity of Fortnite has led to a rise in scams. These include people who claim to have 'hacked' the game or who offer to sell children 'exclusive' items. This means that parents should be aware of these risks and talk to their children about them.

#### ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER

Fortnite is a game that can be played with friends. This means that children can enjoy the game with people they know. This can be a good thing, as it means that children can have fun without being exposed to inappropriate content or behavior from people they don't know.

#### Meet Our Expert

Dr. Sarah Jones, a child psychologist, explains the risks of Fortnite and offers advice for parents. She says that parents should be aware of the risks of Fortnite and talk to their children about them. She also offers advice on how to set limits on gaming time and spending.

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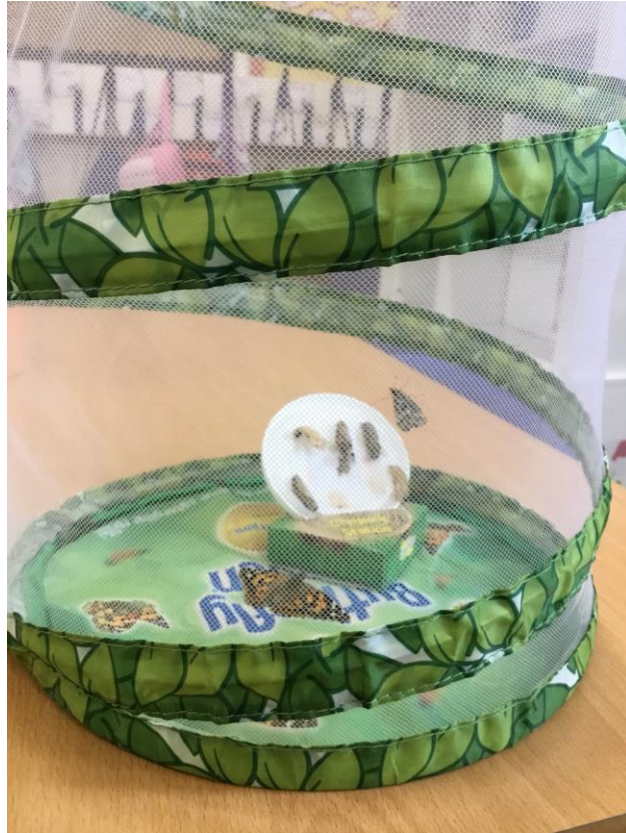
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## Gallery





*1 - Reception released their butterflies this week. The children have enjoyed learning all about life cycles, and being able to see the caterpillars change into butterflies.*









2 - Kim from Minime Mindfulness visited this week. The children loved the session and learnt how to meditate and some breathing techniques to help us be calm.



3 - This week Class 8 drew some wonderful flowers using chalk inspired by Georgia O Keefe

