# BE THE BEST VERSION OF YOU! NEWSLETTER



TERM 3- FEBRUARY 2024

## **MESSAGE FROM MRS WALKER**

Dear Families.

With Christmas already feeling like a distant memory and the current mild weather reminding us that Spring it's on its way it has been a very busy term in school. The children have enjoyed so many enrichment activities, from Year 3 having a variety of less common animals brought into the classroom to Year 6's Holocaust Museum trip. We really appreciate your support in enabling our children to gain a wider knowledge that the classroom can provide. Our Year 5 Gallery Event showed off their artistic talents and they loved having their parents into view their amazing bags.

Our roofing works continue at pace, and we have now been informed that following further drone surveys the tower will also be required to have remedial work so it will continue to stand proud above Kettering for many years to come. INMat, our Trust have supported with this and the gates that have been installed across our site. Concerns were raised by parents about our gates which we raised with the Trust, who agreed to fund this work. I'm sure you agree that being able to open the gates wider has improved access and made our site more secure.

Finally, I would like to thank our PTA. They are newly formed and have been doing a fantastic job of putting on many exciting events for the children, it had been great seeing them enjoy discos once more! The money that the PTA raises is used to support the school in purchasing items for either long term usage or short-term one-off expenditures such as Year 6 Leavers Yearbooks, all of which make the children's experiences and memories of school so much better. Our thanks go to the volunteers who are also helping at these events, we couldn't hold them without you. They are already planning their Easter events.

Next term is looking equally busy and all at KPJA which you a very peaceful and relaxing half term. See you all on the 26th February. Kind regards

Ann Walker Headteacher

> InMAT (@InMAT) / Twitter InMAT | LinkedIn INMAT | Facebook

https://www.ketteringparkjunior.com kpja-admin@kpja.inmat.org.uk 01536 411208

This term in art, we have been making abstract sculptures. We have been focusing on the work by Anthony Carro and have made our own abstract playground. We have identified positive and negative space in structures and explored different techniques to join paper and card together and how to make our structures free standing. Michael "I have enjoyed making structures because it is fun." Nyah "I enjoyed working with my partner to build a structure out of newspaper."

This term in science we have been finding out all about animals including humans. We were very lucky to have Lions learners come into school and we met and held a variety of animals. We found out about the three different types of skeleton- endoskeleton, exoskeleton and hydrostatic skeleton. Sarah said " I found out the corn snake was harmless." Jerome said "Some animals don't have bones and a lizard is an exoskeleton."



Year 4s favourite learning this term has been all about Vikings. Our curiosity question is – Were the Vikings raiders, traders or settlers? In the pictures below, we played a trading game. Each table acted as a trading post from the Viking times – Jerusalem, Iceland, Birka, Constantinople and Jorvik (York). Each table had a list of things we needed to survive as a Viking, but only had certain items at our trading post. For example, Jerusalem had lots of silk, but not a lot of weapons – so we traded! We traded silk for weapons from Iceland – everybody wins! It was so fun working as a team and pretending we were Vikings for an afternoon (but we were polite Vikings and did not 'raid' anywhere!).



This half term, Year 5 have enjoyed learning all about space in Science and Art. We were lucky enough to visit the National Space Centre in Leicester. We were able to explore a real rocket tower in which we learnt about the space race, the engineering required to go to space, and relieve the 60's in one section! Later on in the day, we had a planetarium experience, where we travel through the stars, to learn the stories behind the constellations we see in the night sky.

We are using all the information to help us write a balanced argument on whether we should be supporting space travel. We look forward to reading the children's opinions.



This term Year 6 has been learning about World War 2 in our history lessons. We went on an outing to the local Blitz tea room, where we could examine and discuss photographs, posters and objects from the time period. We also went to the local memorial and read the names of all the soldiers who fell in World War 1 and 2 - we even spotted a few familiar names from our school! Finally we visited St Peter and St Paul's church where learned about the role it played in supporting the community during the war. As well as helping us develop as historians, this has supported our English for this term -as we have been reading Goodnight Mr Tom and wrote a short narrative about a character in the Blitz.

We have also been developing our cricket skills this term, and have been fortunate to have a coach come in and help us develop our skills in this sport. Several of the Year 6 children attended a school cricket tournament and not only had an amazing time, but also came fourth out of the eight teams playing.



# SCHOOL COUNCIL



Congratulations to our new School Council members.

# **IMPORTANT DATES**



### Term 4

Monday 26th Feb	Open to pupils	Friday 22 nd Mar Easter Egg Raffle		
Monday 26th Feb	Class 6 Swimming starts	Monday 25th Mar	(Non-uniform Day) INMAT Stars Assemblies (invite only)	
Thursday 7th Mar	- World Book Day			
Tuesday 5th Mar	Class photos		Year 5 and 6	9.15am
- -			Year 3 and 4	2.30pm
Friday 15th Mar	Comic Relief			
Mon 18th Mar-24th Mar	•	Thursday 28th Mar	Spring reports out to parents	
Tuesday 19th Mar	Y3 Class 1 Assembly 9.15am		Term 4 Ends	
Wednesday 20th Mar	Y3 Class 2 Assembly 9.15am			
Thursday 21st Mar	Y3 Class 3 Assembly 9.15 am			

## FRIDAY 8TH MARCH 9am - Meet the SENco

10am - Specialist support service

More details to follow, this will take place at KPJA, no booking required just turn up.

# **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

### Safeguarding:

Designated Safeguarding Lead - Mrs Walker Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead - Mrs Goodall, Mrs Peacock, Mrs Bright, Mrs Pearce and Miss James.

### Free school meal vouchers:

if you are entitled to FSM then you should have received your voucher for February half term. The voucher value is £15 per child.

### **Pupil Premium:**

To see if you are eligible for free school meals and pupil premium please apply via the council website. <u>https://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-school-meals-and-pupil-premium</u>



#### PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) **DURING FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2024** moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free

#### ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

#### TESCO

Kids eat free with a purchase of 60p+ from From Mon 12th - Fri 23rd February 2024

#### SAINSBUDYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

#### **BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE**

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

#### THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

#### **GREENE KING PUBS**

Kids Eat Free all-day with the purchase of an adult's meal. Deal, Monday-Friday, between Mon 12th - Friday 23rd February 2024

#### **TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN**

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

#### SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

#### TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase a full priced adult's main meal (App needed)

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

Spend £4.49 and get one free kids meal all day, every day

#### **GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS** Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at

selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

MORRISONS

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

#### YO! SUSHI

From Mon 12th - Fri 23rd February 2024 kids eat free with every £10 adult spend **BELLA ITALIA** 

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

#### WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

#### **DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES**

At Dobbies, for every adult breakfast or lunch purchase, kids eat for FREE. Every Day!

#### TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

#### PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink

FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

HUNGRY HORSE Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

**FUTURE INNS** Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

## TIME OUT FOR PARENTS



#### DADS

#### Workshops for fathers of children up to 16 years

Dates: Every Sunday 7:30-9:30pm 25th February - 24th March 2024

This course will be run online via Zoom

Book your place online visit hopeforfamilies.org.uk/events

For more information contact Hope for Families 07784 333825 hello@hopeforfamilies.org.uk



Common-sense, Jargon-free information and ideas to help you to engage with your children and boost your relationship

"THIS MORNING, **HE WAS WORRIED** ABOUT SCHOOL ... BUT LOOK AT HIM NOW!"



MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUN

NHS





## MENTAI LTH IN KETTERING



NHS mind Kettering



SAMARITANS







