

Kildwick Chronicle

Spring Term 2025

Friday 28th March

Learning to Live

Living to Love

Loving to Learn

Next week is the end of the Spring term in school and we finish on Friday for the Easter break. Next week's newsletter will be our Half Term Round Up, which will highlight the activities and achievements of this term. Additionally, we will send out the Curriculum Newsletter, providing an overview of your child's learning for the upcoming half term.

Next week, we are excited to welcome parents and carers to Kingfishers' and Owls' Easter Production. The children and staff have worked incredibly hard on this, and it's wonderful to see the children performing with such confidence and enthusiasm.

We are also looking forward to our first-ever Charity Games Night! Funds raised will benefit the Down Syndrome Training and Support Service as well as our school PTA. You will still be able to purchase tickets over the weekend but we will need final numbers by Monday morning for the food order. We can't wait to spend the evening with you and the children, enjoying some good old-fashioned fun! A big thank you to everyone who contributed prizes for yesterday's non-uniform day. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Eid Mubarak to all the families celebrating! May this special occasion bring peace, joy, and prosperity to you and your loved ones.

Key Stage Two Write For You!

Last week we had a special visit from the Canal & River Trust and they talked to us about how to stay safe near the canal and rivers. They told us to remember that the word 'safe' stands for 'stay away from the edge'. This will help everyone to remember how to stay safe. We had looked at a really big poster of people and we had to spot the dangers we could see by the canal. We had lots of fun working with the Canal & River Trust and we learnt lots of interesting facts. The Canal & River Trust looks after lots of canals and rivers across England. One interesting fact we learnt was that the longest river in the UK is the River Severn. Thank you to the Canal & River trust for coming to our school and teaching us how to stay safe.

Written by Freyja, Dexter F and Aubrey: Kingfishers class.

Easter Games Night

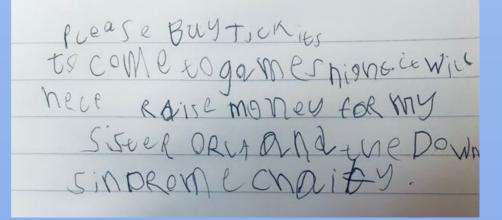
The staff are busy organising this event, a Bingo caller has been identified and Mr Whitehead will be leading on beetle drive! The Vision Leaders and some of the Key Stage Two children are also busy planning games and Donna in the Kitchen is prepping the Pie and Peas (chips will be available for children who may prefer this option!) Please buy your tickets before Monday morning so that we have numbers for food. Special dietary requirements will be catered for.

A quick reminder that this event is to raise money for the school PTA and the Down Syndrome Training and Support Service. We are hoping to help this service work towards their £100,000 fundraising target for 2025 following a reduction in funding. This is a charity close to our hearts as they support Leo's (year 2) sister Orla and their family. Orla will be joining us at Kildwick from September.

Orla's Mum says, 'The Down Syndrome Training and Support Service, based in Bingley, is a charity which aims to improve outcomes for people with Down syndrome. Orla has attended their Early Development Groups since being 8 weeks old and these sessions support children in becoming ready to start mainstream education alongside their typical peers; a huge factor in Orla being able to follow in her big brother's footsteps and start at Kildwick in September. Sadly, the charity has seen a significant decrease in donations and funding bids due to the current financial climate, as well as an increase in the costs of running the centre. This has resulted in cuts to staffing and consequently a reduction of the services which are provided to children and their families. In order to continue to improve the lives and futures of children with Down syndrome the charity have set a fundraising goal of £100,000, to which Kildwick school have kindly offered to contribute by sharing the proceeds from their Family Games Night. If you would like to support both the school and this invaluable charity, then please purchase a ticket and come along'.

A message from Leo....





Kingfishers' and Owls' Easter Production - 'Good News'

Monday 31st March: 5.30pm- 6.30pm St. Andrews Church, Kildwick

This is a one-act musical, which tells the traditional Easter story, but from an imaginative, contemporary viewpoint. John Good presents a modern-day television news programme from a busy news studio, receiving regular reports



from correspondents based in Jerusalem. The correspondents, as if reporting through time, describe the fateful events surrounding Jesus of Nazareth during the Passover Festival week. The songs describe the thoughts and emotions of the characters caught up in the story.

Kingfishers and Owls class have been busily rehearsing and can't wait to share the production with you all! Everyone is invited to attend the performance at St Andrews Church, Kildwick on Monday 31st March at 5.30pm The production is expected to last approximately one hour.

Please can children come in their costume at 5.15pm (having been to the bathroom before they arrive please!) ready for the show to start at 5.30pm. A reminder that children not attending last minute will have an impact on the performance for other children - please avoid this where possible. The children have put a lot of time and effort into the production.

SmartPhone Free Childhood.

Over the past few weeks, there's been a lot of discussion in the staffroom about the latest Netflix series, *Adolescence*. As parents and adults working with children, many of us share concerns about the impact smartphones and social media have on both your children and our own. Given the recent highlighting of this issue thanks to *Adolescence*, it seems like a good time to remind everyone about the *Smartphone-Free Childhood* initiative that we've previously mentioned. Here is the link again to access their website.



Adolescence has smashed records as Netflix's most-watched show globally this week

Because it captures every parent's worst nightmare about raising kids in the smartphone era

The good news is, you have the power to make this situation better for your child

We need far more help from the Government so that parents aren't left to police their children's digital lives alone

So it's great news that Kier Starmer's been watching Adolescence

If your kid hasn't got a smartphone yet:



- · Delay until they're at least 14
- · No social media until 16
- Get a simple phone for keeping in touch (if they need one)
- Join the 108,000 parents who've already signed our Parent Pact

If your kid already has a smartphone:



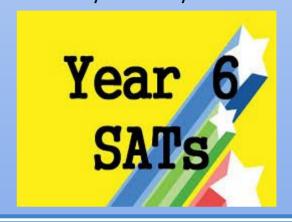
- Make a 'no phones upstairs' rule: alone in their bedrooms is where harm takes place unnoticed
- Use parental controls to make the device as safe as it can be
- Create a safe space for conversation so they trust they can come to you with concerns



SATs Information Session

On Wednesday 23rd April, at 3.40pm, Mr Horton will be hosting a short SATs information session for parents of children in Year Six. Materials shared will also be posted on Eagles' Google Classroom.

Reminder: SATs week is Monday 12th May – Thursday 15th May.



Eco Warriors - Top Tips For Home!

Each week our Eco Warriors are going to share a top tip for home. This is your chance to help them in their work to make positive changes for the future.

My top tip from the eco team is that we should be kind to the world and stop littering. We should have more outdoor bins to stop people from littering.

Isla G Kingfishers





Virtual workshop aimed at parents/carers to support with practical tips on managing fussy eating. The workshop will be delivered by members of the North Yorkshire 0-19 Team and last approximately 20-30 minutes.



https://tinyurl.com/29v2663t

Please scan the QR code or click the link to book onto a session

Booking link here.

Refill Shop

The next refill shop will be on Wednesday 2nd April at 3.30pm in

school. If you would like to place an order with Refill Roots then follow the link here and add the words refill shop Kildwick in the notes section. Charlie will bring pre orders on the day.





Zones of Regulation Top Tips for Home!

These are strategies for adults and children to use to help recognise and manage emotions. You could try this at home—have a look at this week's tool. If you would like any further information you can contact Mrs Swales. k.swales@kildwickce.uk



Notice the muscles in your body that are tense. Massage those areas to loosen them up, using firm pressure and rubbing around in circles until the muscle feels softer. Give yourself a hand, arm, or neck massage when needed.

Why to try?

Anytime we feel the tension building up in our body is a good time to try to loosen it up. Breaking up the tightness around our muscles gets fresh blood to the area and helps us feel more relaxed, focused, and/or calm.

How do you feel?
What Zone would this help in?





Meet the Team

There are a lot of adults working with and supporting your children in school. Some of them you will have less contact with than others. We will use this section of the Newsletter to help parents and carers get to know everyone. Meet...John Perry - Chair of Governors.



I am one of the school governors. Governors have an important role in the running of the school, although perhaps as a governor I might be expected to say that. The governing board works together to ensure that the School has a clear vision, ethos and strategic direction - important underpinnings for a successful school. It also both supports and challenges senior leaders around the educational performance of the children and the performance management of the staff team.

It importantly oversees the financial performance of the school, in essence making sure that money is well spent - a key consideration at present, as the budget provided to the school is currently somewhat tight. Governors equally importantly also ensure that the well-being of the whole school community is central to all work, and that the voice of the whole community is heard.

I am currently the Chair of Governors. Alongside formal meetings I try to get into school as often as possible and look to attend school activities and events whenever I can - it is a real pleasure dropping into school, seeing the children at work, and at play, and talking to both children and staff. Kildwick School is a real and vibrant school community. The school meal I had in the autumn term was really good, far removed from the bland school lunches I recall from my time in primary school.

I am one of the approximately 11 million people over 65 years old in the country at present, so might perhaps be said to have more flexibility than most, but nevertheless in some weeks the time simply disappears. In a previous life I was a teacher and worked for a local authority in special educational needs support. Outside of school I enjoy cooking, walking, but not too far, and reading - I am currently reading a book my daughter gave me for Christmas, 'A Sense of Place: A journey around Scotland's Whisky' by Dave Broom, which is really good and illustrated with wonderful photographs... and I don't particularly go for Whisky.

SEND @ Kildwick

It is important that everyone in our school community understands about SEND. Even if your child does not have Special Educational Needs they are in class with children who do. We are an inclusive school and it is important that all members of our school community understand and value all children in our school.

Speech and Language UK
Changing young lives.

your child's speech and language development you can access a progress checker here. You will then be directed to resources to help.

Speech and Language UK states that 1.9 million children are struggling with talking and understanding words. This has a significant impact on their academic progress and also their social, emotional and mental health.

In school we have been prioritising speech, language and communication training for staff through Leeds Community Healthcare NHS Trust. If you are concerned about your child's speech and language please talk to your child's class teacher.

James Koppert has a diagnosis of ADHD, is a parent of a child with neurodiverse conditions and has worked with schools and parents to develop strategies to support children and young people to develop positively around ADHD and Autism.

Challenges of parenting a neurodivergent child with James Koppert

Are you a parent/carer of a neurodivergent child looking for support? Then join this FREE online Q&A session with James Koppert, 31st March 6.30pm - 8pm.

Submit your questions by 28th March here: https://bit.lv/4kZSq6b

Join the session here: https://bit.ly/3FDANsM
Please note: the only people visible on screen will be
Kerrie and James. The session will be recorded to
allow carers to watch after the event has taken place.

Parent Forum

SEND Visitor to School

Friday 25th April at 9.15am



On Friday 25th April Miss Akrigg, Mrs Carpenter and Mrs Swales will be holding a Parent Forum with a focus on SEND. We have invited Catherine Ostler from Parent and Carer Voice North Yorkshire to join us. This service represents and supports parents and carers of children with SEND. This is a fantastic service - please take the opportunity to come and find out more information if you can! Further details can be found here.

Catherine will be able to share with us information on training and well being sessions which will be on offer to parents over the summer term.



This week certificates have been awarded to

Robins	Learning to Live — Rocco & Liamm
	Living to Love — Billy & Lewis
	Loving to Learn — Esme-Hayaa & Arthur Cr
Swallows	Learning to Live — Alice
	Living to Love — Dougie
	Loving to Learn — Annabelle
Kingfishers	Learning to Live — Annabelle
	Living to Love — Oscar
	Loving to Learn — Tommy
Owls	Learning to Live — George S
	Living to Love — Seb
	Loving to Learn — Jude
Eagles	Learning to Live — Georgia
	Living to Love — Olivia
	Loving to Learn — Annie



Governor Meetings and Updates

Governors will be meeting on the following dates:

30/04/25 - Curriculum Committee 13/05/25 - Finance Committee 19/06/25 - Full Governing Body 09/07/25 - Full Governing Body

The latest information about the work of the school Governing body can be found here.

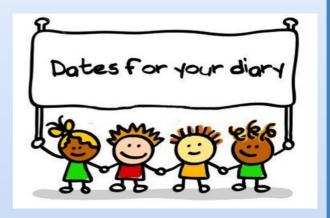


Extra Curricular Clubs next week

The below extra curricular clubs are the only ones running next week:

Monday	EYFS/KS1 & Y3 - Dance with Firehouse	
Wednesday	EYFS/KS1 - Art Club with Art Star	

Diary Dates



Monday 31st March - Owls and Kingfishers Easter production - 5.30pm Wednesday 2nd April - Refill Shop - 3.30pm

Thursday 3rd April - Owls STEM visitor (Dave Rockett from Northern Gas Network)

Thursday 3rd April - Family Games Night 6pm - 7pm

Friday 4th April - Break up for Easter

Wednesday 23rd April - Y6 SATs meeting - 3.45pm

Friday 25th April - Eagles to Sandylands (Tennis)

Friday 25th April - SEN Parent Forum with visitor.

Wednesday 7th May - Robins and Swallows Great Fire of London Workshops in school.

Monday 12th - Thursday 15th May - SATS Week - Year 6

Wednesday 14th May - Kingfisher and Owls Cliffe Castle - Music Visit

Monday 19th - Wednesday 21st May - Y6 Bewerley Park Residential

Friday 23rd May - Year 6 cycling

Friday 23rd May - Break up for half term

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Every single day a child is absent from school equates to a day of lost learning.

Attendance percentages can be misleading.

0 days missed	EXCELLENT
9 days of absence 1 week & 4 days of learning missed	SATISFACTORY
19 days of absence 3 weeks & 4 days of learning missed	POOR
28 days of absence 5 weeks & 3 days of learning missed	VERY POOR
38 days of absence 7 weeks & 3 Days of learning missed	UNACCEPTABLE
46 days of absence 9 weeks & 1 day of learning missed	UNACCEPTABLE
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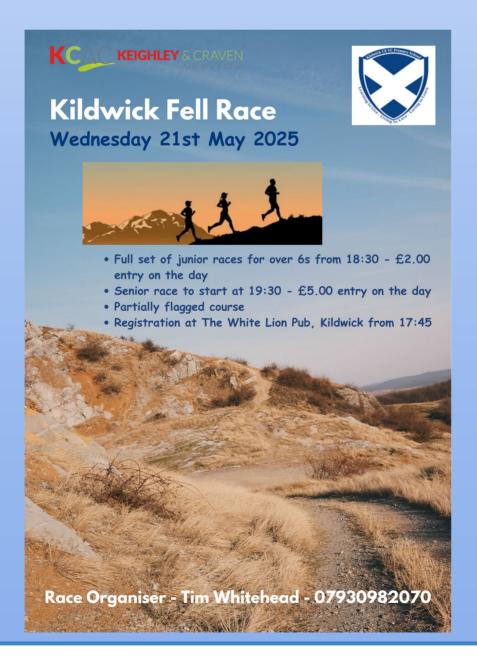
For some parents, 90% may seem like an acceptable level of attendance but the reality is that 90% attendance means that your child will miss half a school day each week or 19 days of school during the school year - that's nearly 4 school weeks!

Kildwick Fell Race - Wednesday 21st May

There will be a full set of races open to all children aged 6 and over starting from 6:30pm. Registration forms will be sent home and emailed over the coming weeks. Please take these to the White Lion on the night from 5.30pm. The adult race will start at 7.30pm and is 3.5 miles. It would be brilliant if we could get some of our running parents racing. It is a great route and Mr. Whitehead would be happy to show any prospective parents the race route. Please get in touch if you would like to know further details.

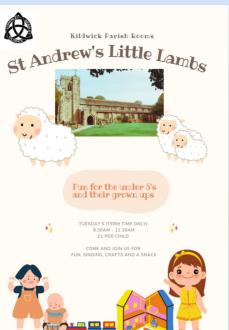
The school's PTA will be serving refreshments and any help with this would be appreciated. If you would like to support with marshalling the fell races, then please do get in touch with the school office.

Proceeds from this race will be donated to the Tessa Jowell Foundation, a charity with a mission to ensure that every person diagnosed with brain cancer in the Uk can choose to access consistently excellent, specialist brain cancer services.



Community Events & Groups

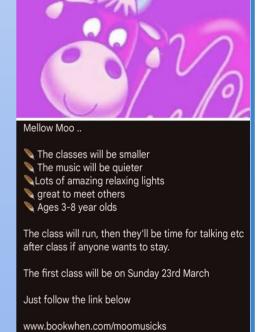
















Community Activities & Clubs

If you run any clubs in the community or know of any that would like to share their details here please contact the school office. office@kildwickce.uk













Easter Holiday Clubs





