

# Kilnwood Vale Primary School

## Newsletter

### May 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Time has flown this half term, with the children enjoying their learning and making good progress. Next half term will include the start of return to school as 'normal' with visitors such as our Dance Workshops to start our new topics, a year 1 sports club and transition activities planned to support the children as they look forward to moving up to their next class. We are also excited about further opportunities planned for after 21 June, including provisional plans for our school Sport's Day and Summer Fair on Friday 16 July.



"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."

Eleanor Roosevelt

"We know what we are, but know not what we may be."

Hamlet by Shakespeare

We are pleased to share some of the changes

taking place inside the school too, with our school values and quotes (provided by Kilnwood families last year) to inspire the children being added to our learning environment. We look forward to the day that we can invite all the families in to join us and be fully part of our school community once again. Miss Newton

#### Kipling Class:

Kipling Class have had a fantastic half term learning about the weather. We have made rain gauges, wind streamers and traced around our shadows (which proved difficult with the lack of sunshine!)



#### Science Fair

Congratulations to all the children who entered the Kilnwood Vale Science Fair – we were all inspired by your love of investigating, exploring and reporting on the world around us.

#### Road Safety:

The road outside our school is getting increasingly busy, and this will increase further once the road is opened up to link the Calvert Link with the rest of the development.



Therefore please can we remind you all to drive slowly on approach, as many families park and walk across the road.

In addition, please can you all take care when parking and passing in the school drop off zone. If you are waiting and there is space, please move forward to allow easier access to other vehicles.

Dedicated spaces for Nursery parents are located in the main carpark if the drop off zone is busy.

#### Spotlight on Safeguarding

##### How to Talk to Young Children About Body Safety

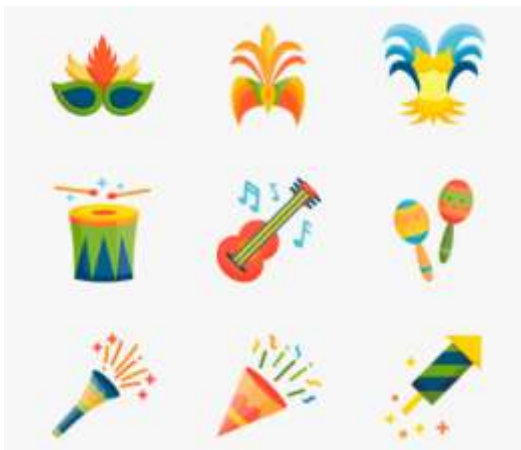
We hope that your conversations with your child about body safety will be open and ongoing. Parents should not just have "the talk" with children, but multiple, natural conversations over time so that children know it is safe to talk about these subjects.



### Kipling Class Continued

w/c Monday 14th June: Phonics screening assessment week. We have noticed a huge improvement in their reading and phonics. A big well done to all the children working so hard and reading at home!

Next half term we will be joining the party in Rio, while learning about different carnivals around the world. To immerse the children in their new topic, we are so excited to take part in a carnival dance



workshop on Tuesday 8th June. We are inviting the children to come to school in their own brightly coloured clothes suitable for PE and playtimes that day. (Please wear trainers/plimsolls)

### Gruffalo Class:

On Tuesday 8th June, we have an exciting visit from a dance company who plan to immerse Gruffalo Class into the wonderful world of pirates. We will be having a pirate themed day, filled with treasure maps, telescopes, gold coins and sea shanties. We would love it if the children could come to school dressed as a pirate to join in with our exciting topic day. Please don't feel like you must go out and buy a costume - be as creative as you can with what you have at home. Please make sure that the costume is suitable for both dance and playtime with suitable footwear.



### Spotlight on Safeguarding continued

Subjects to Discuss



- Talk about “safe” and “unsafe” touching rather than “good” or “bad” touching. This removes guilt from the child, and keeps them from having to make a moral distinction about what is and is not appropriate.
- Use age-appropriate wording. You can discuss body safety without discussing sexuality. Teach young children that no one should touch them in any area that their bathing suit covers, and that they should never touch anyone else in these areas or see pictures or movies that show those areas.
- Teach the difference between healthy and unhealthy secrets. An example is that a surprise party is an okay secret to keep, because it will make people happy and will be told at the right time. Secret touching is not okay, or keeping any permanent secrets from parents or caregivers.
- Have your child name five people that they could talk to if someone was touching them in an unsafe way. Children are often afraid to tell their parents out of fear of punishment (or because of a threat made by a perpetrator), so it's important for your child to know they can seek out other trusted adults to confide in. Instruct your child that they should keep telling until someone helps them.
- Teach children proper names for body parts.

### Key dates for 2021

INSET V School Closed Monday 7 June  
GLF Training Day Friday 25 June  
School Closed  
Term Ends Friday 23 July (12.10 collection)

Please also note that term dates for 2021 – 22 are now published on our website.

### Community links

Please check out the tab on the school website where local classes for children and adults are advertised.

## Gruffalo News

This term we have thoroughly enjoyed our topic 'Will you read me a story?' We started with an exciting visit from our fairy friends, followed by exploring the story of Little Red Riding Hood through drama and talk. Finally, we discovered new facts about Africa, The Maasai Tribe and life on a Kenyan safari by looking at stories from another culture. A busy half term!



## Nursery News

We have had a busy time learning in Nursery this half term, in particular we loved watching our tadpoles grow and our quail eggs hatch:



please have a look at our displays that capture some of our learning.



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If you have any concerns, comments or questions, please always contact your child's teacher, Mrs Holman or Miss Newton, either in the playground, or via the school office on 01403 288263 or email [info@kilnwoodvaleschool.org](mailto:info@kilnwoodvaleschool.org) (office)



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