

## April 2025 Parent Newsletter



Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025

As the spring term comes to an end and we enter the final term of the school year, I would like to wish all our families celebrating the end of Ramadam – Eid Mubarak. It has been a busy spring term and we would like to share some of the highlights.

We would also like to thank you're your support and wish Mr. Snowden all the best as he prepares to run the Brighton Marathon (26.2miles) on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April. He is running to raise funds so that the school can continue to provide the Schools Counselling Partnership which a lot of pupils, parents and staff access. It has also provided play based therapy to identified pupils with parental permission.

On the 26<sup>th</sup> March the children enjoyed learning about the history of marathons and then following a warm up running lapse around the playground to motivate and support Mr. Snowden.



Thank you for those parent who supported our Careers weeks (10-14 March). It is a valuable opportunity to motivate our children to think about the importance of school & learning in order to support their future career aspirations.



**Our nursery children enjoyed watching the chicks hatch out of the eggs!**



**On the 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> March we hosted Dhol drumming workshops.**



## Promoting a love of reading at KPINS

Our drive to promote a love of reading continues this year and I am really proud to announce the names of the children who have received books last month:

			
Khalid, Mia and Darius from Robin Class	Omar and Dhyan from Robin Class	Prisha, Enoh, Anastasia and Miriam from Robin Class.	Salome, Adam and Luiza from Robin Class
			
Amos, Prahar, Krushi and Ethan from Owl Class.			
			
Eliza, Ezra, Iulian A. and Avni from Dolphin Class	Ruth, Harshiv and Levi from Dolphin Class	Delia, Viaan, Ditya and Sara from Dolphin Class	Panthi, Elias and Matei from Dolphin Class
			
Nishkamsinh from Sea Turtle Class	Pal, Agnes and Omar from Sea Turtle Class		

			
Hadassa, Raihan and Iosa from Chameleon Class.	Reyansh, David C. And Sara from Jaguar Class	Asaf and Beny from Jaguar Class	Lalah, Eric and David A from Jaguar Class
			
Timotei, Kriyaan and Levys from Jaguar Class	Abrar and Petru from Jaguar Class	Raissa, Albert and Divit from Lemur Class	Krisha and Juori from Lemur Class
			
Elias, Tiffany and Akshayan from Lemur Class	Krisha, Sonny, Nihit and Daria from Lemur Class	Jonathan, Raissa and Tanaya from Lemur Class.	

## **Our Harrow Schools Counselling partnership – Therapeutic Lead Christine.**

We will resume sharing with you our weekly newsletter from our Therapeutic Lead with useful topics which I know a number of you found useful last year.

Sometimes we could all do with someone to talk to. If you would like to meet **Christine** for a confidential and non-judgemental chat about you, your child, or any other worries, she is available on Wednesday at 9-10am. You can call/text **Christine** on 07799-030410 or email her at **christine@schoolsounsellingpartnership.co.uk**

**At the end of the spring term Mr. Snowden will be running a Marathon to raise money for the Counselling partnership which so many of the pupils at KPINS benefit from. We will be sending out details of the just giving page where you can make donations but will also hold some events involving the children where you can make donations in the playground. More details to follow.**

## ECO projects at KPINS as part of our sustainability Action Plan 2025 .

On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March the children and staff had fun performing using instruments made out of junk as part of the Junk Orchestra workshop.



Following this workshop, the children may enjoy trying to make some instruments at home, using junk materials. Below is a link for a video you can watch for inspiration.

<https://thejunkorchestra.co.uk/you-tube-channel/#1478599254159-3b4bc66e-8708>

Thank you for supporting our sustainability events this month - our recycling projects include the preloved toy Sale when children bring in their unwanted toys as part of a project called “**Give Your Toys a New Life**”. All toys brought in will be resold for £1 - £2.

Another project taking place this week is the annual end of term Easter Bonnet making competition when families come together to design and make a bonnet out of 100% recycled materials – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. We look forward to seeing your fabulous creations.

### **Celebrating school attendance in March**

During the month of **March**, the following classes have received certificates for the best class attendance each week and then for the overall month: **Flamingo Class**.

<b>Week beginning</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>% attendance</b>
03-07 March 2025	Flamingo	99.1%
10 – 14 March 2025	Flamingo	99.15%
17 – 21 March 2025	Lemur	100%
24 – 28 March 2025	Chameleon	97.55%
31 March 2025	Flamingo	97.9%
<b>March 2025</b>	<b>Flamingo</b>	<b>97.9%</b>

### **Attendance**

We continue to monitor school attendance in line with the requirements of the DfE on schools supported by the LA Attendance Liaison Officer who reviews the schools’ attendance data and challenges us on actions taken to reduce persistent absences.

Sadly, we have had to make our first ever referral to the pre-court panel due to ongoing historical attendance issues for a pupil. This case could result in the parents receiving a hefty fine of up to £2500 or a 3-month custodial sentence.

We would like this to be our first and last. Therefore, we urge you to work with us to ensure your child attends school regularly and that you follow the expectations as per the attendance policy and contract signed on admitting your child to the school. Every day of absence is a huge loss of learning for your child.

At the end of the term we will be reviewing progress made to the attendance of pupils whose parents we wrote to at the end of the autumn and early spring term. Where improvements have **NOT** been made further referrals will be made to the courts. Don’t let this be you or your child!

### **REMINDER:**

**The law in this country states that:**

Parents have a legal duty to secure an education for their child of compulsory school age whether at school or otherwise (section 7 of The Education Act 1996)

If a child of compulsory school age who is a registered pupil at a school, fails to attend regularly at the school, a parent is guilty of an offence (section 444 of the Education Act 1996).

### **TERM TIME LEAVE not permitted!**

**Exceptional circumstances mean exceptional!**

**Religious leave in line with the Harrow Sacre Calendar only.**

## Parental Prosecution

*Education Act 1996*

- Section 444 (*non attendance*) Parents are liable for prosecution for "failing to secure the regular attendance at school of a registered pupil"
- Under the *absolute offence* (level 3) the parent can be found guilty even if they state that they are unaware the child is not attending
- Under the *aggravated offence* (level 4) the prosecution needs to show that the parent was aware of the poor attendance and did nothing about it. This offence carries the possibility of a custodial sentence.
- Section 443 SAO (*failure to comply with a School Attendance Order stating where they should enrol their child at school*)

## Fixed Penalty Notices

*The Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003+ The Education Act 1996*

Local Authorities have the power to issue penalty notices in cases where parents or carers are considered capable of but unwilling to ensure their child's attendance at school.



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## Penalty notices – New National Threshold

The new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

### Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines will now be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent.  
For example: 2 siblings with unauthorised absence during term time may result in each parent being issued with one penalty notice per child.

### 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period.

### First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance, the amount will be:  
£160 per parent, per child, paid within 28 days.  
Reduced to £80 per parent, per child, if paid within 21 days.

### Second Offence

**(within 3 years from the date of  
issue of first penalty notice)**

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance, the amount will be:  
£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

### Third Offence

**(within 3 years from the date of  
issue of first penalty notice)**

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance, a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child.  
**This is a criminal offence and a parent may end up with a criminal record.**

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## Outcome of the Governor Consultation on Federating the Governing bodies of both schools.

The Chair of Governors will be writing out shortly with the outcome of the consultation. Thank you to the 31 parents from across the two schools who took the time to respond to the proposal.

## Please note below the school term dates and holidays.

These are shared in the monthly newsletter and can be found on the school website. Therefore, there is no excuse for any parent to claim they are not aware when making requests for leave which needs to be avoided during term time.

### School Term dates 2024-2025

#### Spring Term 2025

Last day of term **(Coming up next)**

Friday 4 April (finish at 2 p.m. Reception & 2.15 p.m. KS 1)

#### Summer Term 2025

First day of school

Tuesday 22 April

INSET DAY (Children not in school)

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

Half term

Monday 26 May – Friday 30 May

Back to school

Monday 2 June

INSET DAY (Children not in school)

Friday 20 June **(Infant School ONLY)**

Last day of term

Tuesday 22 July (finish at 2 p.m. Reception & 2.15 p.m. KS 1)

**The term dates for the academic year 2025/2026 can be found on the school website.**



#### **A REMINDER OF OUR COMPULSARY SCHOOL UNIFORM & PE UNIFORM**

Please be reminded that the school takes a hard line regarding compliance with the school uniform. It is parents' responsibility to ensure that their child is wearing the school uniform as stipulated in the school prospectus and website. On Wednesday's we require all children in Year 1 and 2 to wear the schools PE uniform which comprises of **Grey joggers (Option of black shorts in the summer) a grey top and black trainers/plimsolls** and **not their own sportswear**. This uniform can also be worn for PE lessons, in line with their class timetables, on days other



than Wednesday. All Uniform orders can be made via the Weduc App at the school shop.

**As the school year has progressed we have noticed that some children are attending school wearing items that are not deemed part of the school uniform – particularly shoes. We would like to remind you that the children are expected to wear the full uniform which includes BLACK shoes and not trainers.**

**Please respect the school's policy and practice by ensuring your child comes to school in the correct uniform. We thank you in advance for your support and compliance.**

**During the summer term pupils permitted to wear the following:**

Girls may wear Black or Grey Trousers too.

White socks or grey tights

Boys' black or grey socks.

**Summer dress from April – July only**





**The following information will help you plan for forthcoming events and plan your diaries. (please note there may be times when dates have to be changed due to unforeseen circumstances)**

**Parental Engagement Session planned for the Summer term 2025.**

Our parental engagement sessions coming up next

Date	Year group	Activity	Time	Arrangements	Venue
		<b>Summer</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>2025</b>	
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Nursery	Parents workshop focused on – phonics	9 a.m. 1 p.m.	Morning Nursery Afternoon Nursery	Nursery
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Nursery & Reception	Tooth brushing workshop	2.30 p.m.	Health professional delivering session for all Nursery and Reception parents.	In the school hall.
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception	Maths transition seminar lesson for reception parents facilitated by Year 1	9 a.m.	Starfish class	School hall.
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception	Maths transition seminar lesson for reception parents facilitated by Year 1	9 a.m.	Dolphin class	School hall.
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1	Maths transition seminar lesson for reception parents facilitated by Year 2	9 a.m.	Lemur class	School hall.
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1	Maths transition seminar lesson for reception parents facilitated by Year 2	9 a.m.	Chameleon class	School hall.
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Reception	English transition seminar lesson for reception parents facilitated by Year 1	9 a.m.	Dolphin class	School hall.

Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception	English transition seminar lesson for reception parents facilitated by Year 1	9 a.m.	Sea Turtle class	School hall.
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1	English transition seminar lesson for reception parents facilitated by Year 2	9 a.m.	Lemur class	School hall.
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1	English transition seminar lesson for reception parents facilitated by Year 2	9 a.m.	Jaguar class	School hall.

**FREE SCHOOL MEAL ELIGIBILITY CHECK worth checking as the government continue to give food vouchers during the holidays!**

It is important that parents check their eligibility criteria as a number of parents found themselves to be eligible during lockdown. They were then issued with free school meal vouchers which they could use to purchase food at a supermarket of their choice. It is important that you check as it may be helpful in the event of a second spike!

**Parents can check to see if they meet the eligibility criteria by following the instructions below:**

**Step 1:** Login to the following website: <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk> (Free School Meal Eligibility Checker)

**Step 2:** Click – **Check eligibility**

**Step 3:** Click – **create an account** (Unless you already have an account in which case you go to return to your account and enter your password)

**Step 4:** **Create an account**

**Step 5:** On the drop down menu:

Local authority – select - **Harrow**

School – select – **Kenmore Park Infant & Nursery School.HA3 9JA**

**Step 6:** Read and accept the privacy notice **by ticking the box at the bottom of the page.**

**Step 7:** **Enter your details:**

**First name**

**Last name**

**Your date of birth**

**Your National Insurance number**

**Email address**

**Mobile number**

**Postcode**

**Get address: click on your address; house number etc**

**SUBMIT**

Once you have submitted the form you will receive a response in a couple of days confirming your status. If you are eligible, please forward the email to the school on the following email address:

## School Travel

At Kenmore Park Infant and Nursery as a Gold Award Healthy School, we feel very strongly about how children travel to school and encourage all pupils to walk or scoot to school rather than travelling by car. This is good for their health and also for the environment – helping to reduce carbon dioxide and pollutions which contributes to the increase in the number of pupils suffering from Asthma!

We have designated pods for parking bikes & scooters in different areas of the school for the convenience of parents. We realise that some children live some distance away from the school and may need to come by car however, we would ask that parents park a little distance away from school and walk the rest of the route to school.

As an incentive for children who walk we promote Walk on Wednesdays – 'WOW'. Children who walk to school every Wednesday and we reward the class with the most children walking on a Wednesday at the end of the month. We look forward to your support with this initiative. For the most WOW in the month of March the award goes to **Dolphin class**.

Thank you to all the parents that support safer school travel and walk to school or park and walk in the morning and at the end of the day.

As the weather starts to warm up we would like to see more families enjoying the walk to school and the opportunity it provides to talk to your child, making a positive start to the day. It is also a good time to get the scooters and bikes out to motivate walking and fitness.

With the increasing number of bikes and scooters in school – please label them clearly so that children do not take the wrong bikes or scooters at the end of the day.

I would also like to remind parents that if your child has not brought a scooter or bike to school they should not be borrowing and riding around on the property of other children at the end of the day, a number of children have gone home upset because someone has taken their scooter on a joy ride and then dumped it at another part of the school or taken it home returning it the following day!

## JOB VACANCIES

**We are still in need of As and when staff for the following posts:**



**Cleaners:** working hours 3.30 – 6 p.m. week days only (no qualifications required but experience of cleaning employment desirable).

**As and When Lunch time leaders** (1 hour 10 minutes per day) – are you able to work flexibly between the hours of 11.30 – 1 p.m.



**As and When SEN Teaching Assistants required:**

Hours are based on the needs of the child and cover arrangements.

Please visit the school website (complete the non-teaching application) or school office and request a paper version of the application form. Clearly indicate the post you are applying for and demonstrate in your supporting statement how you are able to meet the person specification.