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NEWSLETTER Thursday 2nd March 2023

Dear Parents,

I hope you had a good half term. I am sure that the next few weeks will fly by ~ it'll be Easter before we know it! We have a fairly busy time ahead, so please check the dates below.

BROADHEMPSTON LEARNERS

Mr. Tanner has been very pleased with **Birch class** who have been working hard in PE showing great determination and concentration. In science **year one and two** children enjoyed learning about plant habitats. As always, some great discussions, sharing thoughts and ideas.



In **Sycamore class** we have started our new science unit - learning all about States of Matter, to begin the unit the children had to decide if something was a solid or a liquid, this included honey, sand, shaving foam and even jelly! The class decided that jelly could be a solid, but it could also be a liquid; we then had a debate as to the reasons why. We have also started a new unit in Geography 'Why are jungles so wet and deserts so dry', the children worked in pairs and used a weather map of the United Kingdom to identify where was hottest and where was coldest. They also came up with lots of ideas about why the desert could be dry and why jungles are wet. We are looking forward to investigating this question further, we will let you know what we find out

Oak Class have been continuing with their work on forces; learning about friction. They investigated which material would make the best brake pad for the scooters from Birch Class and had a go at the floating bottle experiment. I have to say I was most concerned when Miss Barlow said she could hold a bottle of rice in the air with a straw – all I could imagine was a rice covered floor. If the children have tried this at home, I hope they were successful!



ETHOS & VALUES

KS2 had a special assembly last week when Annabelle Lowes from Julian House came in and talked about the work that the charity does to support those who are experiencing homelessness. Annabelle told us a story about a typical 'day in the life' of someone who was homeless and asked us to think of words to describe their life. She then told us of the support they could receive from the charity and how their life would change and then asked us how different the words we chose would now be. She also signposted us to Streetlink (<https://www.streetlink.org.uk/>) where you can report someone who is sleeping rough so they can get support. The children made us so very proud, asking pertinent questions and showing compassion and a desire to be advocates for change.



Celebration assembly

Last week Barnaby was able to share an award he gained in a football club he attends out of school. Please feel free to send in photos of extra achievements for us to share in our Friday celebration assembly. Well done to a very proud Barnaby!

PARENT VIEW QUESTIONNAIRE

If you haven't already done so, could you please take a look at Parent View which gives you the chance to tell us what you think about our school. Parent View asks for your opinion on aspects of our school, from the quality of teaching, to dealing with poor behaviour.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

We value your responses as we need your thoughts to help us conduct our school reviews and improvement plans with thoroughness. Thank you!

SAFEGUARDING & ATTENDANCE

Attendance: (Our school target is 97%)	
Whole school	96.7%
Birch Class	96.7%
Sycamore Class	97.6%
Oak Class	95%

If you are concerned about a child's wellbeing, please contact the school or in non-school hours contact MASH on 0345 155 1071.

Our designated safeguarding officer is Mrs. Ryder and the deputy safeguarding officers are Miss Barlow & Mrs Carwithen.

WORD OF THE FORTNIGHT (Mrs Talbot chose last week's word~ plethora)

Our word this fortnight is: Gabfest A 'Gabfest' is a casual conversation that's usually about fun or entertaining things.

PARENT CONSULTATION MEETINGS

I hope you have found meetings with staff informative and supportive. Our aim, as always, is to ensure all our pupils feel that warm glow of success and personal gains – whatever they might be.

DANCE CLUB – KEVICCs

At KEVICC we pride ourselves on delivering a strong Dance Show called SPRUNG which this year will be held on Tuesday 25th April 7pm in The Ariel Theatre.

If you have any dance enthusiasts that may want to join our Creative Dance Classes on Saturday to get involved in a dance performance for SPRUNG, please ask them to get in touch.

9.30-10.20am ages 5-7, 10.30-11.20am ages 7-10, 11.30-12.20pm ages 10 plus

Cost £40 for this half term plus dress rehearsal and Performance in SPRUNG.

Contact Sarah McNally Sarah.mcinnally@kingedwardvi.org.uk



ADMISSIONS

We are pleased to note that our school is very popular, and our School Ambassadors are kept busy showing potential new families what we have to offer. Our aim is to ensure we make our big-hearted school a place to discover and desire!

We are incredibly lucky to have amazing staff, great staff to pupil ratios, and fab amenities on our doorstep. Long may this continue!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

3 rd March	World book day for us! (National day is 2 nd) Dressing up as your favourite character.
17 th March	Mothering Friday 2:45pm
20 th March	Oak & Sycamore Classes: Forest School

23 rd March	Birch Class: Forest School
28 th March	Birch Class assembly 3:00pm village hall. Parents invited to attend.

That's all the news for now. Have a good weekend.

Jill Ryder.