

KING'S MEADOW MESSAGES

A Summer Term of Enrichment, Rewards and Achievements!

As we start another busy term, I wanted to reflect on the Spring term, it was wonderful to see how positively the children approached their learning. They showed great enthusiasm, resilience and pride in their work, making the most of every opportunity both in and beyond the classroom. We also had many visitors last term, who noticed improved handwriting, presentation and standards in the children's books.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to parents and carers for your ongoing support and to our staff team for their continued commitment and care in supporting all of the children.

Looking ahead to the summer term, some year groups will be taking part in statutory assessments:

- Year 6 Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation, Reading and Maths tests: **11th – 14th May**
- Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check: **1st – 12th June**
- Year 1 Phonics Screening Check: **week commencing 8th June**

If you would like any further information about these assessments, please speak to your child's class teacher.



Thank you to all parents and carers who completed our recent survey. Your feedback is greatly appreciated, and we are pleased to hear how much children have enjoyed the school trips, the One Life Programme, Meet and Greet, Year 6 maths breakfast boosters, and taking part in PE (with new uniform) and sports tournaments. Your support helps us continue to provide enriching experiences for all pupils.



We understand some parents would like more communication about events. The move away from Class Dojo was a Trust-wide decision, and we appreciate that communication has felt different this year. Key events are planned a term in advance and shared through our diary dates, with additional workshops or pastoral drop-ins added as needed. Paper copies are available from the school office. Event letters are sent by phase, subject leads, or myself to explain each event's purpose. All communication is sent through the MCAS app. If yours isn't working, please try deleting and reinstalling the latest version.



We also share reminders, messages and celebrations on our school Instagram:
<https://www.instagram.com/kingsmeadowacademy/>
Please follow us to keep up to date.

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This week, look out for our half-termly *Home Helper*, which will outline what your child will be learning and key vocabulary. These are sent at the start of each half term to support home learning after being introduced in the Autumn term.

All newsletters are added to our website which also includes the school diary dates for each term and term dates.



A huge thank you to all our parents and carers for supporting World Book Day and Comic Relief. We know costumes and wild hairstyles aren't always easy and we really appreciate you going the extra mile. You helped create a brilliant atmosphere and made both days so memorable for the children. Thank you!



A big thank you to all parents for supporting good attendance. Our whole-school attendance is now 94%, with four classes at 95%+ just amazing! More children are earning golden tickets each week, and last term a scooter and a bike were won. Thank you to those who have attended attendance meetings and understand how lateness affect overall attendance. Working together helps us prevent children slipping into persistent absence, which can lead to Wakefield Authority penalty notices, including for term-time holidays. We do not want to issue fines to any family – let us help and support. Good attendance makes a huge difference to learning. If you have any concerns or need support, please come and see me for a chat and a cuppa!

Mrs Kerry Williams-Kendall
Head of School

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Staffing Update

At the end of last half term, we wished Mrs Beresford well as she starts maternity leave and we can not wait to hear future baby news – watch this space!



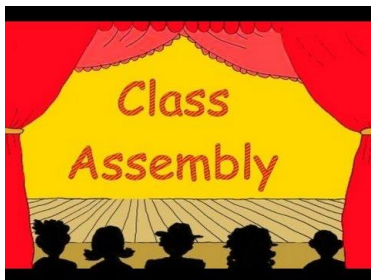
We welcome Ms Said who will be teaching 4/5CB for the Summer term. She met the children in key stage two during the last week of term and is excited to get going at KMA.

Easter Prize Winners!



Congratulations to Layne, who correctly guessed the Easter Bunny's name - Luna! Luna is now happily settled in her new home with plenty of cuddles.

Thank you to all parents and staff who helped raise £201 through our Easter raffle; this will go towards new history and geography resources across school. Thank you also to everyone who supported the PTA by buying cakes at our Easter cake sale on the last day of term. Easter Raffle winners will be contacted by the school office this week after it was drawn on the last day of term.



A class assembly is a lovely chance for children to share what they've been learning with you. They get to show their work, talk about their topics, and enjoy performing in front of family. It's a special moment for

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

School Attendance Figures to Date for Spring Term

Below is a break down of the Spring Term attendance so far.

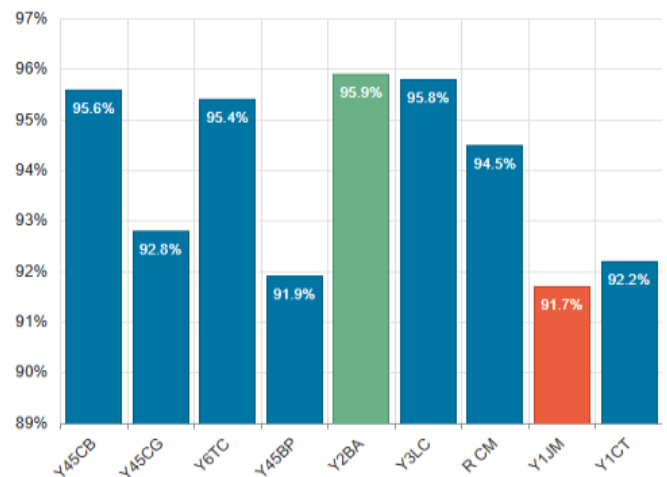
Spring Term Attendance Jan to Present

Week 1	95.6%
Week 2	94.8%
Week 3	93.8%
Week 4	93.4%
Week 5	94.4%
Week 6	94.5%
Week 7	92.9%
Week 8	96.2%
Week 9	96%
Week 10	95.5%
Week 11	92.2%

Year 2 won class attendance for the Spring term and as a result have gained an own clothes day on Friday this week. Parents have already been informed. Well done year 2 with over 96%

Class Attendance – Since Sept 3rd to present.

WHOLE SCHOOL – 94%



We will again have two golden ticket winners at the end of this half term – will it be two scooters, two bikes or a bike and a scooter this time?

Safeguarding
is a priority here

Keeping our children safe is everyone's responsibility. Child exploitation can affect any child, regardless of

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the children to shine and for parents to celebrate their hard work.

4/5CB completed their class assembly last term as the first class. We can't wait to have parents attend their child's class assembly this term for the rest of the school. Please can I remind parents not to take photos during the performance as some children do not have permission to have their photo taken or be on social media platforms. Opportunities for photos with loved one are welcomed afterwards.

Suggestion Box – Shaping KMA Together



Thank you to the parents who have added compliments and suggestions to the Suggestion box.

Learning events - Parents asked for more learning events focused on Reading, Writing and Maths. We introduced these from the Spring term as part of our new Community Parent Leadership Offer, supporting readers, mathematicians and hosting our Great Art Exhibition.

Sports Events - Parents asked for more sports clubs. In the Spring Term we provided sports clubs for key stage 1 (1+2), lower key stage 2 (3+4), upper key stage 2 (5+6) and provided a World Book Day story telling event after school open to all children.

Alternating the time of events - Parents also requested alternating Book and a Biscuit session for Reception and Year 1, as well as moving key parent information sessions (Year 6 SATs, Phonics, Multiplication Check) between mornings and afternoons to support working families. We hope these have been helpful.

School Field Gate - Parents requested that we open the bottom field gate at the end of the day. As children use the playground and field for lessons or clubs until home time, the gate must remain closed for safeguarding. We appreciate your patience when exiting the site.

age, background or community. By knowing the signs and understanding the local risks, parents and carers can play a vital role in keeping children safe.

Child Exploitation (CE) includes both **Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)** and **Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE)**.

It happens when a child or young person is manipulated, deceived, pressured, or coerced into sexual activity or criminal behaviour such as drug running, theft, carrying weapons, or involvement with organised crime groups.

Key Warning Signs Parents Should Look Out For

Warning signs can include:

Behavioural Signs

- Sudden mood changes, anxiety, withdrawal or becoming secretive.
- Unexplained aggression, fearfulness or emotional outbursts.
- Coming home late, staying out overnight, or going missing.

Physical & Practical Signs

- Unexplained injuries.
- Possessions or money that can't be accounted for.
- Changes in appearance or personal hygiene.
- Signs of physical neglect or tiredness.

Online Safety Concerns

- New contacts on social media the child will not discuss.
- Excessive time online, secrecy around devices, or accessing platforms with adults.

Association & Peer Group Signs

- New friendships with older individuals.
- Becoming withdrawn from usual friends.
- Talking about places or people parents haven't heard of.



Safeguarding

If you are concerned about a child in the community please use the below number at weekends or in the holidays or if the child or yourself is in immediate harm, please call **999**. Wakefield Safeguarding

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Decorate the Egg – A strong field of entries!

Wow! It was a very strong field of entries this year. I left the judging to other staff as it was such a difficult decision, but I loved every single one! Well done to all families that took part so much creativity! A selection of over 50 entries can be found at the end of the newsletter.

Prize winners received an Easter Egg and a rosette from our school PTA.

Integrated Front Door (also known as Social Care Direct or MASH) is **0345 8503 503**.

Our school Safeguarding Leads are:

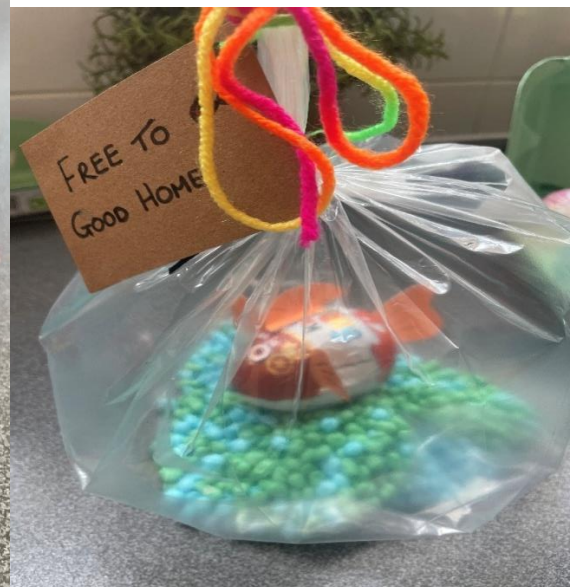
Mrs Penny (Executive Head)

Mrs Williams-Kendall (Head of School)

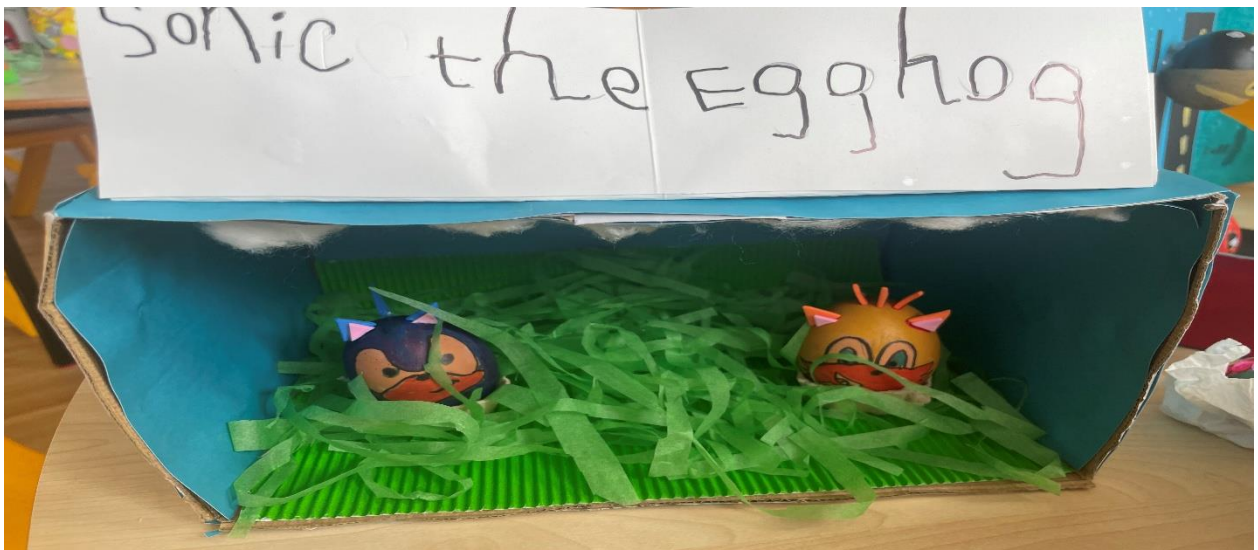
Mrs Moore (EYFS Leader)

Miss Radford (Learning Mentor)

Mrs Sawyer (SENDco)



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