



Knightsridge Primary School

Primary 7 Newsletter



News



We have settled into a good routine in our Primary 7 classroom and have lots to celebrate as we move through term 2. Firstly congratulations to our newly appointed House Captains – Kiera Baird (Cameron), Mackenzie Mellor (Douglas), Cameron Fowler (Maitland) & Kornelia Makowska (McKenzie) – they were outstanding in their presentations and interviews and we wish them every success in the year. I would also like to congratulate the pupils who were not selected but who demonstrated our school values and will definitely have the opportunity to develop their leadership skills. Our other exciting news has been our course in partnership with volunteers in China learning Mandarin. It has been a fantastic opportunity to create new links and every Monday at 9am we are being taught Mandarin by our Chinese teacher and then we go on to explore another area of Chinese culture. We have particularly enjoyed finding out about Beijing, the Great Wall of China, Chinese traditional tales and finally the Terracotta Army. We have been making our own army and take a look on the blog, Twitter and on Teams when we finally finish – our creativity will amaze you!!

What You Need & When...

As our outdoor PE lessons continue with Mrs Ferguson on a Tuesday until the end of term can I suggest warm but comfortable clothing is worn – please think about footwear too!

We are a healthy school and encourage water to be brought in for the classroom along with a healthy snack. Please note chewing gum & energy drinks should not be brought to school!

Please make sure you are coming to school in warm clothing, the playground is getting colder and the classroom also needs to be ventilated at all times – wrap up!

Our Learning Summary

Literacy - We have really enjoyed our genre for writing this term – persuasive writing- and this has linked well with learning about debating in our Listening & Talking lessons with Mrs MacDonald. Who knew P7 would enjoy an argument – only this term you have to back up your points with evidence! In reading we have been improving our questioning skills and used these well in our Remembrance powerpoint. Asking and answering questions gives us the chance to show our understanding as well as check on other people. Our online comprehension tasks are great to improve understanding and to see how we are making progress by showing areas to improve.

Numeracy & Maths - So far in Numeracy we have focused on multiplication and division strategies, factors and beginning to look at fractions – isn't it amazing how everything links together? (Especially times tables so keep practicing!) We hope to further investigate equations and the order in which you do a sum. In Maths our focus has been on data handling, reading & making graphs, finding information and using ICT to help us! We will explore more complex 2D & 3D shapes and co-ordinates later in the term.

Health & Wellbeing - So far this term we have been exploring the topic of Diversity and looked at how diverse Scotland is. This connects well with our focus on the Wellbeing wheel “included” & “safe” and how we can feel included in school and the classroom. We will be researching road safety and have anti-bullying week to further develop our inclusive classroom and ensure we know how to ask for help and feel safe, particularly online.

Important Dates

November

16th - Anti-bullying week & Scottish Book Week

23rd Road Safety Week

30th – Shape fortnight

December

Thurs 10th Christmas Lunch

Fri 11th Christmas Jumper Day

Mon 14th - P7 Christmas Celebration

Fri 18th - End of Term

6th January return to school



Home Help



Home learning grids for November & December are available on Teams/the blog and will be emailed out. Spelling words are updated weekly and any other Literacy or Numeracy Tasks will be sent as required. I encourage you to continue to develop good study habits at home:

- Read for 15-20 mins daily/ news updates
- Sumdog/Times Tables
- Share your learning with people at home

Communication

Twitter

Please continue to follow our learning journey with regular updates on the

Knightsridge Twitter page
@KnightsridgePr1 and our
Primary 7 class page
@MrsMcLellanKPS



Updates will also be posted on our KPS website & school blog

<https://knightsridge.westlothian>