



Knightsridge Primary School

February 2024 Newsletter

Message from Mrs Kerr	I hope you are all well and that you are looking forward to the February break. I would like to thank everyone who is keeping our gates safe for our children by considering where you are parking. In school, we are busy preparing for the completion of our building works and it was exciting to be able to write to you to inform you of our final moving dates. As always, please contact me if there is anything you would like to discuss. I wish you all a restful February break and let's hope the weather improves for our return.	
Building Update	The building works are nearly complete! Our P1-3 pupils will relocate to the infant end on Monday 4th March Our P6-7 pupils will move back to KPS on Monday 11th March We will send out all the information you need to know about our new routines after the February break.	
Once a week, take a peek!	Head Lice is something that is easily spread in school settings. Please check your child's hair regularly. Please click on the following link for NHS guidance on identifying and treating head lice. https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/skin-hair-and-nails/head-lice-and-nits	
Contacting us	You can email us at wknightstridge-ps@westlothian.org.uk or call 01506 280610 to speak to our school office Please check out our website at https://knightstridge.westlothian.org.uk/ You can also follow us on Twitter @KnightsridgePr1	
Thank you	We would like to thank Jen Moran for all of the support she has given our school over the years as part of the KPSA. Jen and the rest of the KPSA organised the Halloween Party and Christmas Fayre each year and coffee mornings just to name a few as well as fundraising for our school. Jen has decided to step down from running the KPSA however will still be involved in our school events and supporting our school trips too!	
Health and Wellbeing	On Monday 5th February we will be recognising 'Children's Mental Health Week' across our school, with the theme 'My Voice Matters'. We recognise that children need to feel well to do well at school - what they say matters to us. We have asked all of our children to name a 'trusted adult' in school, someone they feel they can talk to if they are worried or have a concern. Please ask your child who they have named. You can get involved at home with some family activities, they can be found here https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/#resources Article 12 of the 'United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child' (UNCRC) states that children have a voice and should have their views taken seriously. We will be exploring this further during this special week. Each fortnight we focus on a different right from the UNCRC, 'Article of the Fortnight', if you would like to know more about your children's rights please follow this link for parents, https://www.parentclub.scot/articles/childrens-rights .	
Supporting Attendance	Article 28 of the 'United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child' (UNCRC) states that all children have the right to an education. Nationally, attendance has dropped by 3% across all schools. 90% attendance across all thirteen school years amounts to one full year of school missed. Through regularly attending school, children develop social skills – making friends, co-operating, resolving conflict, building confidence. They also develop important life skills such as resilience and responsibility and a sense of belonging and positive habits for their future. In addition, children who regularly attend school are found to experience: Greater academic success, fewer mental and physical health problems in adulthood and better economic and employment outcomes.	
BBC Scotland Authors Live	On Tuesday 16th January a group of Primary 6 and 7s were invited to attend BBC Scotland's Authors Live with Joseph Coelho, Children's Laureate. Joseph has been an author and poet who has been inspiring us at Knightsridge for over a year. We were so excited to finally meet him, children presented him with their stories - which he happily signed. What an inspiration. You can watch the event following this link https://www.bbc.co.uk/events/enh5q9 'I found the experience of meeting Joseph Coelho inspiring. He told us all about what goes through his mind and how to get ideas and structure a poem. When I went home, I jotted down my own ideas. I liked how he mirrored his own experiences in his poems. I found it comforting that he was open about how he felt and his experiences. He showed that he was listening closely to our questions, and that he understood us.' Primary 7 pupil	
Parent Conference	Due to the confirmation of school moving date we have postponed our Parent Conference until Thursday 14th March. At the conference we will have information on our curriculum, health and wellbeing, using digital tools to support your child at home with learning and much more.	
Dates for Diary	<p>February</p> <p>Friday 9th – Last day before February holiday</p> <p>Sunday 18th – Gala Day Royal Court Party at Mosswood</p> <p>Monday 19th – Inset Day for school staff</p> <p>Tuesday 20th – Pupils resume</p>	<p>March</p> <p>w/b 4th – KPS Book Week</p> <p>14th March- Parent Conference 4-5pm</p> <p>Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th – Parent/Carer Consultations</p> <p>Thursday 28th – Last day before Easter holiday</p>