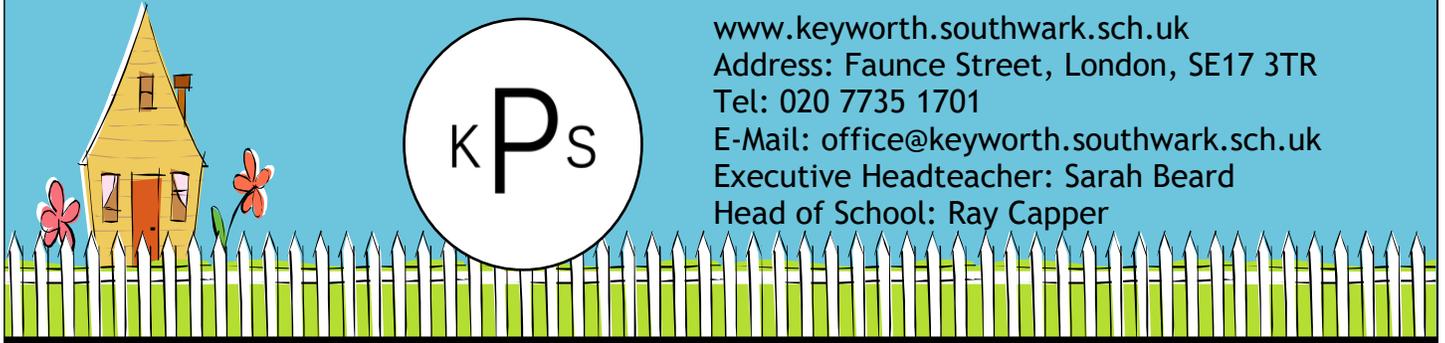


KEYWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Celebrations

| Class | Star of the Week | English Expert of the Week | Mathematician of the Week |
|-------|------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| RCC | Zackariya | Amanah | Elise |
| RSP | Nate | Ronit | Zahara |
| 1CT | Zaynab | Sana | Othniel |
| 2PH | Kaycee | Angel | Joao |
| 2TA | Abdul | Genesis | Cinar |
| 3JG | Mahdi | Taqwa | Davarney |
| 3BH | Abdul | Sara | Saif |
| 4JA | Daniel | Diaz | Sam |
| 4MV | Benite | Janet | Adam |
| 5JB | Jayden | Emilia | Beyonce |
| 5CS | Lamyaa | Adama | Fatima |
| 6JA | Hafsatou | Jessica | Mikel |
| 6MK | Valentine | Georgina | Hakim |

Google classroom attendance awards

Congratulations to our 3 medalists. Which class will have the best *Google classroom* attendance next week?



1CT



6MK



5CS

Latest News

First of all, welcome back to everyone after the half-term break!

School reopening to everyone

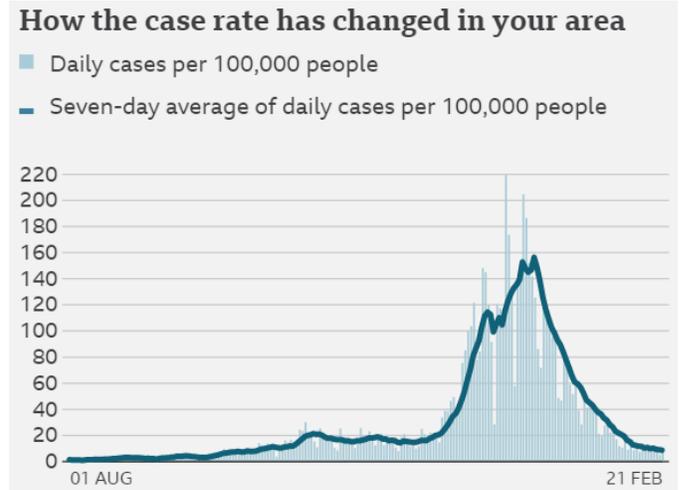
You will have seen in the news that it was announced by the government that all schools will fully reopen on **Monday 8th March**. I will send you further details next week about the full reopening, but just to make you aware that we are likely to keep to the same plan as was used during the autumn term.

Coronavirus update

I regularly receive coronavirus updates from *Southwark Council* and thought that I would share this information with Keyworth families. The graph to the right represents Southwark Covid rates over time and you will see that the trend in recent weeks is, thankfully, going down.

As always, you can find the latest information about the coronavirus in London using the following link:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/coronavirus>



The history of Keyworth Primary School - assembly

This week in assembly, we found out information about the history of our school:

- The school dates back to 1891 with the school originally being called Faunce Street School;
- In 1951, the school was renamed Keyworth Primary School after Lance Corporal Leonard Keyworth (1893-1915);
- Lance Corporal Leonard Keyworth fought in the First World War and was awarded a Victoria Cross in 1915 by King George V at Buckingham Palace for his courage and bravery;
- Leonard Keyworth died in battle later in 1915;
- As well as Keyworth Primary School, Leonard Keyworth also has two streets in Southwark named after him: Keyworth Street and Keyworth Place (both SE1).

You can find further information about Leonard Keyworth below:

- <http://vconline.org.uk/leonard-james-keyworth-vc/4587318156>
- http://www.queensroyalsurreys.org.uk/vc_gc/vc06.shtml



Keyworth reading events

This past year has taught us all that trying to engage children (and ourselves) with remote learning can be very challenging and I am sure that the majority will be hoping that we never have to do it to the same degree again!

There is, however, still a continued need for children to undertake some learning at home, be it through learning times tables/number facts, learning phonics/spelling rules and patterns, and regular reading. Throughout my career, I have been asked by many parents/carers if there was one

key thing that they can do at home to support their child, what it would be... “Get your child to read, read and read some more”.

If we think about it, if a child is unable to read well this impacts on their learning across the curriculum... writing, speaking well, comprehension of language, solving Maths problems, understanding tasks in Science/History/Geography etc. You can then see how this will also apply to your child’s adult life...

Starting next week, Keyworth will be having a focus on reading. Please refer to a letter sent by Jaime earlier in the week that has all of the details. To summarise:

- **Thursday 4th March** is *World Book Day* with children able to dress-up as their favourite book character. There will also be two virtual discos. Further details are at the end of this newsletter.
- **Monday 8th - Friday 19th March** we will be holding a *Readathon* where children will be trying to read as many times as possible within the two weeks. Prizes will be given out throughout to children and classes.
 - Children in the Early Years and KS1 are to record how many books they read.
 - Children in KS2 are to record how many 20-minute reads they complete.
- Throughout the two weeks, there will be in-school competitions and author events.
- We would like families to send photographs of their child and/or family reading in unusual places so that we can create several reading displays around the school. Please send to office@keyworth.southwark.sch.uk by **Wednesday 10th March**.

The Children’s Bookshow Digital Festival 2021

The *Children’s Bookshow* is a charity that inspires school children with a love of reading through an annual programme of in-theatre and digital performances and in-school workshops with the very best authors and illustrators from around the world.

As part of the *Digital Festival 2021*, there will be 6 LIVE digital author events over three days next week to celebrate *World Book Day*, and to encourage children to love reading and books. You can find out further information using the following link:

<https://thechildrensbookshow.com/> .



Body percussion with Pablo

Pablo is a *Southwark Music Service* teacher who has worked at Keyworth in recent years delivering samba lessons to children in upper KS2, which have ended with a performance at *The Royal Festival Hall*. Those who attended Keyworth’s last carnival will also have seen him there. Pablo has created several body percussion lessons linked to the teaching that he does at Keyworth. These are appropriate for all ages and you can find the lessons on our website link below:

<http://keyworth.southwark.sch.uk/music-at-keyworth/>.

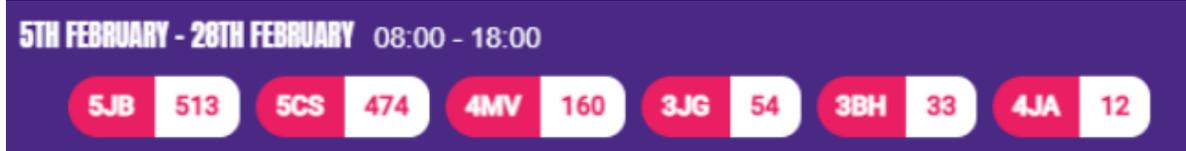
Maths resources on the website

We have updated and will continue to update the Maths resources on the website. You will find some problem solving activities as well as some videos of teacher Melissa showing families how to complete some of the activities. You can take a look at these by clicking on the link below:

<http://keyworth.southwark.sch.uk/home-learning-resources-maths/>

Times Table Rockstars - Battle of the Bands, KS2

This is a reminder that the 'Battle of the Bands' TTRS competition will end in 3 days on **Sunday 28th February**. Currently, 5JB are in the lead. Keep logging in to play if you would like your class to win! The results will be posted in next week's newsletter. Good Luck!



Safeguarding advice for parents/carers

We have been asked to share the following government safeguarding guidelines with parents/carers to inform and support with keeping children safe:

- [Keeping children safe from abuse and harm](#) - advice for parents and carers about the main risks children may be particularly vulnerable to at this time and information about available help and support.
- [Keeping children safe online](#) - advice and guidance to help parents and carers to keep children safe online.

Online safety - SafeToNet

SafeToNet is an app for parents to help them protect their children from online risks like cyberbullying and sexting, while respecting their child's rights to privacy. It also gives children access to wellbeing exercises to help deal with issues such as stress, fear and anxiety. The *SafeToNet Foundation* is providing UK families with free-for-life access to *SafeToNet* during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. This is software that parents/carers can download to help keep their child/ren safe when unsupervised online. Further information can be found below:

<https://safetonet.com/landing-pages/covid/>

A poem by Nathan 6JA

I thought that I would end this newsletter with the following poem written by one of Keyworth's children. It is both beautiful and emotional, as well as containing an important reminder to us all: **"In these challenging times, we need to not only hear our children but actually listen to them"**.

Wishing you a lovely weekend!

Ray Capper
Head of School

Tough times

I walk down the side of a flowing river,
Feeling the cold air blowing upon my back,
Weather forecast said it would be sunny today,
But all I feel is pain every day.

There are many things that I can't handle,
So I sit in my room with a candle,
Sometimes I feel I want to be alone,
As everything has been postponed.

This coronavirus has ruined my plans,
And kept us at home for a while,
Now it's time to get back up and run another mile.

Though life has its ups and downs,
Tough times never last, only tough people last.

By Nathan 6JA

Keyworth Primary School and Party Peeps Presents...

WORLD BOOK DAY

*Virtual
Disco*

THURSDAY 4th MARCH

ZOOM TIMES

EYFS/KS1: 6PM KS2: 7PM

Dress up as your favourite book character
or in your favourite party outfit!

**A LINK TO THE PARTY WILL BE SENT
OVER EMAIL ON 3RD MARCH**