



Kew Woods News

Friday 12th January, 2018



Happy New Year

The Governors and Staff would like to wish our pupils, parents and community members a Happy New Year. As you may have read in the Southport Visitor recently, Kew Woods was named amongst the top 20 primaries across Merseyside due to our excellent SATs results, with 83% of our Year 6 pupils achieving the expected standard in reading, writing and mathematics. Following on from our recent OFSTED report, we are extremely proud of these results and the progress that the children make at our school.

We started this term with an assembly focusing upon setting resolutions for the New Year and ways to keep to your goals. Ms Jackson shared her own goals and talked about the benefits of striving towards them for her personally. Some children also shared their resolutions to be healthy, to exercise more, to listen more carefully and to work harder. The children will all set their own goals in their Collective Worship and PSHE lessons this week and will be encouraged to reflect on their progress towards them during the term.

Kew Park Update

As a school we have been fundraising to support the renovation of Kew Park. Thanks to the support of our pupils, parents and other members of the community the amount we have raised to date is:

£1,770

This amount has been raised from the Christmas Fair, Halloween Disco, Christmas Raffle and Enterprise Day. Thank you for your tremendous support with this project. School Council representatives will now obtain ideas from the children about the design of the new park.

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ATTENDANCE

School attendance this week is 97.2% which is above national average. Well done to class 6W who had the highest attendance this week with 99.7

Diary Dates:

January

15th Clubs start

23rd Year 6

Robinwood Meeting
3.30pm

February

5th RW Height,
weight, hearing &
sight screening

6th Parents eve

7th Parents eve

9th—Wacky Hair Day

12th Half Term



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At the end of last term, we were delighted to take two teams to participate in a Basketball Competition at Birkdale High School. We played games against Linaker Primary, Holy Family Primary, Churchtown A and Churchtown B. Both teams performed well on the day and thoroughly enjoyed the new experience. One of our teams performed exceptionally well and were delighted to receive their silver runners up medals. We look forward to entering a team into the Christ the King tournament later this term.



This Week's Class Dojo Winners

Bahyia	RK
Mason B	RW
Lola	1K
Eddie & Ollie	1W
Theodore	2K
Oliver	2W
Hayden	3K
Harley & Callum	3W
Christian	4K
Torrin	4W
Olivia & Kian	5K
Holly & Maya	5W
Elliot	6K
Alfie W D	6W

Attendance Update

As you know, one of our improvement targets as a school is to improve attendance and we are aiming for 97%. Last term our attendance was 96.2% so we are getting close to our target. We were delighted to present 123 children with 100% Attendance Certificates for this term too.

Love My Community

School Council meet regularly as part of the our link with Southport Learning Partnership. Along with other Southport schools, they have organised an event in school for their Love My Community Project. They would like to invite the children to participate in a Wacky Hair Day on Friday 9th February. If possible, they would like the children to pay £1 on the day and the money raised will go locally to the Alzheimer's Society.

We are sure that the children will enjoy being creative and styling their hair for the day. Please could parents ensure that if they children dye their hair that it will be able to be washed out for their return to school the following Monday? Likewise, we would not wish for any permanent shavings etc that would still be in their hair their following week. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Well Being

Year 4 have now completed Mindfulness sessions each week with Mrs Scott using a classroom based curriculum called Paws b. Mindfulness involves supporting the children with what is going well and also challenges they may face. During the course they focused upon:

- *Specific areas of the brain and how these affect our ability to focus, make good choices, recognise when we need to steady ourselves when our mind is busy or out of balance*
- *Ways that mindfulness can support them in many day to day activities including concentration, memory, behaviour, self management and in relationships with family and friends*
- *Ways to respond rather than react and therefore make better choices and take best care of themselves*

Mindfulness is not part of the National Curriculum that as a school we are legally required to teach. However, it is part of our school curriculum and we feel it supports well being and develops important skills to help pupil deal with any worries or anxieties.

Year 6 will access Mindfulness lessons during this term and we hope this will support them and give them the opportunity to reflect from their busy lives.