

APRIL 2019

# Newsletter



## Headteacher's Message

Kestrel House school has had a very busy Spring Term. I would like to take this opportunity in thanking all of the staff, students and families who have shown great commitment in bringing Kestrel House school to where it is now.

In February this year we were formally announced as a 'Good' school by HMI Inspectors following our OFSTED visit. This is a real achievement by everyone and we are really proud with the outcome.

In March we celebrated World Book Day and 'Comic Relief.' Both events were incredibly enjoyable and everyone loved dressing up and taking part. Comic Relief had a number of events which were organised by each class, held during that week. I am pleased to announce that we were able to raise **£303**. The highest ever raised at Kestrel House School. Comic relief week ended with our talent show. All of the staff took great pleasure in getting involved and there some stand out performances from Marcelina Zastawna and Basheer Edah-Tally. Basheer has since been thinking about auditioning for Britain's Got Talent! He is a superstar in the making.

The Kestrel Family Nest led by Sharon Manikham our Family Liaison lead, has grown from strength to strength. Our families are engaging in learning opportunities in school and are really begin to become a confident core group within the community.

The summer term will bring lots of exciting learning opportunities which will enrich the learning. As the weather changes, our pupils will be exploring themes which focus on the topic of 'What a Wonderful World'. Our staff will be sharing the curriculum letters with you at the start of the summer term.

Today we will be saying good bye to Laura Kearney who is the teacher in Olive class. She has been a fantastic support at Kestrel House and we will all miss her dearly. Good luck Laura and we wish you all the best.

Thank you once again and enjoy the Easter Break.

*Lorna Bailey*

**Part of the Acorn Group**



# Class articles

## Elm class

This term Elm class was promoting a healthy lifestyle! We have been out visiting a local pathway.



Elm class was celebrating National strawberry day. Look at the beautiful piece of ART and Ogulcan's fine motor skills. Very impressed!



There is lots of fun to be indoors as well! Knowing the individual potential, we are ensuring our pupils receive a well-rounded education.



We have been very busy planting cress and looking at how they grow. To make it more fun we used our plants and turned them into superheroes.





## Oak class

Oak class students have been taking part in group music therapy sessions with Joe, our music therapist.



Oak class made pizza faces; they did great at rolling the pizza dough and making a face using different vegetables.



## Olive class

Olive class have been learning about healthy eating and how to keep our bodies healthy.

We have been practising our cutting skills.



## Chestnut class



Chestnut class have been helping take care of Piglet, the school dog.

We took her for a walk in the park and let her off the lead. We practiced walking nice and slow with her and making sure we are gentle and not pull her when we hold the lead.





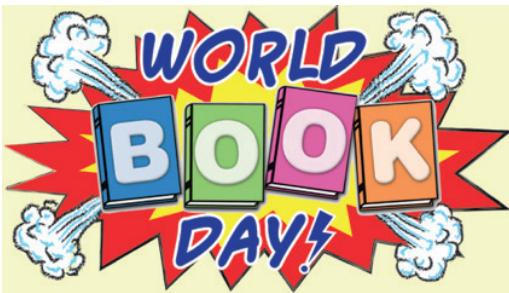
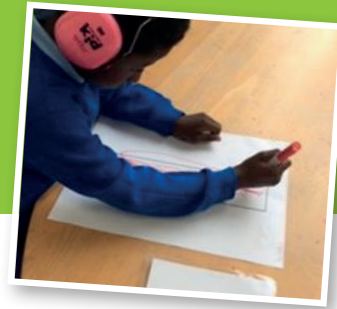
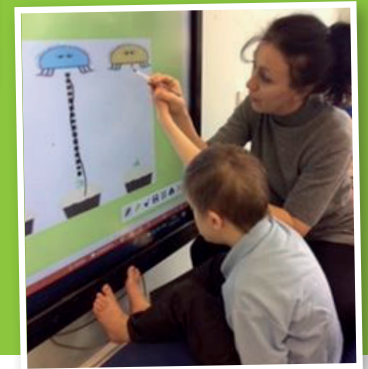
# Maple class

In maths, Maple Class has been learning about sequencing and patterns.

Ben is using red and yellow bricks to make a tower,

Callum is making a pattern by sticking red and yellow pegs onto Nikki's sleeve and Malcolm is making a pattern by sticking red and blue squares and rectangles on paper, he can do it by himself.

Maple class have been practising mark making and writing. We have been mark making on the board and decorating the letters in our name.



For World Book day we got dressed up as our favourite book characters.

We had 'Snow-white', 'Spider-Man', 'Pocahontas'





## Wellbeing

I am Sharon the Family Liaison Officer/Lead Thrive Practitioner at Kestrel House School. I started this role at the beginning of January. I have been working on engaging with the families and doing joined up work with the families and school. I have completed home visits with individual families and liaised with their local councils and social workers in order to get the families the support that they need.

I have started up a parent group which is called Kestrel Family Nest where I run support sessions for families. These sessions are designed so that the families can build up relationships and support each other as well as our school supporting them. I have also introduced the families to other members of the well-being team. Simon Mendoza Well-being Co-ordinator has done a Makaton session with the families and has given out little hand books that we have made.

In my next session which will be after the Easter break I will be working with the speech and language therapist to do a PECS and time-table session for the Kestrel Family Nest group.

Looking forward to seeing you all there.





## RED NOSE DAY

The whole school had lots of fun raising money for Red Nose Day. We had lots of activities like messy play, Face Painting and cake decorating.

At the end of the week, we put on a talent show.

Dipo sold Autism Awareness bookmarks and cakes to the parents.

We did a fantastic version of 'Monkey Puzzle.'

We want to say a big 'thank you' to Chris Currie for organising the show for us.



# TERM DATES FOR PUPILS 2019

Spring Term 2019	Starts	Ends
1st Half Term	Tuesday 8th January	Friday 15th February
Holiday (SCHOOL CLOSED)	Monday 18th February	Friday 22nd February
2nd Half Term	Monday 25th February	Friday 5th April
Easter Holiday (SCHOOL CLOSED)	Monday 8th April	Monday 22nd April

Summer Term 2019	Starts	Ends
1st Half Term	Tuesday 23rd April	Friday 24th May
Holiday (SCHOOL CLOSED)	Monday 27th May	Friday 31st May
2nd Half Term	Monday 3rd June	Friday 19th July
Summer Holiday (SCHOOL CLOSED)	Monday 22nd July	Monday 2nd September (INSET days TBC)

Term dates for pupils and staff (updated 4th April 2019)

## How to get in touch

If you are interested in visiting Kestrel House School, or finding out more about the support we provide, please call **020 8348 8500** or e-mail [admin@kestrelhouseschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@kestrelhouseschool.co.uk)