



NEWSLETTER



Message from the Headteacher

As we come to the end of another wonderful year, I am incredibly proud of all our pupils for their hard work, positive attitudes and achievements.

Thank you to our families for your continued support and to our staff for their dedication and care. Together, we have made this a successful and memorable year. To our Year 6 pupils – we wish you every success as you move on. You will be greatly missed.

Attendance (Sept – now)

**Attendance this
year:** 92.8%

**Best class
attendance:** Owls

Wishing all our families a happy, safe and restful summer break.

Warmest regards,
Mrs Woodhouse

Saying Farewell

Mrs Subhan

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Mrs Subhan, who has been a valued member of our Kates Hill family since the very start of her teaching career. During her time at Kates Hill she has made a lasting impact on so many children and has contributed greatly to our school community. We are incredibly grateful for all she has given to our school, and we wish Mrs Subhan every success and happiness as she begins this exciting new chapter at her new school.

Mr Crogan

We would like to thank Mr Crogan for his hard work and dedication during his time at Kates Hill. As a Learning Mentor, he has supported many children through one-to-one and group work, as well as running popular lunchtime activities and after-school clubs. We wish him every success and happiness in the future and thank him for the positive impact he has made on our school community.

Mr Brown

We would like to thank Mr Brown for his dedication during his time at Kates Hill. He has been a valued member of our Upper Key Stage 2 team, and we wish him every success and happiness for the future.

Welcoming

In September, we will be delighted to welcome two highly experienced teachers to the Kates Hill family, Mrs Bayley and Miss Pearson. We are incredibly excited for them to join our team and look forward to the expertise, enthusiasm, and dedication they will bring to our school community.

Getting Married



We are delighted to share that Mr Pardoe is getting married this summer! Please join us in congratulating him and wishing him a wonderful wedding day and every happiness for the future. 💍🎉

We are thrilled to announce that Ms Wagstaff will be getting married during our summer break. When she returns in September, she will be known as Mrs McGrath. We would all like to wish her a wonderful wedding day and all the happiness in the future! 💍🎉

We are delighted to share that Mr Brown will be getting married during the summer break. Although he will not be returning to school afterwards, we would like to wish him a wonderful wedding day and every happiness for the future. Congratulations, Mr Brown! 🌸🎉



WAYS TO TAKE A BREAK

Listen to
music or
a podcast

Go for
a walk

Have some
screen-free
time

Read a
book or
magazine

Talk to
or text
a friend

Make
yourself a
hot drink

Move
your body

Doodle
on a page

Have
a nap

Year 3

Year 3 have had an exciting and enjoyable term filled with lots of learning, enrichment opportunities and hard work.

In History, we learnt all about the history of the Black Country and Dudley, discovering how Dudley grew from a tiny settlement called Dudda's Lea into the busy town we know today. To deepen our understanding, we visited the Black Country Living Museum. The children were a credit to the school, demonstrating amazing behaviour throughout the trip. They asked thoughtful questions, listened carefully, showed great resilience and successfully walked to and from the museum.

In English, we explored a range of texts, including poems, recounts and narratives, developing our reading and writing skills along the way. In Maths, we built our understanding of measures, fractions, time and money through a variety of practical and engaging activities.

In Art, we experimented with printing techniques and created our own Andy Warhol-inspired artwork. In Design and Technology, we designed and made chocolate boxes, applying our creative and practical skills. In Geography, we learnt all about France, which linked perfectly with our French lessons and helped us develop our understanding of another country and culture.

Well done to all of Year 3 for their hard work, enthusiasm and effort throughout the term. You should all be very proud of your achievements! 🌟

Aspire

EYFS/KS1

We have had a lovely end to the summer term in Aspire. The children have enjoyed learning about coral reefs, taking part in a fun beach day, and cooling off with water fights during our Forest School sessions! Throughout these activities, it has been wonderful to see the children making such positive progress with their interactions and communication with one another. We are very proud of how their confidence, friendships and teamwork have continued to develop.

KS2

As our summer placement draws to a close, the children have been busy planning and writing their own fictional stories, showing excellent creativity and imagination. They have also been learning about the importance of maintaining a positive digital footprint and making safe choices online. As part of our wellbeing work, the children created paintings of their 'happy places' and reflected on what makes these places special to them. Over the coming week, the children will be creating their own transition targets and working towards them in class, helping them to feel confident and prepared for their next steps.

Reception and Nursery

All of the children from Nursery to Reception had the exciting opportunity to visit the Wonder Dome in school last week, creating a memorable and engaging learning experience for everyone. Inside the inflatable planetarium, the children were taken on a fascinating journey through space, where they learned about the planets, stars, the Moon, and our solar system. They were amazed by the colourful projections and interactive presentations, which brought their learning to life in a fun and inspiring way. The visit encouraged curiosity, sparked lots of questions, and helped develop the children's understanding of the world around them.

