



Red Kite Special Academy Newsletter

Friday 17th April 2026

Dear Families,

I hope you had a lovely Easter break and a warm welcome back to Term 5. As we head into the summer term we are hoping for some sunny weather so we can enjoy more learning outdoors and plan more trips out into the community.

Welcome to

Harriet who has joined us this week as a new Assistant Head. Harriet worked at Kingsley Special Academy for a number of years and brings with her a wealth of special needs knowledge and experience. Harriet will be working 3 days a week, Wednesday - Friday.

Libby who has returned from maternity leave and has joined Ladybirds class in her LSA role.

Congratulations to

Emma (Communication Lead), Sophie (Teacher) and Lauren (HCA) who gave birth to beautiful baby girls over the last few weeks. We send them all our warmest wishes.

Thank you to

Smurfit Kappa who have donated £620 towards communication aids this month and Horiba who have donated 13 laptops to our pupils.

Parents Forums

We have two Parents Forums this term. The topic is Behaviour Management Plans and Restrictive Physical Intervention. This is following new guidance which came into force on 1st April. These sessions are being led by our Behaviour Leads Sam and Nikki. The dates were shared at the end of last term and we held the first session yesterday. The 2nd session is on Friday 24th April at 9.30am.

New Parent Governor

I would like to advise that following the ballot for the Parent Governor Election Keri Ann Tew was elected.

Kids Day Out

This annual event at Wicksteed Park will take place this year on Wednesday 10th June. We have decided not to organise a whole school trip this year. If you would like to take your child/young person along to this event you are very welcome to do this. If you would like to attend please email emma.campbell@redkite.school. I will then liaise with the Rotary Club who are organising this event and book lunches. They are again providing filled rolls, crisps and soft drinks for pupils and carers.

School Uniform

We have a flexible approach to school uniform to accommodate our pupils' sensory needs, however it is still important that we have a uniform to create a sense of belonging to Red Kite.

Our current uniform is -

Purposeful Reflective Genuine Aspirational Joyous

Primary - Royal Blue sweatshirt or cardigan which can be with the school logo or without/white polo with or without the school logo/grey or black skirt, trousers or shorts. We are happy for pupils to wear jogging bottoms or leggings in these colours.

Secondary - Navy Blue sweatshirt or cardigan which can be with the school logo or without/white polo with or without the school logo/grey or black skirt, trousers or shorts. We are happy for pupils to wear jogging bottoms or leggings in these colours.

Please ensure that pupils are not wearing sweatshirts and hoodies that contain logos other than Red Kite. Our school uniform is available through Karls Sports <https://ksschoolwear.co.uk/>

Celebrating Difference Day

We are very excited to be holding our 2nd **Red Kite Celebrating Difference Day** on Thursday 23rd April. We will be celebrating all the different special needs our pupils have with a non-uniform day with the theme of a Rainbow of Colours. We have lots of fun activities planned in the classrooms and some outside visitors too.

We have a visiting Artist called Marvin who is from Lemonpop Workshops coming in to work with all classes towards a department finished piece. He will produce three pieces of Artwork using a rainbow of colours, one for Meadows, one for Woods and one for The Lookout.

We are also having a visit from **Sensational Day Provision** in the morning who will do a performance to the primary and then the secondary pupils.

These are the colours associated with a range of special needs. Please let us know if we missed anything.

Yellow: Spina Bifida

Orange: Multiple Sclerosis, ADHD

Lime Green: Muscular Dystrophy,

Mint Green: Genetic Disorders,

Green: Cerebral Palsy, Dwarfism, Spinal Cord Injuries, Scoliosis, Mental Health Awareness

Purple: Cystic Fibrosis, Rett Syndrome, Epilepsy,

Blue and **Purple**: Pediatric Stroke

Blue and **Yellow**: Downs Syndrome

Blue and **Grey**: Diabetes

Light Blue and **Dark Blue**: Hydrocephalus

Light Blue, **Light Green** and **Pink**: Hypotonia

Purple and **Black**: Tracheostomy

Red, **Yellow** and **Blue**: Forms of Trisomy

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Multi-coloured puzzle pattern: Autism

Dates for the diary for Term 5

Date	Event
Thursday 23rd April	Celebrating Difference Day. Non -uniform day and pupils can wear a rainbow of colours
Friday 24th April	9.30am - 10.30am Parents Forum - Behaviour Management and Restrictive Physical Intervention
Week beginning 27th April	Careers Week for KS4 and 5
Wednesday 29th April	9am Parent Workshop run by Thrive OT in The Kettle
Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday school closed
Wednesday 6th May	9am Parent Workshop run by Magic Words Speech and Language Therapy in The Kettle
Week beginning 11th May	Mental Health Awareness Week
Wednesday 13th	School Photographer
Thursday 14th April	School Photographer (overspill day if needed)
Tuesday 19th May	9am Dads Coffee Morning in The Kettle
Friday 22nd May	Break up for half term
The Kettle	This is open daily for parents between 9am - 10am to enjoy a coffee and a chat

Have a lovely weekend everyone

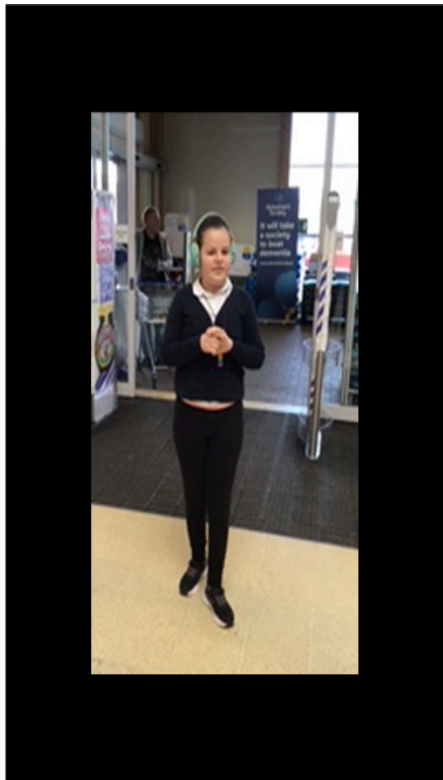
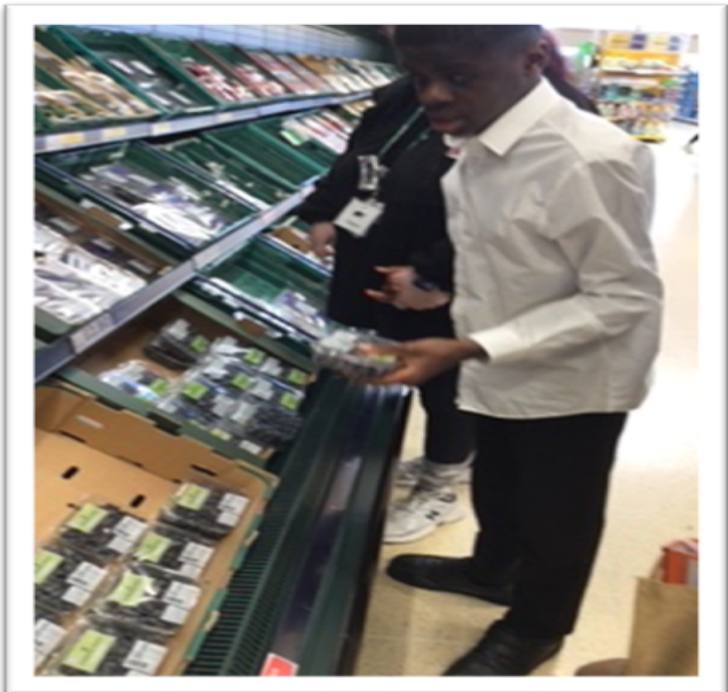
Best wishes

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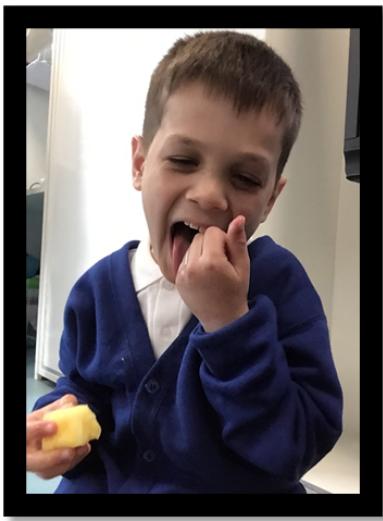
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