

Childrens' Centre News

Kelvin Grove and Eliot Bank children centre timetable can be viewed here:

[TIMETABLE SEPT-DEC 2019](#)

Babies & Crawlers

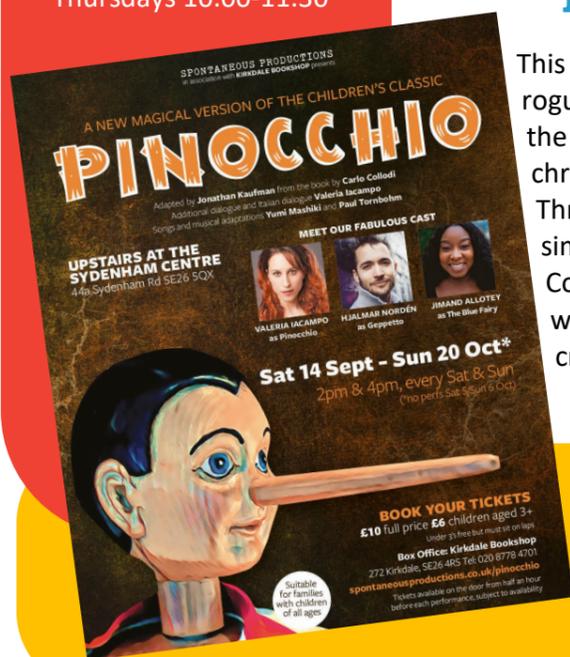
A great session for your little humans aged 0-18mths. A lovely calm, safe space to explore & have fun. Mondays, 10.00-11.30

Fun Cooking with Toddlers

Adults attending with a toddler (maximum two children per adult). Can be a parent, grandparent or carer. Wednesdays, 13.00-15.00. To enrol online, visit our website or call our telephone enrolment line on: 020 8314 6959.

Adventure Time Jumping, sliding, fun for all,

Thursdays 10.00-11.30



Year 6 - Copper Class



In Year 6 this week we have started our topic on the Maya civilisation. The aim of this topic is to discuss and investigate how alike we are to them. We launched this topic by looking at four different areas of Maya civilisation. First we studied the Mayan written form and how they communicated - we learnt to write our own names using Mayan symbols and logos. We then played Mayan football. We say 'football', but one of the key rules was you weren't allowed to hit the ball with either your feet, hands or head! Also, the team that lost would have been killed and sacrificed to the Gods! After that we looked at the way the Maya used stones, sticks and shells to represent number. Their number system is fascinating - they were one of the only ancient civilisations to have a concept of a zero (the shell!). Finally, we learnt about the importance chocolate played in their culture and civilisation: we made and drank Mayan hot chocolate (using dark chocolate and spices - yum!) We cannot wait to learn about other aspects of these mysterious Maya.

Rising Stars

We've had a lovely start to the term with everybody working really hard and making a great impression. In maths we have been focusing on our number bonds to ten. In English we have been remembering our favourite nursery rhymes; performing them and writing them out.

Year 4 - Cobalt Class

This week Cobalt class have launched their new topic; 'royalty, rogues and rebellion' focusing on three distinct characters from the 1600s. In history the children have ordered key events in chronological order and discussed the significance of each event. Throughout the term children will continue to identify the similarities and differences between our three characters. In art Cobalt class began to explore self-portraits influenced by the work of Kahinde Wiley, a modern painter. We look forward to creating our very own self-portraits.

Sydenham Fun Palaces 12 – 4 pm, Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 October 2019

Fun Palaces are where the whole community come together to share their favourite hobbies, skills, interests and passions with others to make new friends and have fun! Last year, local people shared their skills in bee-keeping, banana fritter-making, life-drawing, dancing, photography, cardboard castle building, and much more!

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DIARY

17 Sept	Year 4 buddy training
18 Sept	Green class to Colourscape
19 Sept	Secondary transfer meeting, 6pm
23 Sept	Year 1 to Sydenham Hill Wood
23 Sept	Year 6 curriculum meeting, 3.30pm
24 Sept	Year 4 curriculum meeting, 3.30pm
25 Sept	Reception - meet the teacher, 9am & 2.30pm
25 Sept	Year 5 curriculum meeting, 3.30pm
27 Sept	Year 2 curriculum meeting, 3.30pm
30 Sept	Year 2 to Crystal Palace
30 Sept	Year 3 curriculum meeting, 3.30pm
18 Oct	Last day of Autumn 1 2019
21-25	HALF TERM
28 Oct	First day of Autumn 2 2019
29 Oct	School photographer to take individual photos
29 Oct	Parents' evening, 3.30pm - 7pm
30 Oct	Parents' evening, 3.30pm - 6pm
06 Nov	UK parliament activity, Years 4-6
20 Nov	Reception stay and play for parents

MORE DIARY DATES:

www.kelvingrove.lewisham.sch.uk/School-calendar

HEADTEACHERS MESSAGE

Welcome back and welcome to all our new families who have joined us in September 2019.

Reception have made a fantastic start; we pride ourselves on trying to ensure all children make a happy and successful start to their lives here at Kelvin Grove.

I really want to focus the whole school on attendance this year. It is so important that you familiarise yourself with term dates and do not book holidays or visits in term time. Requests for absence in term time can only be authorised for exceptional circumstances and this cannot include holiday requests. If you have moved over the Summer and are awaiting a place in a new school closer to where you live, could you please inform the school office as we have waiting lists in a number of year groups now.

For year 2-6 parents, I would urge you to come to your child's year group curriculum meeting as this will help you to support your child's learning at home.

For all information about this and other news items, please keep yourself updated with things happening at school through our website.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US: friendsofkelvingrove@gmail.com

Welcome back to everyone after the holidays, and a special welcome to all our new parents and children. We hope the children are all settling in well to their new routines. It is the start of a new academic year, so that means it is time for our AGM (annual general meeting), where we look back at how much money we have raised and also elect a brand new committee. All roles are up for grabs for anyone who wants to get a bit more involved: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. A letter with more details

Once again, welcome back. The children have made a fantastic start and I am really excited about all we can achieve together this year.

NEW STAFF

We welcome the following new teachers to Kelvin Grove:

- Melanie Whyte (Jade class)
- Morgan Togher (Saffron class)
- Wathsy Abey (Mint class)
- Bethany Sutcliffe (Ochre class)

SURVEY AND PRIZE DRAW

Lewisham Council want to hear from you about your experiences of trying to find childcare in the borough, from the early years up to breakfast and after school clubs.

Please can you complete the survey below. It should take around 5 to 10 minutes:

www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LewishamParents

All parents who complete the survey will be entered into a prize draw to win shopping vouchers worth £100!

The deadline for parents to complete it is Monday 16th September. Thank you!

PTA CORNER

about the roles will be with you shortly. The meeting will be on **Thursday 26th September 9am, in the music room.** Tea and coffee will be available. If you have any questions, please drop us a line on friendsofkelvingrove@gmail.com. The meeting shouldn't be too long and even if you're not sure you want to join the committee, it will still be a great opportunity to meet and chat with other parents over a cup of tea. We hope to see you there!



Year 3 - Jade Class

What an exciting start to Year 3! The children have settled well into their new routine as juniors and are all very excited about our topic this half term – 'stones n bones'. We will be learning all about how home life changed between the Stone Age and the Iron Age and this week we became Stone Age hunter-gatherers foraging for fruit in our school allotment. We had so much fun finding apples, pears, beans, raspberries and blackberries. We even found a huge spider! Once back in class, we all enjoyed a tasty treat of juicy blackberries and blueberries.

Year 2 - Ochre Class

Queen Victoria ^{the mind blowing} made Crystal Palace for Prince Albert!

The beautiful Crystal Palace most sadly burned down with all its treasures at night.

This all happened in 1856.

Queen Victoria was devastated, all the mountains, statues and vases were broken!

It was no longer an Exhibition anymore!

School Council - I ♥ Earth

Classes will be choosing their new School Council members over the next few weeks. Talk to your child and encourage them to think about what they would like the school to achieve and whether they would like to put themselves forward as a School Council member for this year.

Following our awesome new playground redesign, we have been asked to think about the play area at Baxter Field. Do you play there? If so let us know what changes you would like to see and we'll pass your ideas on, or you can email them directly to friendsofbaxterfield@gmail.com

- what kind of playground equipment would you like to see in the Baxter Field playground?
- what do you enjoy playing with the most in the Baxter Field playground and other playgrounds?
- what equipment would older children enjoy vs. younger ones?
- what else would you like to see in the park?



Year 1 Amber Class

The children in Amber class have had a great start to Year 1 and everyone has settled in very well! To help us learn all about them, they have begun writing their very own autobiographies and have also created some wonderful self-portraits. They used pencils to sketch their faces before adding detail using oil paints.



Nursery

Welcome back to all our Nursery children and parents! The children have all returned excited and ready to explore and learn after the summer break. We are familiarising ourselves with the new classroom and routines and are ready to welcome our new children next week.

Year 5 - Lavender Class

Lavender class have had a great start to Year 5 - already proving they are ready for the hard work ahead! In geography we have been studying different map projections and identifying the differences. Through our English lessons, we have broken down fiction writing into small steps, so when we write later on this term, we can make our narratives fantastic to read! We're looking forward to the hook for our topic 'into Africa' where we will have an African storyteller and a special art activity.

Reception Cerise Class

It has been an amazing few weeks in Cerise class. We have all had our first full day at school and have already learnt so much. We have been making new friends and finding out all about each other. We have been building our confidence by speaking in front of our new friends. We are discovering all the wonderful things we can do, including dressing up whilst enjoying the sunshine, eating our fruit and reading a story.

