

King David News



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Sun shines on our Day of Fun!

Thank you to everyone who made this day such a fantastic success!



Everyone had a lovely day yesterday, full of fun activities. A small army of volunteers took care of the three inflatables and all of the sporting activities that took place on the back field, as well as supplying drinks and popcorn to our movie showings in the classrooms. There were also stalls in the playground at hometime, and, weather permitting, these will be there again this afternoon.

Thank you so much to all the PTA volunteers, for Runeela for co-ordinating that side, and also to Mrs Smyth, who co-ordinated events on behalf of the school. We will be able to announce the amount raised very soon, but we certainly know that spirits were raised!

**The raffle and
Name the Bear winner
will be announced in
Kiddush on Friday**



A new curriculum

The school is adopting a new curriculum for September, covering most of the subjects taught. CUSP - the Curriculum with Unity Schools Partnership - is founded on research and evidence-led practice, incorporating Rosenshine's Principles of Instruction. It is a wonderful opportunity to further raise expectations and attainment for every child, in highly effective lessons. Staff are currently being introduced to the materials and trained, and this will continue on the INSeT (staff training) days at the end of this term and the beginning of next term.

Two cancelled events

Due to the changes in the school curriculum and the pressures on a packed term, we have cancelled the MyOn Parents Workshop that was due to take place on 12th July, and also the Y6 class assembly, which was to be on 14th July.

New parent governor

When the deadline passed for nominations, there was only one candidate, and so Mrs Syema Parvez is duly elected as our new Parent Governor. We are delighted to welcome Syema on to the Governing Board, which works hard to make the school its very best - providing support and challenge.

Below you will see excerpts from Syema's personal statement, that she provided for the ballot paper:

"My name is Syema Parvez. I have been a parent at King David School for the past 8 years. I have 3 sons all currently attending KDS – my youngest is in Reception & my eldest is in year 6.

I am a very sociable person & spend a lot of time in the playground talking to the other parents. As well as English – I am fluent in Urdu & Mirpuri making me more accessible to the parents at our school with a language barrier. I have 20+ years of experience in Customer Services & HR. I also have a back-

ground of volunteering with Childline with whom I worked with for a number of years.

I am passionate about all our children thriving. As parent governor I will do all I can to ensure they have a happy, healthy & successful journey during their time at King David School, enabling them to flourish in their futures."



P.T.O.

Each day, bread, water and fresh fruit are available. There is also a daily sandwich option. The menu for next week is...

Monday

Sweet and sour chicken noodles, or sweet potato and chickpea curry with rice;
Fruity flapjack

Tuesday

Fish fingers and chips or veggie hotdogs, and vegetables;
Chocolate shortbread crunch

Wednesday

Roast chicken with garlic roast potatoes or vegetable samosa with vegetables;
Apple and Peach pie with custard

Thursday

Mince beef or Quorn spaghetti bolognaise, with vegetables;
Orange and cinnamon sponge

Friday

Vegetarian cheese and tomato pinwheel, new potatoes and vegetables;
Carrot cake

*This menu is dependent on availability of ingredients and is subject to change.
All cream and custard is non-dairy.*

Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND)
Coffee Morning

Wednesday 5th July, 9 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.

This will be going ahead, even with the expected NEU strike action. We will provide childcare for King David School pupils if needed, while parents attend the workshop.

All children are individuals with different needs. All parents are welcome, whether your child has SEND needs or not. Our last coffee mornings have been successful and powerful; parents and carers have shared their experiences and we have all learned from each other.

Furthermore, we will have two speakers from two different outside SEND agencies. Annie from Speech, Language and Communication Needs (SLCN) will talk about provision in school and will later mingle to offer further individual advice. We also have Louise from Pupil and School Support (PSS), to explain her role in school and showcase the SEND Report Website. You can bring other family members or friends to help support you. We had lots of parents from the Parent Forum last time and we valued their time and support of parents and carers.

We do hope you will be able to make it.

Mrs Owen (SENDCO and Deputy Head Teacher)



Friday night Kiddush

Every Friday afternoon the whole school comes together for a mock Friday evening Kiddush - the meal that brings in Shabbat (the Sabbath day).

Tomorrow it is Y1's turn to help lay the table or sit and take part. All parents are warmly welcomed to join us for this assembly each week at 1:30pm



Coming up...

23rd June, 1:30pm: Y1's kiddush
27th June, 2:30pm: Y2 parent workshop
28th June, 2:30pm: Y1 parent workshop
Monday 3rd and Thursday 6th July:
Nursery closed, to welcome new intake
4th July, 2pm: Nursery class assembly
5th and 7th July: NEU strike action - many classes likely to be closed
Saturday 8th July: Shabbaton at Singers Hill Synagogue
Wednesday 12th July: Moving up day
[The MyOn workshop scheduled for 12th July has been cancelled, with the introduction of the new CUSP curriculum]
The Y6 class assembly has been replaced with the Y6 Leavers assembly on Tuesday 25th July, 9am

Strike days - 5th and 7th July

The NEU teachers' union has announced further national strike days on Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July. Many of our classes may therefore be shut on those days. We will confirm with parents as soon as possible, though if your children have been affected by previous strikes, you may wish to plan now for childcare, ahead of those dates. The teachers regret the inconvenience the strikes cause and only hope that by highlighting the very serious crisis in staffing, recruitment, retention and funding currently in education, the government will take action to restore teachers' wages and protect school budgets.

Shabbat Shalom

Shabbat begins each Friday evening. During the summer months, local synagogues in Birmingham welcome in Shabbat at 8pm, even though the sun really sets later than that. Shabbat will end at 10:54pm on Saturday evening. In Synagogue this Shabbat, the portion of the Torah being read is "Parshat Korach". This gives us our Theme of the Week "Making peace", which we are also linking to our KD STARS value **Achdut** meaning **Unity**.

