

NEWSLETTER

ASPIRE - ACHIEVE - THRIVE - ENJOY

30th January

Dear Families

Gate closing time

Mr Jenkins covered the gate this morning as I was meeting a parent and I think some of you were frustrated that it seemed to close a little earlier. I have been rather lenient lately and kept it open longer than I should. The gate should close at 8:40 to allow those that are last through to enter the building and get to class before the registration period finishes at 8:45 and the first lesson begins. Children arriving after this time need to sign in at the front desk as the teacher will not be able to mark the register once they have started teaching the first lesson. I fully appreciate how chaotic mornings can be with children as a parent myself. I just wanted to remind you all of the timings and at what time the teaching starts – it can be unsettling for children entering the classroom when the lesson input has started.

Sharing snacks

We have had an issue recently with some of the older children sharing food with one another that they have brought in as a snack or in their packed lunch. We have spoken to them about this and would be grateful if you could talk to them about this also.

MK Breakers Basketball team visiting Year 5 9th February

Mr Jenkins has managed to secure us a free place on the Hoops for Health Programme run by the MK Breakers basketball team. On Monday 9th February, coaches and players will be running sessions with Year 5 with the aim being to promote the benefits of healthy eating, healthy habits, physical activity and basketball. They will come to run 4 sessions with the children which will be a mix of interactive classroom-based activities and a basketball session. We are really looking forward to it!

Local MP and Mayor visit

Mr Silvester arranged for the school council to have a visit from our local MP, Chris Curtis, and the Mayor of Milton Keynes, James Lancaster. See a piece from him later in the newsletter to find out how it went.

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Dixon



Your weekly reminder that we are a nut free school

Thank you for your continued support with this matter ensuring our children who have this life-threatening allergy stay safe.



Our attendance so far this year is **94.4%**. Attendance this week was **90.5%**

Well done to **4MH**, our highest attending class this week with **99.1%** attendance!

Diary dates

Dates were given out for the year in the first newsletter. Going forwards, I will include dates here for the current term as a reminder. **Any new dates which were not shared previously will appear in red.**

| | | |
|---|---------------------|---|
| 2 nd February | | Home learning due in |
| 4 th – 11 th February | 3:15 – 3:30pm | Book fair <i>Books will be available to buy in the hall</i> |
| 9th February | 9:30 – 11:30 | MK Breakers basketball team visiting Year 5 – Hoops for Health Programme |
| 11 th February | 2:45pm – 3:10pm | Home learning winners’ gallery in the hall |
| 13 th February | | Last day of term |
| Half term | | |
| 23 rd February | | Children return to school |
| 3 rd March | During school day | Conductive Music STEAM Music Workshop for Year 3 and Year 5. |
| 5 th March | | World Book Day <i>Children will be invited to dress up as a book character</i> |
| 5 th March | 3:30 – 4:30pm | Books at Bedtime <i>Come and share stories with your children and staff in the hall</i> |
| 13 th March | After school | Provisional date for PTA Colour Run event |
| 16 th March | | Home learning due in |
| 16 th March | 4:00 – 5:00pm | The Big Sing – Key Stage 2 choir performance |
| 23 rd March | | World Maths Day <i>Children are invited to dress up as a number or in maths themed clothing</i> |
| 24 th March | 2:45pm – 3:10pm | Home learning winners’ gallery in the hall |
| 25 th March | 3:30 – 4:30pm | EYFS (Caterpillars) and Years 1 and 2 Easter Disco |
| 25 th March | 5:00 – 6:00pm | Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 Easter Disco |
| 27 th March | | Last day of term |



This week's Aspire winners



| | | | |
|----------------|-----------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Caterpillars | | | |
| 1TP | Louie | 1RC | Buraq |
| 2PK | Hudson | 2LD | Theodore |
| 3MY | Griff | 3JC | Eva |
| 4AJ | Annabelle | 4MH | Florence |
| 5SS | Summer | 5GF | Finley |
| 6LG | Ryan | 6AS | Maisie |
| Mr Jenkins | Tali | Wraparound | |
| Miss Guy (KS1) | Reggie G (2PK) | Miss Guy (KS2) | Holly (4AJ) |

Key Stage 1 Aspire winners celebration

Mrs Dixon celebrated with winners from the last 3 weeks today. She will catch up with Key Stage 2 winners next week.





Key Stage 1 Kindness Awards



| | |
|------------|------------|
| Noah 1TP | Amelia 1RC |
| Lainie 2LD | Eliana 2PK |

Bronze Award

For achieving 100 House Points



Year 2
Albie
Malachi
Hudson
Cattaleya

Year 5
Kamile

EYFS
Tahsin



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Silver Award

For achieving 200 House Points

Year 1
Paisley
Elijah
Chester



Year 5
Sonny-Lee
Omar
George
Chloe-Anne
Husna
Holly
Daniel


Year 3
Freya
Jace

Year 4
Florence

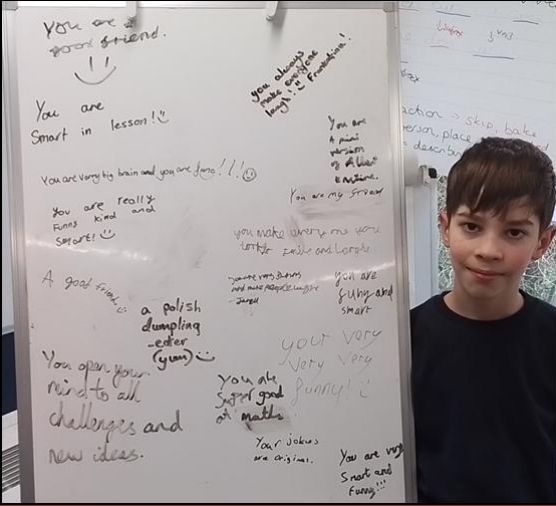
Year 6
Sienna
Louisa



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Ask your child about something kind they said this week!



Visit from our local MP and the Mayor!



Today, Great Linford Primary School was delighted to welcome Chris Curtis, our local Member of Parliament, and James Lancaster, the Mayor of Milton Keynes. They were invited by the School Council a few weeks ago after the children wrote to them with questions about their roles and responsibilities.

During the visit, the School Council learned about what an MP does. Chris Curtis explained that his job includes writing laws, talking to people to hear their opinions, and voting in Parliament. He shared that his favourite part of being an MP is meeting lots of different people, travelling around the area, and trying new things. He also told us that he represents the Labour Party and is especially excited when he gets to work on big projects.

The children were particularly interested to hear about plans Chris has been involved in to build a Universal Studios attraction close to Milton Keynes – and of course, they tried (unsuccessfully!) to get some free tickets.

We also asked what subjects are important if you want to get involved in politics. Chris explained that Parliament is very varied and that it doesn't matter which subjects you are good at, as long as you are passionate. He shared that Maths and History were his favourite subjects at school and that he didn't always want to be a politician – he once hoped to become an air traffic controller.

James Lancaster, the Mayor of Milton Keynes, also invited the School Council to visit the Houses of Parliament in the future, which is something we will definitely look into.

The School Council were extremely excited to meet our visitors and will be feeding back everything they learned to their classes.

Meeting our local MP and Mayor helped us understand that becoming a politician is not about being "perfect" at one subject, but about caring deeply about people and wanting to make a difference. This is something we can definitely try to aim for in school.



Whole School Assembly Focus

What elections happen in school?

Democracy
"rule by the people"



Think of a time where you shared your opinion...

Did everyone agree?

How did you feel?

This week's whole school assembly with Mr Jenkins was based around democracy. The children thought about when they have opportunities to vote in school - such as for School Council representatives for each class. They also considered how this is similar to voting in local and national elections at polling stations. We thought about roles where people are elected (such as the prime minister) and roles where they are not (such as the king).

Mr Jenkins then read a story based on the Mr Men and Little Miss characters who are debating events for their local sports day. The children agreed that although democracy meant not always getting your way straight away, it led to everyone being happier and feeling decisions were fair.

The Day the Dillydale Sports Day Disappeared!



Rainbow Family Centre

January 2026 – March 2026

Term-Time Calendar

Rainbow Family Centre in Bradville.
Kingsfold, Bradville, MK13 7BQ
01908 227925

Rainbow Family Centre in Wolverton.
Wolverton Library Creed Street, Wolverton, MK12 5LY
01908 227925

We welcome families with children aged 0-19 years who live in- Bancroft, Bancroft Park, Blue Bridge, Botbeck Park, Bradville, Downhead Park, Great Linford, Linford Wood, Neath Hill, New Bradwell, Oakridge Park, Pennyland, Stantonbury, Old Wolverton, Wolverton Mill and Wolverton.

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Rainbow Café 8.30- 12.30 Start your week at our Café, pop in for a hot drink, bite to eat, and a chat about any support needed. Community Larder Sofea 12.30-2.30 A membership scheme where surplus food is saved from landfill for a low weekly price. Find out more on www.sofea.uk.com UDOITDANCE 4.30-6.00 Ages 8 and over Street dance and confidence building | Stay and Play 10.00-11.30 Session includes Healthy Movers ESOL Class MK College 10.00-11.30 Ragdolly Anna's 2.15-3.00 Music and movement session for babies to children under 5 Young Peoples Space 3.30-5.30 Ages 8 and over Craft, games and music | APA Women's Fitness 9.15-10.00 Beyond Food Appointment Only 9.30-12.30 FoodShare and Pop in and Play 1.30-3.00 After- School Play 3.00-4.30 | Family Breakfast 8.00-9.00 <i>Hot drink cereal and toast. Free for all the family</i> Baby Group 9.30-11.00* <i>new time</i> Come and join our relaxed nurturing session for non-walkers. Rattlebox Booking Only 2.00-3.00 Our new session to help improve speech and language through stories and songs | Henry Support 9.00-11.00 Appointment only Socatots 10.15-11.00 Physical movement fun and games Soft Play Fun session for Walkers 1.30-3.00 |
| Wolverton Music Bugs- 1.00-1.30 Babies and non-walkers music session Music Bugs- Toddlers 1.45-2.15 | Wolverton Beyond Food Appointment only 10.00-1.00 Story Song Craft CLMK 24/02-26 -24/03/26 1.30-3.00 | Wolverton Employment Support Practical help and advice on getting ready for work. Speak to the team. | Wolverton ESOL Class MK College for various levels 10.00-1.00 Let's Interact and Play 1.30-2.30 (4 weeks) Speech and Language Appointment Only Dates to be confirmed | Wolverton Milton Keynes City Council ESOL Class MK College 9.30-11.30 |

Additional services: Table Tennis Play from 3.00-4.30pm, Washing Machine available for emergency use and Soft Play hire for parties.
The Centre is open for family support, please call or drop in. Follow the 'Rainbow Family Centre' on Facebook.



Young People Space.

Tuesdays at 3.30pm – 5.30pm

@ Rainbow family Centre - Pepper Hill School Kingsfold, Bradville,
MK13 7BQ

Weekly after school session for 8–16-year-olds.

Need a break? Just want to hang out?

Why not come and join us at the drop in for some crafts, games and music after school on Tuesdays?

Refreshments will be provided.

For more information or to register your interest contact
Danielle.loftus@milton-keynes.gov.uk or 07484 911781.



Rainbow Family Centre

Yesterday at 11:11 AM · 🌐

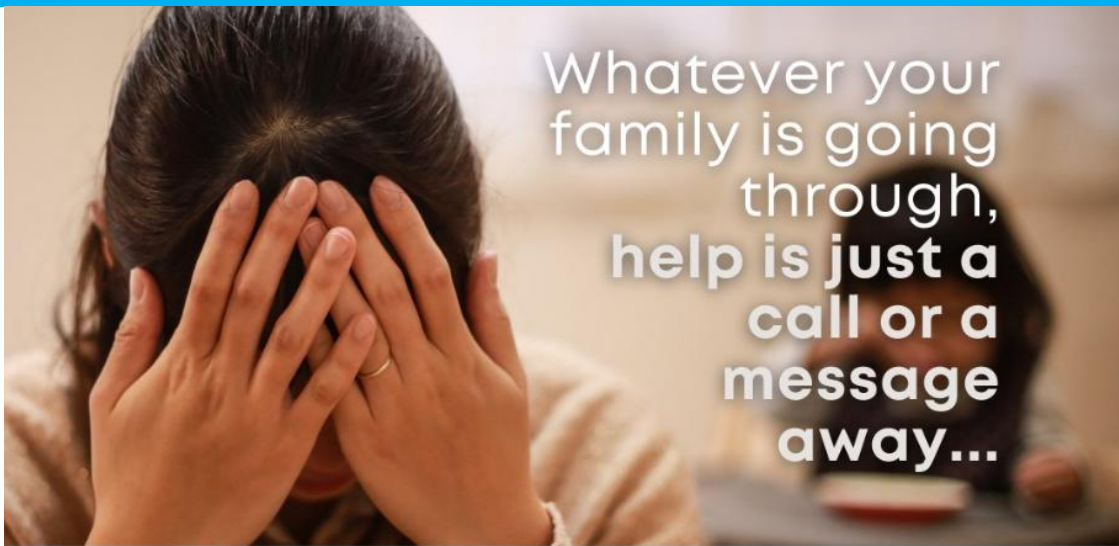


Guess who's coming to our Valentine Ball??....Rumi from K-Pop Demon Hunters will be here to Party with you all and help raise funds for our [Rainbow Family Forum](#) Tickets on sale now, get them while they are still available, this event will sell out fast



RAINBOW FAMILY CENTRE
Valentine's BALL
THURSDAY 19TH FEBRUARY
1.30-3.30
WITH CORINA COOL KIDS
£1 per adult
£2 per child
Food and drink included
Tickets onsale now
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR PARENT FORUM

It's TIME! - the world will see you as party goers, but you will be MUCH more than that - you will be HUNTERS!
KPOP DEMON HUNTERS
The new craze has landed its mission right at Corina's cool kids door - and we are ready to give you the party of a lifetime!
You wanna get wild?! We'll show you WILD!



Whatever your family is going through, help is just a call or a message away...

- ☾ Call us on **0808 800 2222**
- ☾ Message us on **WhatsApp** on **07441 444125**
- ☾ **Live chat** via our website www.familylives.org.uk
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Arts
Centre

FREE Half-term Workshop

Windmill Pinwheel

Rainbow Family Centre

Friday 20 February | 1pm-3pm

Please book through
Rainbows Family Centre

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CHUMS

We're pleased to announce our forthcoming workshops, which are free to attend and delivered as part of our Early Intervention Hub.

These online workshops are designed as a starting point for families with children who have low level difficulties. These are one-off 2-hour sessions conducted virtually via Microsoft teams. Please note these workshops do not support moderate/severe difficulties and will not address risky behaviours (self-harm, suicidal ideations).

To register for any of our workshops, please follow the link below then fill in the standard referral form in the 'Any other relevant information' section. Please state that the referral is for a workshop, and include the workshop date.

[#CHUMSisHope](https://chums.uk.com/emotional-wellbeing-service/#workshops)

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YOUNG PEOPLE &
PARENT/CARER WORKSHOPS

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PARENT ANXIETY WORKSHOP

17/2/26 @ 9:30AM - 11:30AM

(For parents of young people aged 5 - 11 years old)

One-off workshop exploring emotional development in children, emotional regulation, psychoeducation around anxiety and anxiety management strategies.

PARENT SELF-ESTEEM WORKSHOP

21/1/26 @ 9:30AM - 11:30AM

(For parents of young people aged 5 - 12 years old)

One off workshop which equips parents with an understanding of self-esteem and ways to promote high self-esteem through parenting style and collaborative activities to try at home with their young person.

11+ ANXIETY WORKSHOP

17/2/26 @ 4PM - 6PM

(For young people aged 11+, parents also welcome to attend)

This single psychoeducation session explores emotional development in children, emotional regulation, and focuses on anxiety and anxiety management strategies.

PARENTAL SEPARATION WORKSHOP

3/2/26 @ 9:30AM - 11:30AM

(For parents of young people aged 5 - 11 years old)

One-off Workshop that explores the following topics: Common child responses to separation, emotional regulation, potential disruptive behaviour problems + techniques to manage them and identifying worries in young people and how to work through these.

BEHAVIOUR WORKSHOPS

9/2/26 @ 9:30AM - 11:30AM

25/2/26 @ 1PM - 3PM

(For parents of young people aged 5-11 years old)

A one-off workshop that covers the following topics: Emotional development in children, emotional regulation, common behaviour difficulties and strategies to promote positive behaviours.

MENTAL HEALTH AND STIGMA WORKSHOP

12/2/26 @ 4PM - 6PM

(For young people aged 12+, parents also welcome to attend)

One off workshop for young people focusing on mental health awareness and stigma. Follows a range of topics including puberty, male mental health, LGBTQ+, ethnicity and social media.

RESILIENCY WORKSHOPS

0-5 YEARS

2/3/26 @ 9:30AM - 11:30AM

(For parents of children aged 0-5 years old)

This single psychoeducation session explores the importance of relationships, healthy attachments, emotional regulation and anxiety. You will learn evidence based behavioural strategies to help your child thrive.

PRIMARY

16/3/26 @ 1PM - 3PM

(For parents of children aged 5 - 11 years old)

This single session explores relevant child development including and provides psychoeducation on mental health vs mental health problems, emotional regulation, anxiety and low mood. You will leave with a greater understanding of your child's needs and armed with strategies to build their resilience.

SECONDARY

30/3/26 @ 5PM - 7PM

(For young people aged 12 - 16 years, parents also welcome to attend)

One-off Workshop that Explores the following topics: mental health vs mental health problems, emotional regulation, psychoeducation on anxiety and low mood, strategies for relaxation with strategies to build their resilience.

PARENT SLEEP WORKSHOP

25/3/26 @ 9:30AM - 11:30AM

(For parents of young people aged 4-12 years old)

One-off workshop exploring why sleep is important, what is 'good' sleep, sleep hygiene tips, and strategies for managing worries at night.

EXAM STRESS WORKSHOPS

14/4/26 @ 4PM - 6PM

29/4/26 @ 4PM - 6PM

(For young people aged 12+ and parents)

One off workshop which equips teenagers with an understanding of exam stress, strategies for managing exam stress, revision tips and self-care. The workshop also offers parental tips for supporting their adolescent's exam stress.

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<https://chums.uk.com/emotional-wellbeing-service/#workshops>



It's Back for 2026!

BIG Doorstep GIVE!

**Saturday 31st
January!**

Email or WhatsApp us your name and address and we will collect from your Doorstep!

Helpline@mkfoodbank.org.uk
or Text: 07874 964505

Our popular Big Doorstep Collection is back for 2026 on Saturday 31st January, and it's the first one of the year so let's make it super special to help people in our community! It's a great way to unload the cupboards of any (in date) tinned food, dried pasta or boxes of biscuits - plus all the usual donations too please!

Please let us know if you would like to support and donate to MK Food Bank from the comfort of your home, get in touch with your name and address so we know where to collect from:

👉 helpline@mkfoodbank.org.uk

👉 WhatsApp 07874 964505

We will pick up food donations from 9am on Saturday 31st January! Our most needed shopping list is available to download from our website:

<https://buff.ly/47SNzww>