

HERE'S THE NEWS

Kingsthorpe Village Primary School

15th February 2024



Our School value for this term is:

RESPECT

Dear Parents and Carers,

Half term is already upon us and the last two weeks have been packed with brilliance. The school celebrated mental health week and as a result as a school we are going to invest in a yoga programme as the children enjoyed this aspect so much.

A handful of children went to an indoor archery competition last Tuesday and our keen Chess players attended the County Championships last weekend. We had an inter-house pancake race on strove Tuesday won by joint winners red and yellow house.



Our chess players at Stowe School

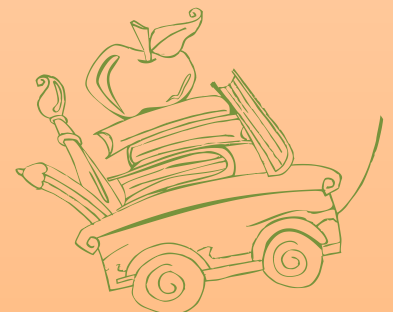
Congratulations to our basketballers who won the tournament last Sunday in a shootout and are now in the County Finals.

The children received their whole school treat today getting to use the large indoor apparatus and coming to school in their sports attire.

We said farewell to Mr Judd and welcome back Miss Davies who both return from their alternative school placements on their Teacher Apprenticeship Programmes. We interviewed for a new Teaching Assistant position last Wednesday

I would just like to wish all our families a joyous half term and a restful break to all our hardworking staff here at KVPS.

Mr B Gwynne



Children's Mental Health Week



During the week 5th – 11th February, we have been celebrating all the work we do to support the children's mental health and wellbeing in school and at home. The week is organised by the charity **Place 2 Be** which provides support for children and young people, as well as parents.

<https://www.place2be.org.uk/>

The theme for this year's events was **Our Voice Matters** so the children were reminded about making sure their voice is heard when discussing their thoughts and feelings.

The children attended two whole school assemblies that reminded the children of how they can express their thoughts and feelings with trusted adults.

The children have their Network Hand where they have named the 5 trusted adults they can speak to if they need to share something.



The children were given ways to ask an adult for time to speak about their feelings and what phrases to use so adults know that a quiet space is needed.

The assembly included a whole school performance of 'I Can See Clearly Now' with Makaton signing. Mrs Bushell and Miss Westgate had taught the children the accompanying signing along with the song, and the performance was very special. This helped the children to understand that not everyone has a voice to share their feelings, but there are alternative ways to communicate.

Emails were sent to all parents with top tips and advice on how to discuss your child's mental health and wellbeing with them at home. It is important that these conversations happen early enough to become normal, rather than as a reaction to a difficult time.

All the children took part in a Yoga session this week. The children are reminded about the importance of taking time to be present in the moment and practice mindfulness. Feedback from the children and staff was excellent, so we are hoping to make this a regular part of our timetable.



The second of our Wellbeing Café session was held during the week. This session focused on managing changes in children's lives and strategies to support the anxiety and worries that can go alongside with managing a big change.



During the week, children from each class were chosen to access the Wellbeing Hub at lunchtime instead of using the playground. This provides a calm and relaxing space for children to process any thoughts or feelings they made be experiencing, with Mrs Tillman being available for any children requiring support.



We have signed up to the Rags2Riches4Schools recycling scheme, to raise money and help others around the world benefit from our good quality unwanted clothes and shoes. The school will receive 50p for every kilo we collect of reusable items, and we would be most grateful if you could help us with this challenge at home.

Your child/children will bring home a Bag from Rags2Riches on Thursday 15th February 2024.

We have a collection booked on 01/03/2024 so please keep good clothing to donate.

Please return your donations in the bag provided on Thursday 29th February 2024.

Please see the ParentMail communication sent to you on Tuesday 13th February or News page on the school website for information as to what you can donate.

The KidsAid Foundation

The school have received a letter of thanks from the KidsAid Foundation in Northampton, we made a donation to the charity with funds raised from the Christmas Hamper draw.

On behalf of the Trustees, Therapists and Staff at KidsAid we sincerely thank you for supporting KidsAid and making a very generous donation to our charity.

As a small, self-funding charity we rely on support from local communities and business. The money received from your donation will allow us to continue to provide much needed therapeutic services to children and young people and will make a considerable difference to the life of a child.

Once again, thank you for supporting the KidsAid Foundation.

School Calendar

Thursday 15 th February 3.30pm	School closes for Half Term
Friday 16 th February	Training Day – School closed to pupils
Monday 26 th February 8.45am	School re-opens to pupils
Thursday 29 th February	Rags 2 Riches Clothing Bag Drop off Day
Friday 1 st March	Rags 2 Riches Clothing Collection
Wednesday 6 th March 8am – 8.45am	Wellbeing Café
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Thursday 7 th March	The Big Sing at The Royal & Derngate
Wednesday 13 th March	School Photographs - Tempest (Class)
Friday 15 th March	Comic Relief
Tuesday 19 th March 6pm – 7.50pm	Parents Evening (Late)
Thursday 21 st March 4pm – 5.50pm	Parents Evening (Early)
Wednesday 27 th March 3:30pm	School closes for Easter Break
Thursday 28 th March	Training Day – School closed to pupils
Monday 15 th April 8.45am	School re-opens to pupils



Before & After School Clubs – Spring Term 2024

Day	Before School Clubs	Time	Curriculum/ Music Tuition	After school Clubs	Time	Location
Monday	Breakfast Club (Pacesetters)	7.45am- 8.45am		Performing Arts (Freestyle Yr1-Yr6)	End of School - 5.00pm	Hall
	Basketball (Hotshots Yr3-Yr6)	8am-8.45am	Tennis (Tom Stevenson) Reception class			
Tuesday	Breakfast Club (Pacesetters)	7.45am- 8.45am	Woodwind NMPAT (Mr Spinner)	Dodgeball (Freestyle Yr1-Yr6)	End of School - 5.00pm	Hall
Wednesday	Breakfast Club (Pacesetters)	7.45am- 8.45am	Drums (Tom Relihan)			
Wednesday	Pacesetter Lunch Club	12:00 - 12:35				
Thursday	Breakfast Club (Pacesetters)	7.45am- 8.45am	Swimming Lessons (Yr 5)	Archery (Freestyle Yr1-Yr6)	End of School - 5.00pm	Hall/Field
	Gymnastics (Freestyle Yr1-Y6)	8am-8.45am	Brass NMPAT (Mr Fountain)			
Friday	Breakfast Club (Pacesetters)	7.45am- 8.45am	Dance (Miss Sophie) Yr 3 & Yr 6	Football (Freestyle Yr1-Yr6)	End of School - 5.00pm	Hall/Field

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