

HERE'S THE NEWS

Kingsthorpe Village
Primary School
13th October 2023



Our School value for this term is:

REMEMBERING

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been so fortunate with the weather this term and the children are still getting to play on our generous School field at lunchtimes. The tree in the pocket park that branches over the School fence by the Forest School canopy has provided the children with a lot of conkers and great fun in collecting these. Clubs are running smoothly and our Breakfast Club is up to as many as fourteen children on our best day's attendance. Our children have represented the School in both boys and girl's rugby since the last newsletter with a multi skills festival and football competition taking place next.

Our Wellbeing Hub now has a brilliant logo for the main sign outside which was designed by Ava in Year 6. This will now be professionally made and put up. The children are getting to have key sessions in the hub and the conference room is being used for meetings. We are currently looking to source some more furniture and sofas as well as kitting out a sensory room.



Entrance to Wellbeing Hub



Conference Room

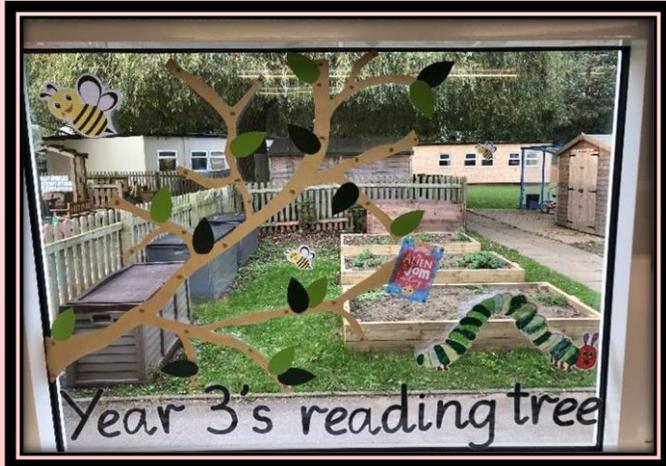


Wellbeing Main Room

As a School we are continuing to focus on writing and are currently redesigning our writing curriculum. This year already the children have produced some outstanding written work and several have made it on display behind the perspex outside the Headteacher's office. I have also seen some outstanding home learning tasks produced already.

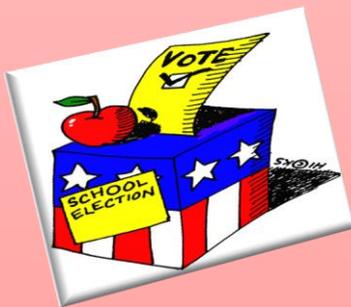


Our revamped Golden Time is a big hit with the children this term and it is vital that all children read a minimum of three times a week at home with reading records signed by an adult as this forms part of the School reward criteria on Fridays.



Our new staff have settled at the School really well and there remains a strong TEAM ethos running throughout the School. The Governing Board met last week for the first full Governors Meeting of the School year and again there exists a wide range of skills and experience to support the School.

Our new School Councillors were elected last week and there were some brilliant persuasive speeches and even badges made to capture votes. Congratulations to all the children that were successfully voted in. The School Council are now hard at work planning for our Halloween Competition and getting organised for the busy terms ahead.

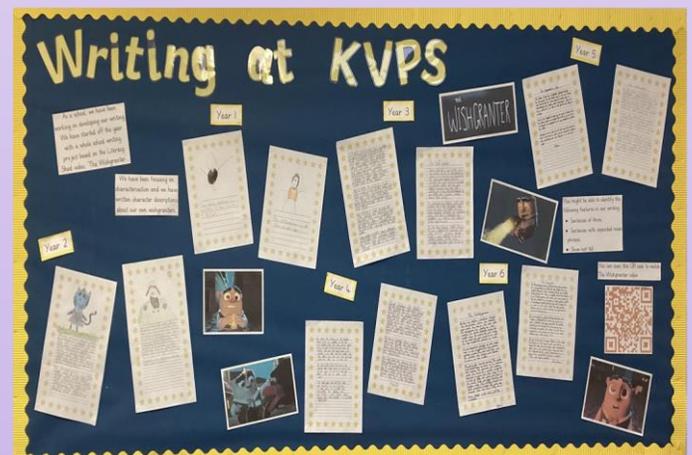


Just a reminder that parents are able to speak with their Class Teachers at the end of the School day on collection or can make an appointment via the School Office. The reading record is another useful way to communicate and we have our first formal parent evening meetings of the year scheduled for next Tuesday and Thursday. Also, on Monday 16th October is the rescheduled School Photographs and on the last day of term is the School Halloween Disco taking place during school hours.

Mr B Gwynne

Writing

We have started off the year with a whole school writing project based on a video called 'The Wishgranter' from the Literacy Shed. Children from all year groups have enjoyed watching the video, discussing the character and then designing their own wishgranter using drama and drawing to support their creations. The children then wrote their own character descriptions about the wishgrants they had created. This display celebrates the wonderful writing which the children worked hard to produce.



Wow Day

Year 5 and 6 have settled in really well so far and are enjoying their topic 'Angry Planet'. They created some lovely Blitz artwork and made paper spitfires as part of their wow day. Also, they have already done some fantastic writing linked to our class book - The Lion and the Unicorn. Keep up the good work.

Mr Everett and Mrs Bushell



Girls Rugby Take Over Festival

On Wednesday 4th October, I had the pleasure of taking 8 Year 5 and Year 6 girls to a Girls rugby takeover session. They were led by Young Leaders through skill development games before playing games. As always, they were well behaved and respectful to the young referees and also to the other teams. They were a credit to the school.

Mrs Bushell



Costume Donations

Each year 360,000 tonnes of usable clothes are sent to landfill and as an Eco School we would like to look at reducing this. This month we would like to ask for any donations of costumes that the children can wear for the Halloween disco. Seasonal events bring lots of fun but it also brings unnecessary expense. If you have any old Halloween costumes you no longer need then these can be used each year for those who do not have one. Please bring all your donations in by Wednesday 18th October in time for the Halloween party. Thank you.

Miss Davies



School Council Announcement

For Halloween there will be two different competitions this year. One will be held in school which will be a 'Design a Pumpkin Competition'. The other will be our yearly 'Halloween Hat Competition'. It is £1 per entry and you will need to bring your Halloween Hats into school on Tuesday 31st October. Your hats need to be made and not bought so let your imagination run wild. There will be separate prizes for Reception and Key Stage 1, Year 3 and 4, and finally for Year 5 and 6.



Parents' Evening

A reminder that parents' evenings will be held on 17th and 19th October. Appointment durations are for 10 minutes only, we need to ensure we keep to time so we can fit everyone in.

School Photographs

Individual and (in school) sibling photographs will be held on Monday 16th October. Winter uniform should be worn and KS2 to wear their ties.

Halloween Disco

We would like to ask the children to come to school in non-uniform on Friday 20th October as we will be having Halloween disco in school time. The children can wear a Halloween costume if they wish, but they do not have to as normal clothes are fine. We would ask the children not to wear masks or face paints and to wear suitable footwear as they will still be having playtimes.

School Uniform

Reminder that all items of uniform need to be named as we have a huge amount of lost property without names.

Wellbeing Hub

As you are aware, we are currently furnishing our Wellbeing hub. We are looking for donations of furniture, so if anyone has any contacts in businesses or companies that would like to help us, please let Mrs Tillman know.



<i>Monday 16th October 9.00am</i>	<i>School Photographs - Tempest</i>
<i>Tuesday 17th October 5.00pm-8.00pm</i>	<i>Parents' Evening (Late)</i>
<i>Thursday 19th October 3.50pm-6.00pm</i>	<i>Parents' Evening (Early)</i>
<i>Friday 20th October 1.40pm – 2.30pm 2.30pm – 3.15pm</i>	<i>Halloween Disco KS2 KS1 & Reception</i>
<i>Friday 20th October 3.30pm</i>	<i>School Closes for Half Term</i>
<i>Monday 30th October 8.45am</i>	<i>Pupils return back to School</i>
<i>Tuesday 31st October</i>	<i>Deadline for Secondary School Applications</i>
<i>Tuesday 7th November</i>	<i>Forest School starts – Year 3</i>
<i>Tuesday 7th November 9.30am & 2.00pm</i>	<i>New Parent Tours</i>
<i>Thursday 9th November (Monday 6th November e-consent form deadline)</i>	<i>Flu Vaccinations – School Nurse Team</i>
<i>Thursday 16th November 2.00pm</i>	<i>New Parent Tours</i>

