

HERE'S THE NEWS

Kingsthorpe Village Primary School

12th January 2024



Our School value for this term is:

RESPECT

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children returned after the holidays really well and have settled quickly in their learning. It is great to see the children in their winter coats, gloves, scarves, hats and ear warmers – they certainly need these at the moment with the cold weather especially during lunchtimes. The school remains full with 210 children on roll and all our “big Wow” curriculum events have now been completed. We have had a school run by Pirates from Reception; Key Stage 1 have had a carnival of the animals; lower Key Stage 2 have travelled through Europe and our Year 5 and 6 pupils have experienced a Victorian School day. These have launched the children new topics for this term and menus have gone out for the children’s home learning.

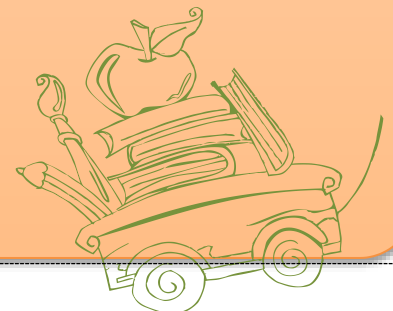
Our value for this term is “RESPECT” and already the children have been awarded multiple pebbles towards the next whole school treat. Our assembly themes to date have focused on what “RESPECT” looks like and new year resolutions.



For this term we have employed Mrs Carter our dance specialist to deliver a unit of dance performance for our Year 3 and 6 classes on Fridays. Our Reception class have a weekly tennis lesson on Mondays delivered by Tom our expert tennis coach and we have our sports coaches that come in to work with the children to prepare for our next competitions which will be Kurling and Hockey. The performance club after school continues this term and the show put on at the end of term was well received by the parents – we look forward to see what will be next.

The deadline for our Governor nominations is on Monday so if we have parents that feel they can commit to a governor role at the school and have the skills required please put in your nomination to be considered for the next stage. We currently have one Parent Governor position we would like to fill.

Our final tours of the school for new parents for September 2024 took place last Tuesday and it was great to show off the school and the pupils to our visitors. This week we have been looking particularly at the delivery of our phonics lessons, guided reading in KS2 and the impact our teaching assistants are having on learning within their supported groups. The school remains in a strong position with great learning taking place across the whole school. The children’s books also reflect this which parents will get to see at the next parents’ evenings.



Finally, I would like to wish everyone success in 2024 and thank our school community for their continued support and hard work.



Mr B Gwynne

Year 1 & 2 Wow Day

Year 1 and 2 had a great Wow Day to start off their new topic 'The Carnival of the Animals'. They enjoyed listening to 'The Carnival of the Animals' music by Camille Saint-Saens and guessing which animal was being described in each piece of music. They then enjoyed moving to the pieces of music in the way they thought each animal would move. They then made animal masks using a range of collage materials.

Miss Westgate



Year 3 & 4 Wow Day

On Tuesday, Years 3 and 4 had their WOW DAY. The day began with them starting their journey, which was exploring Europe. This involved making sure they had an up to date passport. This enabled them to travel to France, where they worked in small groups to create their own Eiffel towers. To finish the day, we travelled to Spain and learnt a flamenco inspired dance in the hall.

Miss Foster and Mr Foster

Year 5 & 6 Wow Day

On Thursday, Year 5 and 6 experienced life as a child in a Victorian classroom. They learnt to sing All Things Bright and Beautiful, learnt drills and went outside for their daily march before chanting their 6, 7, 8 and 9 times tables. Break time was spent playing with hoops, skipping ropes and chalks so they could create their own games of hopscotch. They then went back into classrooms to do some handwriting practice (with all children writing with their right hand). They did struggle with the no talking at times and decided that it wasn't fun in the Victorian times!

Mr Everett and Mrs Bushell

Big Sing Update!

On Monday, Choir met to listen to the THIRTEEN songs they need to learn for the upcoming concert in March. They have all been given the lyrics to start learning and we will be working through as much as we can in the next couple of weeks before our first workshop with the singing teachers from NMPAT. Some children have also volunteered to create a fact file on Julie Andrews, who is the singing hero assigned to our school, and I look forward to seeing what they can find out.

Keep singing 🎵

Mrs Bushell



Boccia

On Tuesday, three children from Year 3 and 4 travelled to Benham Sports to compete in a Boccia competition. Boccia is a game of precision, skill, and tactics - get your ball as close to a white target ball as possible. The children really enjoyed themselves and came 5th out of 15 other schools.

Mr Foster

Wellbeing Cafe

We held our first Wellbeing Cafe in our new Wellbeing Hub this week. The focus of the session was managing anxiety. Parents attended with their children to learn more about anxiety and how to manage overwhelming feelings in a positive way. The session included juice and biscuits while we discussed how to manage anxious feelings in children by recognising them and regulating our emotions in a controlled way. Parents were given a pack of resources and useful information to take home and use with their child.

Thank you again to those parents that attended. Our next Wellbeing Cafe is on Wednesday 7th February 8.00-8.45am focusing on dealing with change. Please complete the form on ParentMail to book a place.

Mrs Tillman



Monday 15 th January 12.00pm	Parent Governor Nominations close
5 th – 9 th February	Mental Health Week
Wednesday 7 th February 8am – 8.45am	Wellbeing Cafe
Tuesday 13 th February	Pancake Day
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
Wednesday 6 th March 8am – 8.45am	Wellbeing Café
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
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)
Thursday 28 th March	Training Day – School closed to pupils

Reminder

Parking in the school car park is not permitted unless you have a permit. It has been getting very busy at drop off/pick up times again and we witnessed a few bumps last term!



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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