

# HERE'S THE NEWS

## Kingsthorpe Village Primary School

2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024



Our School value for this term is:

# RESPECT

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are well into this term now as we travel into February. We had an incredibly positive visit from County advisers last week who came to see our Reception children and how we teach our youngest's learners. The provision we provide is outstanding and the children all seem very happy and consistently learning all the time. Congratulations to our strong early years team.

This week our Year 6 pupils had a half day visit from qualified Magistrates who came in to teach the children about the law and their responsibilities as they get older. This covered how to stay safe as they grow up and being a responsible citizen in the community.

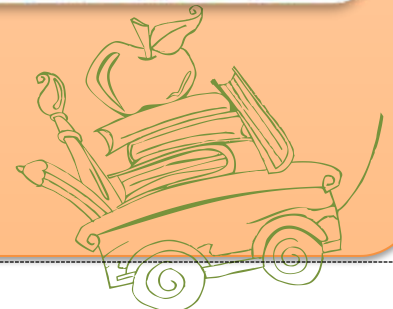


Year 5 continue to do brilliantly with their swimming lessons and their behaviour on the coach and at the sports centre is impeccable. We are aiming to get as many of the children to be possible to swim 25m using a recognised stroke by Easter.

I have seen some excellent classwork and home learning produced by the children already this term with several pieces selected to go on display outside the Headteacher's office behind the Perspex. It is great to see the children taking such pride in their work and wanting to share it.

After half term it is planned that Mr Howells will return to teach our Year 3 and 5 children the ukulele. This is funded by the school as additional music provision and another opportunity for our children to learn a new musical instrument which they may want to take up further after the sessions. Last year the children performed what they had learnt as a whole class to their parents in a special assembly and we hope to do the same this year too.

Good luck to all our chess players that have entered the County Championships over at Stowe School a week Sunday. As a school all children in Years 4, 5 and 6 have been taught the basics of Chess through whole class lessons and I hope to get a chance to teach our current Year 3's next. Chess Club will start again in September 2024 and we have multiple chess sets for the children to keep playing at the school.



Our revised Golden Time activities on a Friday that rewards the children for “Good” behaviour seems to be going really well with the children. As a school this has been in place for many years and I plan to get further pupil voice into how we can possibly improve this even further or adapt so that the children which always behave well at school are recognised for their hard work and effort.



Something new for the school this year will be our Inter house Pancake Race that our School Council are organising. This will take place in school time on Shrove Tuesday and each class will race in their houses earning points towards the overall trophy. An assembly has been delivered to explain more about this tradition and I'm sure lots of the children will enjoy eating pancakes on this day when they get home. Our cook will have these on the desert menu for school meals too.



Mrs Tillman has now delivered two highly successful wellbeing café sessions to our parents in the wellbeing hub. The aim of these is to get parents together on similar themes where information can be relayed and possible support networks set up. Often, we may be joined by key agencies for advice or who may be simply promoting the support they can offer. The next session will take place on 7th February on 'dealing with change' at 8am - 8.45am. Please contact the school office if you would like to attend if not already signed up – it's all free of charge and we provide biscuits and refreshments.



Finally, our collection of pebbles for our school value of “respect” this term is going well with the jar over half filled already. A whole school treat will be planned for the last day before half term which will be based on the School Council suggestions.



*Mr B Gwynne*

### **Children's Mental Health Week**

5th-9th February is Children's Mental Health Week so we will be marking this with some special activities. The focus this year is 'My Voice Matters' so we will be encouraging the children to talk about their mental wellbeing. We have assemblies, singing performances, yoga sessions, Taskmaster challenges, Wellbeing Club and a Wellbeing Cafe. Mental wellbeing is always a high priority in the school, but it is nice to enjoy something different during this week. Please look out for some emails with support for parents on how to talk to your child about their mental health.



## Kurling Competition

On Tuesday, four KS1 and four KS2 children attended a Kurling event at Benham Sports Arena. The children participated in several skills-based games and then competed against other local schools in games of Kurling. The children were a credit to their school with their excellent behaviour, teamwork and effort. A massive well done especially to the KS2 children who came 3rd out of fifteen schools!

## Big Sing Update!

We had our first workshop with NMPAT's Beth Hodgson. It was amazing to have her input and support with the songs and she was impressed that we had already learnt our Italian song and started to learn so many others! Our next challenge will be to learn to sign (using Makaton) two of our songs.



## Eco School - Rags 2 Riches

The Eco Council will be running a clothing collection 'Rags 2 Riches 4 Schools' starting in the next couple of weeks. *\*More information to follow...*



## Our Calendar



5 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Mental Health Week
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 8am – 8.45am	Wellbeing Cafe
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Pancake Day
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 3.30pm	School closes for Half Term
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Training Day – School closed to pupils
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 8.45am	School re-opens to pupils
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Rags 2 Riches Clothing Collection*
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 8am – 8.45am	Wellbeing Café
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	School Photographs - Tempest (Class)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Comic Relief
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 6pm – 7.50pm	Parents Evening (Late)
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 4pm – 5.50pm	Parents Evening (Early)
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 3:30pm	School closes for Easter Break
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Training Day – School closed to pupils
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> 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
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Breakfast Club</b> (Pacesetters)	7.45am- 8.45am		<b>Performing Arts</b> (Freestyle Yr1-Yr6)	End of School - 5.00pm	Hall
	<b>Basketball</b> (Hotshots Yr3-Yr6)	8am-8.45am	<b>Tennis</b> (Tom Stevenson) Reception class			
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Breakfast Club</b> (Pacesetters)	7.45am- 8.45am	<b>Woodwind</b> NMPAT (Mr Spinner)	<b>Dodgeball</b> (Freestyle Yr1-Yr6)	End of School - 5.00pm	Hall
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Breakfast Club</b> (Pacesetters)	7.45am- 8.45am	<b>Drums</b> (Tom Relihan)			
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Pacesetter Lunch Club</b>	12:00 - 12:35				
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Breakfast Club</b> (Pacesetters)	7.45am- 8.45am	<b>Swimming Lessons</b> (Yr 5)	<b>Archery</b> (Freestyle Yr1-Yr6)	End of School - 5.00pm	Hall/Field
	<b>Gymnastics</b> (Freestyle Yr1-Y6)	8am-8.45am	<b>Brass</b> NMPAT (Mr Fountain)			
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Breakfast Club</b> (Pacesetters)	7.45am- 8.45am	<b>Dance</b> (Miss Sophie) Yr 3 & Yr 6	<b>Football</b> (Freestyle Yr1-Yr6)	End of School - 5.00pm	Hall/Field

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