

Message from the Head Teacher

Brilliant behaviour

The children in our school are responding well to the new behaviour policy. In our recent survey, the children said they felt safe and happy in school and that they felt that they were supported if they had any concerns about bullying.

They had some great suggestions too, and in response we have:

- Cleaned the corner of the MUGA pitch so that it is less slippery and have removed the board so the water can drain away
- Spent £1500 on new playground equipment so there is much more to play with and enjoy
- Focused our celebration certificates around our core values of Kindness, Perseverance and Success. The children have been promoting 'Kindness' by using kind words and being nice to each other.
- Used the assembly this week to encourage and promote 'Respect' of others and our environment which enforces our school rules of being Ready, Respectful and Safe.

Local Authority Visit

Two of the LA's school improvement team came to visit us yesterday. They were really impressed with what they saw in the school and commented on how focused the children were in their learning right across the school. We know our hard work is paying off and the children have made a great start to their new year groups this term.

New Reception Intake

If your child was born between September 2016 and August 2017, they will be due to start primary school in reception next year. We are currently putting our Prospective Parents' Pack together and this will go out at the start of next term. If you know of anyone who may be interested in joining our wonderful school, please ask them to keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for more information.

New staff

I am delighted to inform you that we have appointed a full-time Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator to join us from January. Mrs Platt comes to us from Gloucester Road (an Outstanding graded school in Cheltenham) where she has been working in this role for some years. Mrs Platt is also an experienced Early Years lead, restorative practice lead and mastery maths specialist for the Gloucestershire Oxford and Worcester maths hub.

I know Mrs Platt is extremely excited about joining our team – we are too!



Mrs. A Platt

Parent Survey

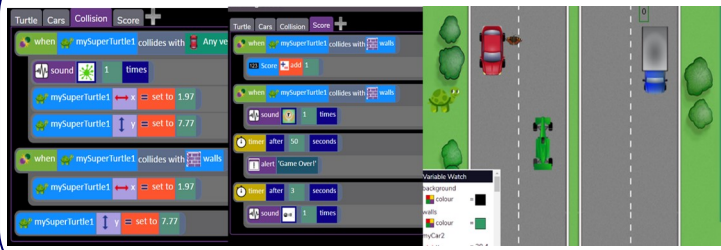
We have two surveys that have gone out via the app. We really do need this information, so please can you complete it as soon as possible.

Gentle reminder

Many thanks for continuing to stick to the times of arrival and departure; it's helping to keep everyone safe. Please remember to keep in touch with us if there is anything you would like to raise.

Many thanks

What have the children been up to at school?



Year 6 have been working extremely hard in their computing lessons this term to code, debug and use computational thinking to produce their very own game. Using a range of design features, combined with a layered approach, outcomes looked absolutely super! This is an example of Dalia's game which involved a turtle crossing the road – it worked tremendously well!



Owl class celebrated #helloyellow day by wearing yellow and having fun in the afternoon with games, listening to yellow themed songs and creating posters. They played a circle game of fruit salad with yellow fruits and then a child adapted 'Duck, Duck, Goose' to 'Hello Yellow' where the children said Hello to each child but when they said 'Yellow' the children raced around the circle back to their place in the circle. They enjoyed being together and talking about how they can be happy and find their Yellow!

Year 1 have been learning about Mindfulness as part of our 5 ways to well-being- Take Notice. The children were able to control their breathing and stopping to see how their bodies felt. They started with their hands and how the palms felt tickly and if they rubbed their hands together they could make them warm. The children then thought about eating mindfully and spoke about stopping and appreciating food. They had raisins and cheerio's and instead of just chewing and swallowing them they smelt them, looked at the texture on them, popped them in their mouths but did not chew them then finally they chewed slowly. The children agreed the raisins and cheerio's tasted so much better! Have a go at home!



'In Year 2 we've been thinking about how to be kind when playing with our friends at break and lunchtimes. We've learnt a variety of playground games which we are now enjoying playing everyday with new and old friends. This has linked to our PSHE lessons where we have discussed ways we can 'Connect' with people to help those around us and our own wellbeing.'

Thanks to help from Wild Hogs Rescue in Frampton Year 3 have been enjoying investigating the life of hedgehogs. Last month the children set traps to see if we have any resident hedgehogs...and it's official! We have at least 2 healthy animals visiting our grounds! This week the children were given a virtual tour of the Wild Hogs Rescue where they saw how the centre cares for injured and orphaned hoglets.

www.wildhogshedgehogrescue.org.uk



#HelloYellow Day

Children and young people's mental health has been affected by lockdown. To help raise awareness and support for **#HelloYellow**, Kingsway along with many other school across the country, came together to raise funds for this good cause.

On the 9th October 2020, the children of Kingsway made the whole school bright by wearing something yellow and donating a £1 to the charity. Parents/carers joined in to by also wearing yellow, showing young people they are not alone with their mental health.

Thank you all for your donations and support, we have managed to raise £354.25 with your help.



Pastoral Support

It was really lovely to see all of the children back in school and our pastoral team have been really busy supporting young people and their families. We had a delivery of some new resources ready for this academic year and there are still some more on their way that we are looking forward to using with the children. If you have any worries or concerns, that you feel the pastoral team may be able to help with, please feel free to contact either Miss Munford or Mrs Pascoe on the normal school number.



We are also available on the school gate in the morning or emailed at either jmunford@kingsway.gloucs.sch.uk (Miss Munford) or lmentor@kingsway.gloucs.sch.uk (Mrs Pascoe)

Pupil Voice - From Year 4



"For my mental wellbeing, I like playing games on my PlayStation. Minecraft helps me learn new things. In school, I love gymnastics and solving challenging problems in maths." Millie

"For my mental wellbeing, I enjoy reading as it helps me to relax. At the moment, I am reading The Hobbit. In school, I enjoy playing netball and investigating in science. Adam

"For my mental wellbeing, I like to play with my dog. In school, I love gymnastics and investigating in science." Poppy

"For my mental wellbeing, I like playing games online as it helps me to relax. I also enjoy visiting my pony. In school, I love to do exercise in PE." Renee

"For my mental wellbeing, I love playing with my cat as it helps me to calm down. In school, I love playing competitive games of netball. Tito

"For my mental wellbeing, I love being active and playing sports. In school, I enjoy maths and writing creative stories in English. Aaliyah

Worried About a Child?

If you think a child is in immediate danger

If you are worried or concerned about anyone under 18 who you think is being abused or neglected, or that a child and their family need help and support, please contact **The Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)** on **01452 426565 option 1 (opening hours: 9am – 5pm)** or email childrenshelpdesk@gloucestershire.gov.uk and/or the **police** immediately.

Out of hours

Outside of office hours, you should contact the **Emergency Duty Team (EDT)** on **01452 614194** or, if you have concerns about the immediate safety of the child or you believe a serious criminal offence has been committed please contact the **Police at any time**.

More information can be found via our website home page - www.kingswayprimary.org.uk



<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

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When life is tough,
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Want someone to talk to?

If you have a worry and want to talk with someone about it: The learning mentors are great listeners and can offer advice and support or point you in the right direction of those that can help.

Just send them an email to pastoralsupport@kingsway.gloucs.sch.uk and they will get back to you or if you have a question about our Covid Secure processes: please email admin@kingsway.gloucs.sch.uk

Helpful Information and Reminders

Parking outside school

Please can I remind all parent/carers that bring children to school in vehicles, that they must park appropriately and in the designated parking areas. Concerns have been raised over parking on the yellow lines when dropping off and picking up children from school. By doing so, this inhibits other drivers views and children when they are crossing the road. Please park responsibly to avoid an accident. Thank you.



A BIG Thank You



A "BIG Thank You" goes out to all staff who donated to the Macmillan coffee morning. With your help we were able to raised £70.00 in total.

Five ways to well-being

<https://www.mind.org.uk/workplace/mental-health-at-work/taking-care-of-yourself/five-ways-to-wellbeing/>



Internet Safety

At Kingsway Primary School, children are exposed to technology from the time that they start school. Technology plays an integral role within every classroom. It is embedded in Reception and is a constant and prevalent feature of school life.

With the constant advancement of technologies, which places emphasis upon collaboration and sharing, the children are increasingly 'creators' of online content and not just 'passive recipients'. They are developing their digital skills as well as skills in creativity, communication and networking.

E-safety is an intrinsic part of children's education in today's digital world and is embedded in their learning at school. We also want to help our parents and children improve their own understanding of e-safety issues so they can learn to use the internet and all digital media in a safe and secure way.

For more information about on-line safety go to our website <https://kingswayprimary.org.uk/online-safety/>

Think You Know also have some activity packs/ resources for all the family.

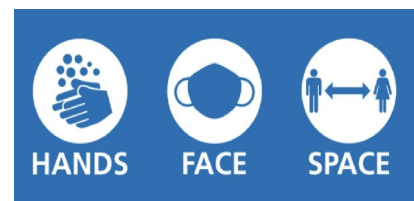
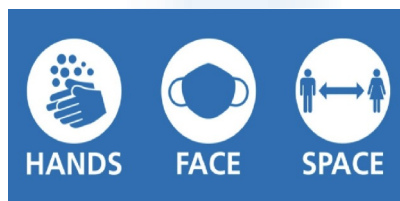
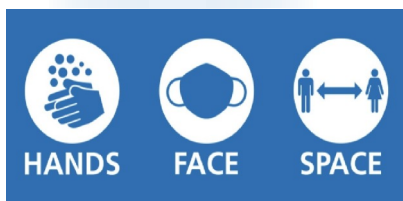
<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/support-tools/home-activity-worksheets>

Coronavirus Information

Coronavirus Information can be found via our school website or from the following :

- <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>
- <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-online/coronavirus-covid-19-support-for-parents-and-carers-to-keep-children-safe-online>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

Or check out our school website www.kingswayprimary.org.uk/coronavirus/



Important Diary Dates

October 2020

23 Oct 2020 - Spooky theme non uniform day

November 2020

2 Nov 2020 - **INSET Day**

13 Nov 2020 - World Kindness Day & Children in Need

16 –20 Nov 2020 - Anti-bullying and Road Safety Week

December 2020

7-11 Dec 2020 - Enterprise Week

January 2021

4 Jan 2021 - **INSET Day**

18-22 Jan 2021 - Bikeability Week

February 2021

5 Feb 2021 - NSPCC Number Day

12 Feb 2021 - Talent Show House Choir

March 2021

4 Mar 2021 - World Book Day

April 2021

May 2021

June 2021

Term Dates

Term 1: Thurs 3rd Sept - Fri 23rd Oct 2020

Term 2: Tues 3rd Nov - Fri 18th Dec 2020

Term 3: Tues 5th Jan - Fri 12th Feb 2021

Term 4: Mon 22nd Feb - Thurs 1st April 2021

Term 5: Mon 19th April - Fri 28th May 2021

Term 6: Mon 7th June - Weds 21st July 2021

Notices and Events

Non-School Uniform Day

Friday 23rd Oct will be a **spooky themed** non uniform day. If your child does not like dressing up, we are happy for them to just wear Non Uniform. A donation of £1 will go to SoKS, who will also supply a small treat for all children who dress up.

IMPORTANT

Year 6 Secondary School Places

You **MUST** apply online to Gloucestershire County Council **by 31st October 2020**. Your child bought home a letter outlining the application process at the beginning of term. For more information please contact school.admissions@gloucestershire.gov.uk or call 01452 425407

Reception 2021

Was your child born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017? If so, you **MUST** apply for your child's reception school place by 15th January 2021. You should receive a letter in November from Gloucestershire County Council advising you how to apply. If you have not received this by 1st December 2020, please contact the school admissions team. We will be holding virtual open days to view our school next month, please keep an eye on our website for more details which should follow shortly.

Any queries about applying for a school place, please contact:

school.admissions@gloucestershire.gov.uk

School Drop off times

Please can children be dropped off within their allocated time frame in the mornings, if they arrive after these times even though the gates are open they will be marked late on the register.

Beware: Increased train traffic at level crossings

Engineering work in the Bristol area means trains are being diverted via Gloucester between 24 October and 7 November.

Network Rail is working on behalf of South Gloucestershire Council to replace a railway bridge as part of the council's Cribbs Patchway metrobus extension project. The work means that there will be a significant increase in high-speed trains on the line in this area on every day between 24 October and 7th November, as all freight trains and some passenger trains will be diverted via Gloucester.

Please take extra care at and around level crossings. Where there are barriers, please allow extra time to travel as they will be down more often than usual.

For more information on level crossing use, please visit: networkrail.co.uk/level-crossings

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5 October 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian

**Extra care required at level crossings – including half term
Sunday 25 October – Friday 6 November inclusive**

We are carrying out work in the Bristol area which will mean all freight trains and some passenger trains will be diverted via Gloucester. Due to this, there will be an increase in high-speed trains on the line that runs near your child's school every day during this period.

Please take extra care while using the level crossings. Where there are barriers, please allow extra time to travel as they will be down more often than usual. For more information on level crossing use, please visit: networkrail.co.uk/level-crossings

Due to the increase in trains, you may also hear slightly more noise than normal.

What the work involves

We are working on behalf of South Gloucestershire Council to replace the railway bridge at Gypsy Patch Lane, near Patchway station in Bristol, to help improve public transport in that area.

Thank you for your patience during this period.

How can I find out more?

If you have any queries that are not answered via the above, please call our National Helpline on 03457 11 41 41 or email crwest@networkrail.co.uk

Yours faithfully

Tamison Painter - Community Relations Executive

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<small>*Please Note: Schools considering alternative dates or considering changes to their school opening times may wish to contact our Transport Team to discuss transport implications and contact local childcare providers to discuss what impact this could have.</small>					

School Term Dates - These can be located on our school website

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or via the Parent App.