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NEWSLETTER

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Message from the Head Teacher

The last two weeks of school have been great. Children are working hard and making great progress. They have coped brilliantly with the latest lockdown but we are mindful that they need a careful eye to make sure they are feeling positive and happy. Please remember that we are always here to help you too and if you have any concerns, questions or comments we're just an email away.

The new behaviour policy has settled well and the children are showing they are ready, respectful and safe both in their work and around school. If you have any comments about our behaviour policy and how it has affected your child, we are still keen to hear your views head@kingsway.gloucs.sch.uk

Positive Playtimes

The playgrounds are more exciting: we have lots of new equipment that the children are enjoying; it's lovely to see them playing so nicely together. We also enjoyed Covid safe training sessions this week from a Gloucestershire Healthy Living and Learning Lead. He started the training of some of our playground leaders in Y5 and the lunchtime supervisors also enjoyed a training session with him too. We now look forward to a visit from a Paralympic Gold Medalist!

Supports of Kingsway School (SoKS) needs you

We have many more exciting plans for the development of our provision at playtime as well as other exciting projects around the school and will need to continue to raise money. The SOKs team are keen to hear your thoughts and are looking for new recruits. A message will soon be sent via Class Dojo – we look forward to hearing from you and would love you to join our team.

Armistice Day

Major Ahmed, a parent and school governor, produced the most incredible assembly for the children; Mrs Head, our new Service Premium Champion oversaw the week's events. There are many aspects to share with you, some of which are in this letter and others can be found on Dojo and via the website. I would like to extend my thanks to the children, to Mrs Head and Major Ahmed for organising the most fitting occasion, which brought a tear to the eye.

Covid Safety

We are keeping up to speed with the latest guidance from the government. Our systems seem to be working well and have only required minor tweaks to cater for the latest lockdown.

Thank you for keeping us informed of your views and also for letting us know about any suspected or confirmed cases. Your brilliant support has made a huge difference in keeping everyone safe.

Message from the Head Teacher continued...

End of day collection

We do have a slight pinch point at the end of the school day when children are collected. We please ask you keep closely to times and make sure that you do not come too early or too late to collect. I recognise this is not the main cause for the busyness of the playground – it is simply the number of children leaving at the end of the day.

We respect the decision that many parents are choosing to wear face masks when in the playgrounds for their own, and others' safety. Whilst we do not insist on this precaution, we do welcome parents taking this additional safety measure if they wish.

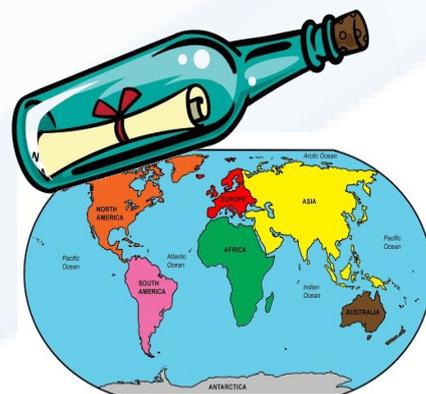
Virtual Parents' Evenings

In the coming few days, we will confirm the dates and times of virtual parents' evenings. Due to the nature of the term, these will be remotely held via a digital platform (such as Zoom or Office Teams). For the well-being of our staff, we will also aim to hold some of these during the school day.

Welcome Video and poster

We have a professional videographer coming to the school this Friday to develop a welcome and virtual tour especially for new parents. Please remember to update your photograph/video permissions at the office if anything has changed since they were submitted in September. Please help us to attract new parents and children to our school by publicising the poster that was sent out.

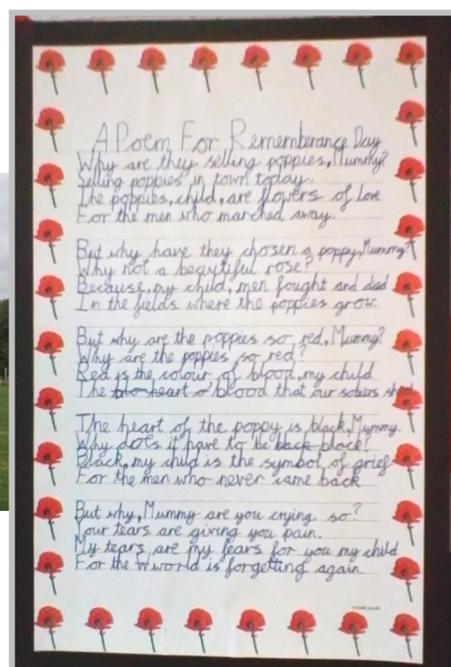
In Year One we have settled back into Autumn 2 and have been excited to continue our adventures around the 7 continents. We have received a message in a bottle from Whitebeard who is the evil Blackbeard's great, great, great grandson! His has found all of Blackbeard's treasure and wants to return it to the rightful continents but he has a problem, he does not know their names or where they are on a map. Of course, Year One was there to help! He then wrote back to us with another problem, he doesn't have a boat and needs us to investigate materials that float and sink and design us a boat so he can travel the continents. We are really looking forward to testing, designing and making models for Whitebeard!



The whole school took part in supporting and raising money for the great charity - Children in Need. The children did not have to wear school uniform today. Lots of children varieties of the Pudsey bear t-shirts and had their faces painted with dots. The children also brought in £1.00 to be donated to the charity. Everyone has helped raise **£351.20** for Children in Need. *Thank you for all your support.*

Remembrance Day

Hello, my name is Emma Head and I have taken on the role of Service Champion at Kingsway Primary School where I will be fostering close links between the service community and the school. I was raised within the military as my dad served in the army. Before coming to Kingsway, I served 7 years in the Royal Air Force based at RAF Brize Norton, where I ran the administration office for the tactical communications wing. I was honoured to work with the Military services children and together we created a great display of Remembrance. The rest of the school also created some lovely displays in their classroom and read poems such as Flanders Fields and recorded them so the whole school could hear them. All the children honoured the fallen by having a 2 minute silence outside. The services children and a child from each class, along with members of staff, then planted a poppy on the field. I felt very proud of all the children on this sombre occasion.



Anti-Bullying Week

The 16 November 2020 is the first day of a very important week: Anti-Bullying Week 2020 which is taking part in our school and other schools across the country. Last year over 7 million young people took part in the event with 75% or 3 in every 4 schools joining in. The theme this year is 'United Against Bullying'.



At Kingsway, the children and staff started off our anti-bullying week by wearing odd socks! I wonder if you know why?

Well, wearing odd socks is funny. It is all about fun and laughter, and more importantly sharing a very important message: a message of individuality, acceptance and tolerance. Which is what being an Odd Sock is all about... because everyone is different and that's good!

As mentioned in the Anti-Bullying assembly, here is the montage of Odd Sock Day photos. We want to celebrate the wacky and crazy socks and remind ourselves that we all different and we all deserve individuality, acceptance and tolerance.



ODD SOCKS DAY!

Here are some amazing colourful socks.
Can you guess who's socks belong to who?

Notices

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 shortly, 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

Hatched Markings

Reminder - the hatched markings on the ground around school, noticeably at the classroom doors, are to be **kept clear**. This ensures that we continue to follow the social distancing guidelines. Please can items **not be** being passed to the Class Teacher. Continue to use the Class Dojo for any messages/information you wish to pass on. All other enquiries please contact the School office on

Tel **01452 881800** or email admin@kingsway.gloucs.sch.uk.



Kingsway Primary School Virtual Open Evening

Choosing the right school for your child to start their formal educational journey is a difficult and vital decision. Covid has made this even harder. So, to help you make an informed choice, we are producing a professional video that will be live on Monday, 23rd November.

The Headteacher and teachers are holding virtual open evenings on:

- Wednesday, 25th November from 6pm until 7pm
- Friday, 27th November afternoon from 2pm until 3pm
- Monday, 30th November from 7pm to 8pm

Please let us know which virtual evening you would like to attend by emailing us and we will forward you the link:

admin@kingsway.gloucs.sch.uk

'I have 3 children currently at Kingsway Primary School and I could not be happier. All 3 of them are engaged, excited to go to school and enthusiastic about what they are being taught. They all feel safe and have a lovely relationship with not only their teachers, but all of the school staff.'
Parent





HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS WITH DIXIE DOT! (AND HELP YOUR SCHOOL AT THE SAME TIME!)

Enter the code at the checkout page on the website and 10% of your order will be donated to your school fundraising!





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Important Diary Dates

November 2020

16 –20 Nov 2020 - Anti-bullying
16 Nov 2020 - Odd Socks Day
23 - 27 Nov 2020 - Road Safety Week and Phonic Screening
Check for Year 2 (who missed the test in Year 1)
25 Nov 2020 – Prospective Parents’ Evening
27 Nov 2020 - Prospective Parents’ Evening
30 Nov 2020 - Prospective Parents’ Evening

December 2020

Virtual Christmas Events: each class will share Christmas
cheer with parents and the community

January 2021

4 Jan 2021 - **INSET Day**
18-22 Jan 2021 - Bikeability Week (TBC)

February 2021

5 Feb 2021 - NSPCC Number Day

March 2021

4 Mar 2021 - World Book Day

April 2021

May 2021

June 2021

July 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

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/

