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School Attendance

Week: 17-21 May 2021

Whole School: 94.56%

Kingsfisher and Swan: 97.12%

Heron and Grebe: 95.77%

Mallard and Coot: 94.72%

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents / Carers

Another wonderful half term has passed. And, hopefully, we are looking towards the better weather for the final term of the year. I am excited about the Royal Trail taking part this weekend - thanks to the wonderful SOKS team for organising this annual event: please make sure you come along and support our school as well as having a great time.



I received a vast number of entries for the nature competition. There were far too many to judge before the end of term but I am looking forward to reviewing them over the holiday and announcing the winners when we come back. It's going to be a tough decision!

We have now finalised the new intake for September 2021 and I am pleased to say that the school has a full intake (we do have two spaces left, which are likely to fill fast so if you know anyone looking to join, tell them to get in quick!) I am so proud of the journey we have taken and look forward to Ofsted recognising how well the school is performing now. The fact that we have so much interest is testament to our strong reputation.

As the lockdown continues to ease, the summer term's events become more frequent and varied. Make sure you are putting the dates into your diary...we hope to see you all for those special events in the near future.

Have a lovely week off and see you on Monday, 7th June.

With best wishes

Mr Pajak
Headteacher

Spotlight on Mental Health and Wellbeing

Mental Health Awareness Week

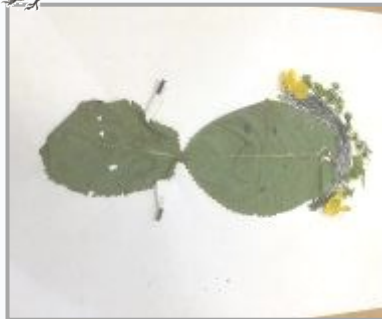
This year, between 10-14th May 2021, the national theme for Mental Health Awareness was connecting with nature. Kingsway Primary school celebrated along with many other schools across England, focusing on the benefits of 'Connecting with Nature' to improve our well-being.

During both lockdowns, the one thing that everyone had in common was that they could go outside. Many families and friends could connect with each other whilst enjoying walks, sitting and listening to birds and exploring their local wooded areas and gardens. This gave people a chance to reconnect with nature and value the importance it has played in people's lives over the past year.

This week KPS pupils connected with nature in lots of different ways. Some classes completed mindful walks around the school grounds spotting plants, trees and wildlife, some children collected natural objects and made beautiful prints and pictures from them. Mr Pajak led an assembly where he challenged and encouraged the staff, pupils and parents to connect with nature in a variety of ways. We ran a nature competition whereby pupils sent in nature photographs, painted or drew pictures, wrote poetry or a letter to our local MP's about recycling and waste to help nature.

KPS took up and the challenge and we are all keen to find out about everyone's entries in hope that we win the prize of a forest school afternoon! If you would like to find out more please see the link below:

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/mental-health-awareness-week>



8th March 2021



Connect with Nature

Mental Health Awareness from Year 2 and Year 4

Pupil Voice

I enjoyed seeing purple flowers behind the bush. Parker

I enjoyed looking at the butterflies. Matej

When we went outside I enjoyed finding flowers. Shae

I enjoyed looking at all of the flowers. Ava

I liked smelling the blossom on the trees. Jakub

I saw berries and trees. It was very relaxing. Annabella

I enjoyed seeing the birds and flowers because it made me feel happy. Bernice

I liked listening to the birds. Holly-Mae

I enjoyed spending time outside in the fresh air. Harriet

I liked smelling different smells that I haven't smelt before. Daisy

I like looking at the detail in bug hotels and how they help the insects and give them shelter. Archie

When we went outside I enjoyed finding flowers. Shae

I enjoyed being in nature because it makes me really happy to be exploring outside. Charlotte

I enjoyed going outside and exploring nature. Logan

I liked learning about how bees help us in the world and going outside to collect objects for our art because it makes me happy. Melody

I enjoyed learning about the bees because they're amazing and are so important. Kaylee

I love nature and enjoyed exploring when collecting objects for our pictures. Eliza



Mental Health Poetry

My name is Mr Harden
And I really love my garden
It's where I like to sit a while
As nature really makes me smile
My cares and worries disappear
With every birdsong that I hear
I could stay for many hours
Looking at the pretty flowers
Watching insects come and go
Helping make my garden grow.



Office Reminders/Information

- ◆ **School Absence** - If your child is not in school please let us know by 9am at the latest, either on the Parent App, or by calling the school office and leaving an absence message.
- ◆ **NSPCC Number Day** - Wow what a day that was! We would just like to let you know that with all your donations and support we have managed to raise a fabulous **£255.31**, which will go to this great charity. Thank you.
- ◆ **Thank you** for attending our online parents' consultations last week. It was great to see so many of you. We would really appreciate your feedback to help us improve further. A questionnaire has been set up to help gather your views. Please follow the link below to complete the feedback form: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ViDRyVJP20afEtg4s60K52lfaCsxykpOjpwTn9folFUOExIQIBLWUFHSjBaMksyTUFYTIrNVkw2Sy4u>
- ◆ **Mental Health Week - Nature Competition.** We have received some wonderful entries for our competition. All entries will be judged over half term and we will let you the result when we come back. Well done to everyone who entered.
- ◆ **ParentPay Accounts** - Please ensure that your child's account is in credit **before** booking in for breakfast club and school dinners.
- ◆ **Cool Milk** - school milk is only free for under five year olds. If you wish your child to continue to have milk at school please follow the link for more information: <https://www.coolmilk.com/parents/>

Diary Dates

May 2021

29– 31st May - Kingsway Royal Trail

June 2021

1st - 4th Half Term

8th: Year 6 trip to Winchcombe Railway

23rd: Sports Day

28th - 30th: Year 6 residential ([more info to follow](#))

30th: NEW Parents' meeting - Reception children 2021

July 2021

2nd: Summer fair

5th: Annual reports to parents

7th: Teddy Bears' picnic TBC

8th: Severn Vale Year 7 transfer day -

All other schools TBC

9th: After School clubs finish

14th & 15th: Year 6 Production - TBC

16th: End of year school disco for Years 1-5

16th: Year 6 Leavers disco 'Kingsway Fest'

19th - 20th: Laches' Wood Year 3 residential trip

20th: Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

20th: Last Day of Term - Normal Finish Time

21st: INSET DAY - School closed to children

September 2021

2nd: INSET DAY - School closed to children

3rd: INSET DAY - School closed to children

6th: School Re-starts

October 2021

21st: SoKS AGM and party TBC

Term Dates

2020/2021

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

2021/2022

Term 1: Thurs 2nd Sept – Fri 22nd Oct 2021

Term 2: Mon 1st Nov – Fri 17th Dec 2021

Term 3: Tue 4th Jan - Fri 18th Feb 2022

Term 4: Mon 28th Feb – Fri 8th April 2022

Term 5: Mon 25th April – Fri 27th May 2022

Term 6: Mon 6th June – Fri 22nd July 2022

Please be advised that this is only a rough outline of the year ahead. More dates will be added in the new year and some events may be subject to change due to Covid.

COVID Information



REMINDERS: Covid Update

3 Main Symptoms:

Fever: Hot to touch and raised temp
New continuous cough
Loss of taste & Smell

- If you have any of these symptoms a PCR Covid Test must be booked. Please do not use the LFD.
- 34's and over are now being offer the Covid Vaccine.
- If you have a positive LFD a PCR test must be booked, do not take another LCD test, isolate until you receive a Negative result.
- Please remember to keep 2m distance where possible, face masks to be worn around communal areas of the school.
- Bubbles must remain in place.
- LFD (Lateral Flow Device) must not be used in children under 11
- If any child are displaying any symptoms then they must remain at home and get a test.

You can read the '[COVID-19 Response - Spring 2021](#)' (**theroadmap**) for more information on how COVID-19 restrictions will be eased in England. [It is underpinned by law.](#)

Keeping yourself and others safe

Social distancing is still very important. You should stay 2 metres apart from anyone who is not in your household or support bubble where possible, or 1 metre with extra precautions in place (such as wearing face coverings) if you cannot stay 2 metres apart.

You should follow the guidance on [how to stop the spread of coronavirus](#) at all times, including if you have been vaccinated against COVID-19. You should follow this guidance in full to limit spreading COVID-19. [It is underpinned by law.](#)

Information can also be found via our school website www.kingswayprimary.org.uk or from the following:

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-response-spring-2021/covid-19-response-spring-2021-summary> (**covid-19 Roadmap**)
- <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>



Supporters of Kingsway School SoKs

We are parents, staff and friends of Kingsway Primary School, Gloucester. Our purpose is to provide the school with much needed extra funds to help the students have the best possible school experience and education.

Forecast of Events Summer/Autumn 2021

29 - 31 May
Kingsway Royal Trail - recover the Crown Jewels!

FAB Friday
Ice lolly sales in the playground as soon as restrictions/ weather allows.

23 June
School Sports Day - tea, coffee and hotdogs!

2 July
Summer Fair - Raffle, games, BBQ, craft stalls, Pimms and Cider!

7 July
Teddy bears picnic for Sept 21 intake

16 July
End of year Disco for Yrs 1-5

16 July
Yr 6 Leavers Disco 'Kingway Fest'

TBC October 21
AGM and Soks Party

Volunteers Wanted!

If you want to join the vibrant and friendly SoKs events team of volunteers, please get in touch!



Find Us: Supporters of Kingsway School



Support Us: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/supportersofkingswayschool/>



Join Us: SoKs@kingsway.gloucs.sch.uk - drop us a line to find out how you can get involved in any of these events!

Kingsway Royal Treasure Trail 2021



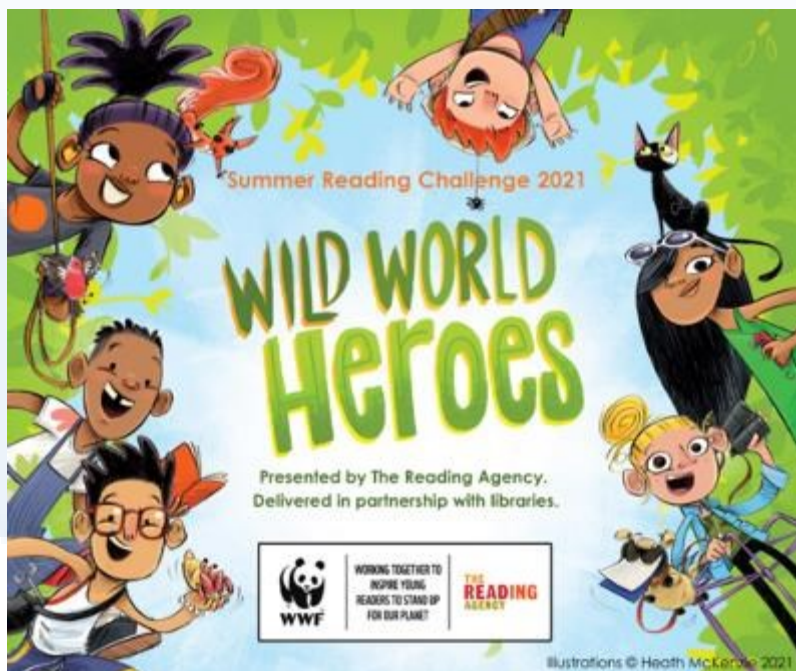
What is it? The Queen's Jewels have been stolen and the suspects have hidden themselves throughout Kingsway! Every character is in a Royal disguise, find them all to unlock a clue and recover the jewels.

When: 11.30am Saturday 29th May to 6pm Monday 31st May

Where: Collect your trail maps from Kingsway Primary School, Valley Gardens, Kingsway (maps on sale 11.30am - 2.30pm Saturday and Sunday only)

How much: Maps are priced at £2 each, including a prize for unlocking the clue

Organised by Supporters of Kingsway School, all proceeds from this event will be gifted to Kingsway Primary School for the purpose of improvements to the outdoor areas.



For more information on the Summer Reading Challenge go to <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> or speak with your local library. What a great way to challenge yourself and to keep reading through the holidays. We would love to hear about the books you have read.

Introducing...Wild World Heroes!



We're so excited to reveal the theme for the Summer Reading Challenge 2021!

Get ready for **Wild World Heroes**, arriving online and in your **local library** this summer.




Happier and Calmer: Wellbeing at Home

A *free online course for parents

We will be guiding you through the latest science on how to build a happier and calmer home



- Find ways to settle yourself in these uncertain times
- Discuss ways to make your family calmer
- Get tips to make you feel happier
- Develop yoga and mindfulness skills

A 6 week course running on Fridays starting on 11th June 9.30 - 11.00am

The course is being delivered via Zoom. You can access this through your smartphone, tablet or computer. We can help you to use it.

To book a place, please email fay.tucker@gloucestershire.gov.uk

* The course is free if you are over 19 years old, have lived in the UK/EU for 3 or more years, or have a valid Residence Permit, and are one of the following: Unemployed or earning below £17,000 per year; Qualified below a Level 2 (less than 5 GCSEs); Have mental health challenges; Have a learning difficulty or disability

Writing for Wellness

A free* course for parents/ carers across Gloucestershire

Join us to explore how writing can make us feel better

- ✓ Try out free writing for wellbeing
- ✓ Rediscover the joy of writing
- ✓ Explore writing your own life story
- ✓ Find out how you can help your children with their English


**Tuesdays from 9:30- 11:00
8th June- 6th July**

This course will be delivered via Zoom.

You can access this through your smartphone, tablet or computer.

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Calming the Mind for Parents

A free* 6 week online course to introduce you to mindfulness in the comfort of your own home.

- Explore ways to manage your stress levels
- Find new ways to relax yourself and your family
- Learn how to be mindful everyday

**Tuesday Daytime 10:30-11:30 from 8th June
Tuesday Evenings 7:30-8:30 from 15th June**

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TOUCAN FOR CHILDREN PRESENTS

NATURE ART COMPETITION



EXPLORE NATURE AND MAKE A PIECE OF ART

Send a picture of it to us via social media, email or bring it in to Toucan!

A CHANCE TO WIN A FAMILY DAY OUT!

Competition ends 16/07/21

Winner chosen at random live on Facebook

play@toucanforchildren.co.uk