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NEWSLETTER

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**Wedding Bells
for
Miss Anderson.
I hope you will all join
me and the staff in
wishing
Miss Anderson
all the best on her
wedding day.**

**We will be welcoming
her back as the new
Mrs Sargent**

Message from the Headteacher

Welcome to this round up of the term.

It has been a very busy few months and there is much to celebrate as you will see from this letter.



I would like to thank the staff for their tireless dedication and support of every child and for their passion and determination to provide the best learning they can. The focus on developing teaching and learning continues: this term we have received training on supporting children with ADHD through the ADHD Foundation; promoting resilience in learning through task choice and language use to develop perseverance. Additionally, we have started to make use of the Great Teaching Toolkit (Professor Rob Coe) which identifies key strands of effective teaching and learning.

Next term, we have further training on Emotion Coaching, which will enable us to run training for parents too...more to follow in the summer term.

It has been exciting to see a key strand of the curriculum 'Opportunities to Experience' become more embedded providing our children with a wide range of new and exciting trips, visits and activities.

I hope you have a wonderful holiday and we look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday, 17th April.

Best wishes

Mr Pajak

All our policies are updated and are on the website.

Diary Dates

April 2023

3rd - 14th: Easter Holidays

17th: School restarts

17th: Reception School Allocation for 2023

24th: Clubs start

May 2023

1st: Bank Holiday

5th: GSSN SEND Sports Event

8th: Bank Holiday

9th - 12th: SATS Week

20th: SoKS Rainbow Dash

24th: Bags2School

29th May - 2nd June: Half Term

June 2023

15th: Sports Day

27th: Dogs Trust Visit

July 2023

w/c 3rd: Clubs finish

16th: Summer Fayer

24th - 25th: INSET DAYS

Term Dates:

Term 5: Mon 17th April – Fri 26h May 2023

Term 6: Mon 5th June – Wed 25th July 2023

Office Reminders

- ♦ **ParentPay Accounts** - Please ensure that your child's account is in credit before booking in for breakfast club, school dinners and K club.
- ♦ **Medication** - A medication form needs to be completed if medicines need to be administered on the parent/ carers behalf. The form can be obtained from the school office or via the school website: <https://kingswayprimary.org.uk/school-forms/> - Parental agreement to administer medicine.
- ♦ **School policies** - All our policies are updated and are on the website. If you require a paper copy of the information that is contained on our website, it can be requested via the school office and is free of charge.



SCHOOL DINNERS IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please be aware that the cost of school dinners will be increasing to £2.54 from 17th April 2023 for children in year 3 and above that are not entitled to Free School Meals.



A cake fit for the King!

A cake fit for the King! To help mark and celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III we'd love for children to design a single tier cake that they think would be "fit for the King". Design sheets will be £1 each and will be available after Easter. We will pick one winning entry from KS1 and one from KS2. The winning designs will then have their cake made by a local cake maker and the child will receive their cake in time to take home and serve at your own coronation party.

Round up of Sports Events and Celebrations



Spring term 23 – Gymnastics

In January, children from year 2 and year 4 competed in the GSSN KS1 and KS2 gymnastics competitions. Both teams showed great focus and concentration and preformed their routine and vault to a high standard.



Football

This season the boys A team faced Heron, Churchdown, St Peters and Upton St Leonards in the league, where they finished a respectable 4th place. There was delight as the A team made it to the school's first ever plate final and won beating Robinswood 1-0.

There were competitive matches for the B team as they played games against Robinswood and attended a B team football festival at Oxstalls Arena. The girls team have also been in action as they have played games against Beech Green and Field Court and a cup game against Heron.



GSSN OAA and Orienteering

A group of year 3 and year 4 children went to Robinswood Hill to take part in an orienteering event. The children participated in a treasure hunt where they had to search and solve clues to find the next clue in order to find the treasure.

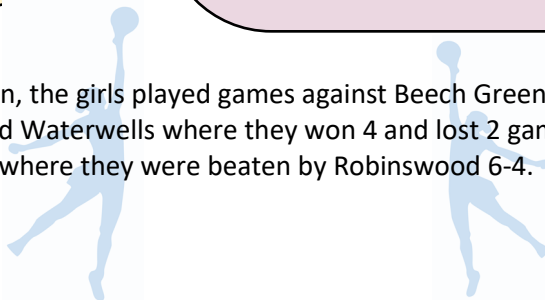


Sports Hall Athletics

In January, a team of year 6's attended the UK Sportshall athletic competition at Oxstalls arena. The children competed across different disciplines including speed bounce, javelin, standing long jump and various relay races. Overall, Kingsway Primary School finished in 8th position.

Netball

Throughout the season, the girls played games against Beech Green, Field Court, Hardwicke, Willow and Waterwells where they won 4 and lost 2 games. The team reached the play-offs where they were beaten by Robinswood 6-4.





County Cross Country

Toby Brooks has absolutely smashed his county cross country race on Saturday 25th March taking FIRST and making it to the nationals. Well Done Toby we are all extremely proud of you.



Future competitions in the summer term include:

Hockey league, friendlies and GSSN competition
Tag rugby league games
Cricket league



Panathlon Challenge

In January, a group of children from key stage 1 and 2 represented the school at GSSN primary school Panathlon challenge at Oxstalls Arena, where both teams finished in 2nd place position.

Amazing Trips & Visits



London Trip

Y3 went on an adventure. To enhance their curriculum, we travelled by coach and underground train to London. Leaving early, we managed to pack in a trip to see the dinosaurs at the Natural History Museum, a walk along the River Thames, the London Eye, the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Cathedral, the (huge!) horses at Horseguards, The Shard, Buckingham Palace, the Cenotaph, Downing Street, Trafalgar Square as well as a visit to The National Gallery. An amazing experience.



Wilson Trust Museum Visit

Mrs Finnegan from The Wilson Trust has asked for our help! She needs our children to come up with solutions to help the problems affecting our native wildlife. Using genuine examples the children were asked to create sensible and crazy solutions. To celebrate Earth Day (26.4.23) the children's ideas will be displayed at The Wilson Trust Museum in Cheltenham as a backdrop to the free hands-on activities being run that day.



Redwood Trip

Swanfishers went on their very first school trip this term! We visited The Redwood Forest where we spent the morning going on a muddy adventure to spot British wildlife such as squirrels, badgers and hedgehogs and then creating habitats for them. We then had the most fun hunting for Superworms, using long sticks to make a giant Superworm and creating our very own Superworm stories. Can you guess what our focus book was?



Gloucestershire Music School Recital Series

An internally recognised quartet performed to the whole which enable the children to have the opportunity to experience a high quality performance by the Carducci string Quartet. The children listened intently to the tremendous pieces of music and stories.

Drama - Shakespeare Performance

On Tuesday 28th March, 18 fantastic year 4 children went to Henley Bank Secondary School to perform our rendition of Romeo and Juliet in front of parents and children from 3 other school. All the children showed amazing resilience and commitment to the performance by spending hours learning their difficult Shakespearian lines and sacrificing their time to produce such a wonderful performance. They have made Kingsway very proud and we definitely have some potential actors around! Thank you parents for your support in getting the costumes and helping the children with their lines.

Year 5 visit to Jama Al Karim Mosque, Gloucester

"Thank you so much for letting us visit. I learnt so much from you. "

"I loved the mosque and it made me happy to learn about others peoples culture."

"Thank you so much for our visit, it meant so much to us and I loved it. My favourite part was looking around the beautiful place"

"This was a great school trip. "



"Thank you for having us. I really learned so much about the mosque and how you pray."

"Thank you so much for giving us this wonderful experience. It was a privilege to be part of it and we learnt so much at the mosque because of your great knowledge. We are so grateful. "

"It was the best school trip ever! It was so interesting to learn more about the mosque and Islam."



Oracy at Kingsway

Children from years one to six, were invited to prepare a 2-minute speech to present to the school in Celebration Assembly. We had some amazing choices of topics such as the life and career of Lewis Hamilton, Deadly Sixty Creatures, Homelessness, Children's rights and many more topical issues and concerns. We were very proud of all the children that took part, they spent a long time practising their speeches and were courageous to stand up and speak in front of the whole school. Well done everyone. Our final school winners were Seb (Y1), Alice (Y5) and Harriet (Y4). A special congratulations to these children who represented our school at the Gloucestershire Schools Partnership Oracy Competition. We are very proud of you.



Busy Busy Busy

This term has been full of hard work and fun. When reading Aliens Love Underpants, we had lots of fun making our own silly sentences using rhyming words and creating our own aliens. We've had great fun exploring the forest school area, getting covered in mud, making clay models and toasting marshmallows around the fire. We've learnt all about the United Kingdom and have created our own saltdough sculptures, inspired by Joan Miro. To end the term, we had a fantastic morning at Oxstall's sports centre where we got to practise lots of the skills we have learnt in PE.



Year 6 have been working incredibly hard and have shown excellent focus across all areas of the curriculum. Some of our highlights have been the research and publication of our stunning reports about an extinct animal such as the dodo or sabre-toothed tiger, our exploration of trade in Geography and some of the early work in our study of Henry Moore in Art and Design. Here is a photograph of the stunning outcomes we have produced.

This term, Year 6 welcomed Mrs Finnegan into class for a workshop. She talked to us about ecosystems, the threats that British wildlife face and shared animals from the museum collection. Year 6 then created posters about the impact climate change is having on our wildlife's habitats. The children all enjoyed the activity and their artwork will be displayed at The Wilson Museum on Saturday 22nd April, which is also Earth Day.



Peer Mediators

This year, we have trained twenty-one Year 6 pupils as Peer Mediators. Peer Mediators help other pupils resolve minor disputes during lunchtime periods. **They have received five training sessions teaching life skills that can be implemented in restorative practices. These skills can help shape healthy attitudes towards conflicts they may face throughout life.** The Peer Mediators have been doing an amazing job, demonstrating great maturity. Look out for the blue lanyards!