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Message from the Headteacher

An exceptional year

What a year it has been! Having looked through the photos in preparation for the final celebration assembly of the term, I was struck by just how much we have achieved, how many places we have visited and the rich education the children have received across the school.



Impressive results

Our results have been impressive yet again right from Reception to Year 6. Last year, our school was in the highest 20% for progress in all areas; this year our Y6 Greater Depth standard is almost 3 times that of national: 19% combined achieve the highest standard in all 3 areas combined, compared to 7% nationally. Wow, what a testament the quality of teaching at our school and the dedication and drive of our children.

A new standard in Y6 performance

Parents were in awe of the quality of the Y6 production with many comments that it was the best ever seen and set a new standard; a standing ovation from the crowd was a fitting end to the final performance yesterday! The children performed superbly in every role with some notable performances from children destined for the stage. Huge thanks to every one of the staff for their tireless efforts in putting the show together.

Happy Summer

All that is left, is to wish you all a wonderful summer. I hope you manage to relax and enjoy time together. We look forward to seeing you back at school on Wednesday, 6th September for another exciting year.

With love and best wishes

Mr Pajak
Headteacher



Diary Dates

September 2023

4th & 5th: Inset Days

6th: Children start school

October 2023

30th Oct—3rd Nov Half Term

November 2023

6th : Inset Day

December 2023

25th Dec—5th Jan: Christmas Holidays

January 2024

8th: Inset Day



Term Dates:

Term 1: Mon 4th Sept—Fri 27th Oct 2023

Term 2: Mon 6th Nov—Fri 22nd Dec 2023

Term 3: Mon 8th Jan—Fri 9th Feb 2024

Term 4: Mon 19th Feb—Fri 22nd Mar 2024

Term 5: Mon 8th April – Fri 24th May 2024

Term 6: Mon 3rd June – Mon 22nd July 2024

Inset Days:

4th & 5th Sept 2023

6th Nov 2023

8th Jan 2024

22nd July 2024



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
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Absence reporting** - Please ensure that you inform the school of your child's absence no matter what the reason is. This can be done via the Parent Connect App or by leaving a phone message on the absent line by no later than 9am.
- ◆ **Holidays taken in term time** - You **must** complete a holiday request form which can be obtained from the school office.
- ◆ **School Dinners** - If your child has a an allergy or intolerance to some foods, please ensure that a dietary form is complete which can be obtained from the school office. Caterlink also require medical evidence in order for them to provide a specific dietary menu.

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.

To check if your child is eligible for Free School Meals go to the online portal that is available on the Gloucestershire County Council website:

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Apply online today

You could save up to £437.00 per year.

Fond farewells and welcome to new staff

Fond Farewells to:

I hope you would share with me in wishing a fond farewell and good luck in their new adventures to: Mrs Hillman, Miss Jones, Miss McDermott, Miss Holmes, Miss Maslen, Miss Henderson, Mrs Pearce and Miss Lugg, who are off to pastures new. Thank you all for your hard work and support over the years. All the very best, we will miss you.

Welcome New Staff

We would like to welcome new members of staff to our school team:

Mrs Bell - Assistant Headteacher
Miss Browning - Reception Class Teacher
Miss White - Year 1 Class Teacher
Mr Giles - Year 5 Class Teacher
Mr Flower - Year 6 Class Teacher

Round up of Sports Events and Celebrations



GSSN Quick stick Hockey Competition

In April, a team of year 5 and 6 children participated in the hockey competition which took place at Kings School. The development team played 5 games, won 2, lost 2 and drawn 1 and the Championship team reached the playoff game where they beat Coney Hill 4-2 to finish 3rd in the competition.



SEND Festival of Sport

In May, a group of children from year 1 to year 5 attended a SEND festival of sports which they participated in new age bowls, boccia, bean bag target throw, new age curling, table tennis and cup stacking. They had a fantastic time and were great ambassadors for Kingsway. Well done every one.

SEND Bike Event

Two children from year 6 attended a SEND bike event at Blackridge where they participated at having go on bicycles round the athletics track.

Year 2 and 4 Quad kidz athletics competition

The children from year 2 and 4 took part in an athletics competition that involve 50m sprint, 300m run (400m run for the year4), standing long jump and a javelin throw. The children also took part in a non – competitive relay races as well.



Year 3 and 4 football tournament

Mr Greenwood took children from year 3 and 4 to Oxstalls Sport Arena to participate in a football tournament against other schools. Kingsway Primary School entered two teams which both teams won and lost games.

QLC year 1 multi skills event

During the morning the children from KPS and Clearwater took place in a multiskills event that involved the children taking part in events such as obstacle relay race, egg and spoon race, standing long jump, javelin throw, sprint relay race and various other events. The events were run by the children from Osprey class who were amazing.

Cricket

Year 5 and 6 children took part in a local cricket competition at Stroud cricket club where they competed against Lakefield, Leonard Stanley and Cashes Green. Year 3 and 4 children also took part in a local cricket competition at Frampton cricket club as well. In the league, the cricket team finished in 1st position in the league by winning all of their games against Field court, Harewood, Beech Green and Hempsted.

Quickstick Hockey league

During the term, children from year 5 and 6 participated in a hockey league against Calton Primary school and Field Court Primary school.

SEND Panathlon finals

A group of children from year 6 attended the pentathlon finals at Oxstalls sports centre where they competed against other school in various events. The team finished in 3rd position.

Amazing Trips, Visits & Events



Fairford 2023



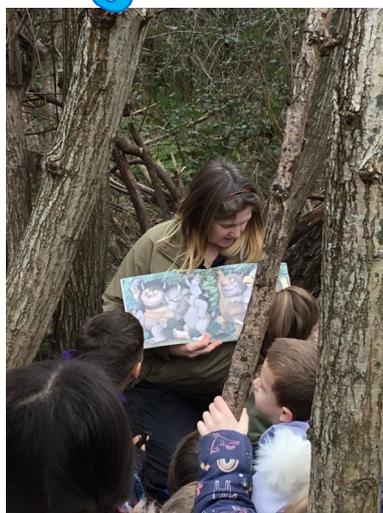
Gloucester Rugby



Knife Angel 2023



World Book Day 2023



Crazy Hair Day 2023



Year 6 Residential Trip to Abernant in Wales



SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS
2023/24

SEPTEMBER					OCTOBER					NOVEMBER							
Mon		4	11	18	25	Mon	2	9	16	23	30	Mon	6	13	20	27	
Tues		5	12	19	26	Tues	3	10	17	24	31	Tues		7	14	21	28
Wed		6	13	20	27	Wed	4	11	18	25	Wed	1	8	15	22	29	
Thur		7	14	21	28	Thur	5	12	19	26	Thur	2	9	16	23	30	
Fri	1	8	15	22	29	Fri	6	13	20	27	Fri	3	10	17	24		
Sat	2	9	16	23	30	Sat	7	14	21	28	Sat	4	11	18	25		
Sun	3	10	17	24		Sun	1	8	15	22	29	Sun	5	12	19	26	
DECEMBER					JANUARY					FEBRUARY							
Mon	4	11	18	25	Mon	1	8	15	22	29	Mon	5	12	19	26		
Tues	5	12	19	26	Tues	2	9	16	23	30	Tues	6	13	20	27		
Wed	6	13	20	27	Wed	3	10	17	24	31	Wed	7	14	21	28		
Thur	7	14	21	28	Thur	4	11	18	25	Thur	1	8	15	22	29		
Fri	1	8	15	22	29	Fri	5	12	19	26	Fri	2	9	16	23		
Sat	2	9	16	23	30	Sat	6	13	20	27	Sat	3	10	17	24		
Sun	3	10	17	24	31	Sun	7	14	21	28	Sun	4	11	18	25		
MARCH					APRIL					MAY							
Mon	4	11	18	25	Mon	1	8	15	22	29	Mon	6	13	20	27		
Tues	5	12	19	26	Tues	2	9	16	23	30	Tues	7	14	21	28		
Wed	6	13	20	27	Wed	3	10	17	24	Wed	1	8	15	22	29		
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Fri	1	8	15	22	29	Fri	5	12	19	26	Fri	3	10	17	24	31	
Sat	2	9	16	23	30	Sat	6	13	20	27	Sat	4	11	18	25		
Sun	3	10	17	24	31	Sun	7	14	21	28	Sun	5	12	19	26		
JUNE					JULY					AUGUST							
Mon	3	10	17	24	Mon	1	8	15	22	29	Mon	5	12	19	26		
Tues	4	11	18	25	Tues	2	9	16	23	30	Tues	6	13	20	27		
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Sat	1	8	15	22	29	Sat	6	13	20	27	Sat	3	10	17	24	31	
Sun	2	9	16	23	30	Sun	7	14	21	28	Sun	4	11	18	25		

Term Time	Holidays
Bank Holiday	Inset days

Term 1: Mon 4 th Sept – Fri 27 th Oct 2023	40 days
Term 2: Mon 6 th Nov – Fri 22 nd Dec 2023	35 days
Term 3: Mon 8 th Jan - Fri 9 th Feb 2024	25 days
Term 4: Mon 19 th Feb – Fri 22 nd Mar 2024	25 days
Term 5: Mon 8 th April – Fri 24 th May 2024	34 days
Term 6: Mon 3 rd June – Mon 22 nd July 2024	36 days
Total	195 days*

Christmas Bank Holidays	25 th December 2023
	26 th December 2023
New Year Bank Holiday	1 st January 2024
Good Friday	29 th March 2024
Easter Monday	1 st April 2024
Early May Bank Holiday	6 th May 2024
Spring Bank Holiday	27 th May 2024
Summer Bank Holiday	26 th August 2024

*195 days are defined as "School days". In the school year 2023/24 pupils must attend for 190 days. Schools may decide individually or collectively which 5 days in the year are INSET or non-contact days (days pupils do not need to attend).

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.

July 2023



Supporters of Kingsway School (aka SoKS) is the PTA for Kingsway Primary School, raising much needed funds for the school to help enhance and support every child's education and to give them a happy experience.

The SoKS Team have had another busy term with some fantastic events, but without the families, staff and other supporters of Kingsway Primary School, these events would not be possible. Thank you for all your support.



On the afternoon of Saturday 20 May, the school field became a very colourful place to be, as we held our first Rainbow Dash! Staff, parents, friends and pupils lost count of the number of times they ran around the field, while being covered in colourful paint!

There were some amazing paint explosions too.

A massive thanks to RikasySTEMz with Dee and Kingsway Runners for their support on the day.

We hope that the Rainbow Dash will be able to happen again in 2024, so keep an eye out and book your space!!



When the sun is out in the final half term of the school year, the ice creams and ice lollies make an appearance after school. A nice cool treat for parents and children at the end of the week.



Thanks to all those who visited the SoKS stand during Sports Day. It was a very hot day, and we hope you were able to enjoy some of the refreshments on sale. The ice poles went down very well after lunch. Over 500 were sold in just 15 minutes! The Team were able to take turns at the stand while also enjoying some time with our own children and families, watching the children in their races and various events was great fun.

The Summer Disco had a fantastic turn out by pupils and staff - maybe even record breaking - well, it certainly seemed like it! 120 children from Reception and Years 1 and 2, and then 175 children from Years 3 - 6 !!

A massive thank you to all those parents and carers who volunteered their time to help with the disco. Whether you were registering children as they arrived, served what felt like a million cups of squash, or guarded the doors to ensure everyone's safety, we couldn't run the disco without your support.



With thanks to the British weather, the plans for the Summer Fayre were amended a couple of times! We were sad not to be able to hold the Fayre outside, but made the best of the space we had inside.

With craft stalls, glitter tattoos, a bouncy castle, refreshments, traditional fayre games, our beloved book stall, chocolate tombola, lolly lottery and (with huge thanks to all those who donated teddies) our first teddy tombola. We welcomed the members of Cheerance and their families who gave a fantastic performance, plus our friend Dee who demonstrated some fun RikasySTEMz moves with some help from the children. Mrs Stevens ran a brilliant welly wanging competition too - which thankfully was drawing to a close as the rain started to pour! Thanks for all those who bought tickets for our super raffle - some amazing prizes were donated by local companies and even some donations from school families.

We were also very pleased to welcome our friends from Gloucester Men's Shed. They kindly produced some of the Fayre games we used on the day, plus others for future events. They have also made and donated a bench which will be placed within the school grounds.



Leavers

Goodbye Year 6!

The SoKS Team worked with the staff team to produce the Year 6 Leaver's Books.

These, plus a donation towards their leavers hoodies, were paid for out of the money raised by SoKS.

What else are we fundraising for?

We hope to be able to give more information next term about the main items we have been fundraising for. Mr Pajak has been working behind the scenes on something special for the school grounds.

Annual General Meeting of the Supporters of Kingsway School will take place in the first half of the Autumn term. Please keep an eye out for the date, and please join us. This is when the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary are elected, and we hope to be able to share some ideas for the next year, and get to know each other better over a drink!!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

GET INVOLVED!

All parents, carers, family, friends and staff are members of SoKS. The Team are ready to welcome new faces to help run fun events, while raising funds for the school. Please get in touch if you'd like to find out more or to get involved!

Email: soks@kingsway.gloucs.sch.uk
 FB Page: [SoKSEvents](https://www.facebook.com/groups/194960904193258/)
 FB Group: www.facebook.com/groups/194960904193258/
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