

Kings Worthy Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Great Fire of London exhibition

The Year 2s have written recounts about the Great Fire of London – Mrs Gaunt has joined a selection from different children together below.

On Tuesday 12th February the whole of Year 2 had a London's Burning in our Woodland Walk because we are learning about The Great Fire of London. Everyone was excited to stay after school to join in the event.

In the morning we placed our Tudor buildings, which we had been making for the last two weeks, into the fire pit and arranged them into a model of the city of London.

When the rest of the school had gone home we had tea and then when it was twilight we strolled down into the Woodland Walk where Mr Carr was ready to start the fire. It was dusky and the garden looked very different to normal.

Mr Carr carefully placed a match into the bakery building and the fire quickly started. The first thing we saw was smoke gradually rising up and then we watched the flames flickering and dancing, eating up the houses and churches. The flames leapt high into the air and everyone screamed in excitement!

It was incredible to watch the massive flames jump from house to house but we felt sad to think this happened in real life in 1666.

Our fire lasted for nineteen minutes and it finally died down to just a glowing pile of ash and it was time to leave the Woodland Walk and go home.

Thank you to Mr Carr for helping us recreate the Great Fire of London - we loved it!

(Written by Fenton, Naomi, Ava, Indie, Zachary, Tobechi, Grace and Ebba).



Library News

A big thank you to ex-pupils, Evie Glover and Rebecca Tan, who have been helping in the library after school on Tuesdays this school year. They have now completed the volunteering part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award. We are very grateful for the time they have given us, helping children to exchange books and keeping the library tidy and organised. We shall miss them and wish them well for the remainder of their Duke of Edinburgh adventures!

World Book Day

We shall be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 7 March**. Author, Judy Waite, will be spending the day in school, working with every year group, aiming to inspire creative writing. More information about the day will follow after half term, but we wanted to give you notice that although we shan't be having a parade this year (to maximise the time for author workshops), it would be great if children could come to school dressed as a favourite book character. Please don't feel obliged to buy costumes - there are lots of great ideas for "easy World Book Day costumes" online.

Mrs O'Sullivan Update



As you know Mrs O'Sullivan is currently unwell and she has recently started treatment for Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Together with Tanya Smith, parent to Naomi in Year 2, they have cut their hair short and donated it to Little Princess Trust to be made into wigs for young cancer patients. They are also raising money for Macmillan Cancer support. You may wish to read more by following the link

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userUrl=terminatingterry&pageUrl=1](https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-display/showROFundraiserPage?userUrl=terminatingterry&pageUrl=1)

We are missing Mrs O'Sullivan's presence in school and we know you would like to join with the staff in sending Katie and her family all our best wishes and love for a speedy recovery

New kit

Before Christmas, Mrs Butler made an application to the Winchester Round Table charity for funding for a new football kit. Their generous contribution, coupled with the New Year sales has meant that we have been able to afford two new kits! We will be keeping the traditional green and white stripes for our main kit, but we now have a lovely red and white kit for when we take two teams to tournaments or when our green kit clashes with another school's kit.

Here the kit is modelled by Daisy, Lewis, Jasmine, Harrison and Kailey.



Girls Hampshire Cup quarter final

On Monday, 11th February, the girls' football team hosted Sarisbury Junior School in the quarter-final of the Hampshire Schools' cup. Sarisbury brought a strong team and raced into a 2-0 lead. A goal from Tilly got Kings Worthy back into the game just before half time. A third Sarisbury goal and a good finish from Kailey made the score 3-2 to Sarisbury going into the last few minutes. As Kings Worthy pushed forwards in search of an equaliser, the ball fell to Daisy on the edge of the box who slotted home to send the game to extra time.

There were no more goals in extra time which meant that the match had to be settled by penalties. Both teams scored their first 4 penalties before Jasmine blocked the fifth Sarisbury penalty. Charley stepped up knowing that she could win the game for Kings Worthy and she confidently smashed the ball into the corner of the goal. Kings Worthy were winners, 3-3 (5-4 pens) Well played Jasmine, Belle, Freya, Charley, Imogen, Daisy, Kailey and Tilly.

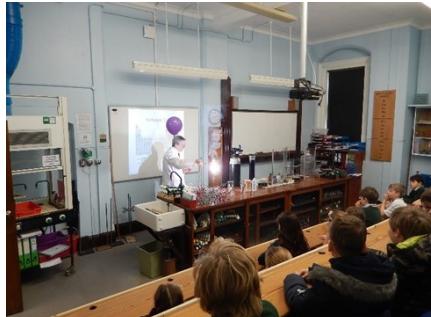
The girls have been drawn to play away against Blackfield Primary School in the semi-final.

Action packed Week for Year 5



Year 5 have had a busy and exciting week full of visits and visitors! On Tuesday, Anneka from the RSPB visited to help us habitat map our schools grounds and take part in the Big Schools Birdwatch, counting the different species of birds we could see in our grounds. She was most impressed with both our grounds and the variety of birds we saw – from robins to a red kite!

Since September, Year 5 have had weekly visits from boys from Winchester College who help tutor those who need a little help in learning spellings and number facts. On Wednesday, we were invited to Primary Schools Day at the College including transport in a fleet of College minibuses and lunch in the boarding houses – for many a highlight of the visit, particularly the ‘seconds’!



During the afternoon, 5K took part in drama activities based on Shakespeare’s ‘Julius Caesar’ then visited one of the chemistry labs to watch some dramatic chemical reactions – an inspirational introduction to our next ‘Potions’ topic! 5B took part in activities outdoors with the College Combined Cadet Force, including marching, paintballing and camouflage.

We thoroughly enjoyed the visit and very much appreciate the links with the College and extra opportunities that they provide.

Staffing Update

It is with regret that I have to inform you that Miss Evers has decided to resign from her position at Kings Worthy Primary School and will leave her post as class teacher at the end of term to take up a new challenge at Stanmore Primary School.

Thanks to Miss Evers giving the school plenty of notice we have appointed an experienced class teacher to take over in 4E after the Easter holidays.

Also, Mrs Eastwood will be leaving us at the end of the spring term in order to focus on the maths tutoring that she does outside of school. She has been a part of Kings Worthy for 18 years and has thoroughly enjoyed supporting the learning of the many children she has taught.

I am sure you would want to pass on your good wishes to Miss Evers and Mrs Eastwood to thank them for their contributions they have made to the continuing improvement of Kings Worthy and the quality and range of opportunities they have offered to the children.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss this further.

Inset Day

Just a reminder that we have an Inset day on Monday 25th February, entitled 'High Quality Inclusive Teaching'.

All that is left for me to say is have a good half term and see you all on Tuesday 26th February.

Jamie Dodson

Headteacher

Dates for your Diary this Academic Year

New dates or amendments **in red**.

Mon 25th Feb	All day	INSET Day—no school for pupils
Tue 26th Feb	All day	First day of second half term
Wed 27th Feb	3.00—3.30	Grow a £1—everything including cake sale
Thu 28th Feb		Last day to return Grow £1 Challenge £1 and profits
Thu 28th Feb	9.00am—12.00pm	YR2—Fire and Rescue Service Visit
Fri 1st Mar	3.00—4.00	Yr 6 Netball match against Western
Mon 4th Mar		Hearing and Vision Hedgehogs and Rabbits
Thu 7th Mar		World Book Day: Judy Waite (Change of author)
Wed 13th Mar	A.m	Farmer Ian visits YR
Mon 18th Mar	3.50—7.00	Whole school parents evening
Mon 18th Mar	7.00—9.00 pm	Full Governing Body Meeting
Thu 21st Mar	3.50—7.00	Whole school parents evening
Fri 22nd Mar	9.15am	3S Class Assembly
Fri 22nd Mar	1.30-2.30pm	Boys football cup semi final v. Fair Oak (H)
Wed 27th Mar	All day	Y3 River Hamble trip
Fri 29th Mar	9.15am	5B Class Assembly
Tue 2nd Apr	2:15pm—3:30pm	YR2 Listen to me Concert
Wed 3rd Apr	2pm	Y 3 & 4 production
Fri 5th Apr	All day	Last day of term
Tue 23rd Apr	All day	First day of term
Tue 23rd Apr	All day	Cubs & Beavers can wear neckers/uniforms— 70 years of Scouting
Wed 24th Apr	8.45—9.45	Bags2School
Mon 13th May	7.00-9.00pm	Full Governing Body Meeting
Mon 13th May		YR 5 Bike Ability
Mon 13th May		KS2 SATS
Tue 14th May		YR 5 Bike Ability
Tue 14th May		KS2 SATS
Wed 15th May		YR 5 Bike Ability
Wed 15th May		KS2 SATS
Thu 16th May		YR 5 Bike Ability
Thu 16th May		KS2 SATS
Fri 17th May	9.15am	Rabbits Class Assembly
Fri 24th May	9.15am	Hedgehogs Class Assembly
Fri 24th May	All day	Last day of half term
Mon 3rd Jun	All day	INSET Day—no school for pupils
Tue 4th Jun	All day	First day of second half term
Mon 10th June		YR1 Phonics Tests
Tue 11th June		YR1 Phonics Tests
Wed 12th June		YR1 Phonics Tests

Dates for your Diary this Academic Year— New dates or amendments **in red.**

Thurs 13th June		YR1 Phonics Tests
Friday 14th June		Y1 phonics tests
Fri 21st-Sat 22nd June		Y4 camp
Tue 25th June	9.15am—10.30am	Henry Beaufort Feeder Assembly
Wed 26th June		YR 6 Taster Day—Henry Beaufort
Thu 27th June		YR6 Taster Day—Henry Beaufort
Fri 28th June	9.15am	1S Class Assembly

Mon 1st July		YR6 Trip to Osmington Bay
Fri 5th July	9.15am	1A Class Assembly
Mon 15th July	10.30-12.30pm	Full Governing Body Meeting
Tue 16th July	2:15pm—3:30pm	YR2 Listen to me concert
Mon 22nd July		Mr Happy's Circus
Tue 23rd July	All day	Last day of term