

Kings Worthy

Primary School

Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers

Annual Local Authority Visit – 06.02.23

Every year the school is subject to the local authority conducting a leadership and learning review of the school. The chief aim of the process is to enable a school's on-going improvement through the provision of external challenge and support.

Items on the agenda included: the extent to which classroom practice impacts on the learning and outcomes for all pupils, including those identified as needing SEN support; develop and embed teaching strategies so that it is inclusive of all pupils and leads to improved outcomes.

The day went very well and it was agreed that we have '*sufficient capacity for sustaining performance because the leadership team has precisely identified priorities for the school and has a robust plan of action*'.

Some of the comments in the final written report included:

- *Leaders have worked extensively with subject leads (middle leaders) focusing on improving monitoring, evaluation and review processes they use to embed improvements in teaching and learning and their strategic understanding for progress and attainment for all pupils.*
- *Safeguarding training is up to date and the safeguarding culture at the school is strong, with high levels of collaboration.*
- *Leaders have been successful in monitoring, evaluating and reviewing attendance data in school.*
- *The school's overall attendance is above the national average (94.8%).*
- *It was evident in the observed lessons that the school leaders have developed and embedded further improvements to teaching across the school.*
- *Teaching across year groups, continued high expectations and involvement from all pupils has led to stronger outcomes.*
- *Teachers have strong subject knowledge, give explicit instructions, and have consistent expectations in behaviours for learning.*
- *It was evident during discussions with senior and middle leaders they were able to articulate successes and areas that require further development based upon their own monitoring evidence.*

We are all very proud of the overall report which shows the strengths of our school. As ever, this wouldn't be possible without the commitment of our amazing staff, and of course, our fantastic children.

Welcome back

Look out next week for the return of Miss Eggleston!

Believe it or not, her maternity leave has ended and she will be dancing back into school on Monday. She returns on a 4 days a week basis – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday.

Give her a big welcome back 'hello' on the gate on Monday morning.

Endball is Back!

This week, Year 1 and 2 took part in Endball at Kings' school in Winchester.

Last year, most of us had no idea what Endball was. Now we know! It is a fun, high energy ball game where the children needed to pass or throw a ball into an endzone. It was fairly similar to American football.



Our children took part with enthusiasm, drive and determination and even though it was their first time competing for the school, they used effective team work to score and win quite a few games. We were so impressed with all the children. Thank you to the parents, who supported the children during the event. It was lovely to see them quietly encourage their children to thank the young leaders, Kings' staff and also their fellow competitors. Such a positive experience for all!

Year 1: Bruno, Lucas, Max B and Rosanna

Year 2: James D, Thomas, Darcy and Emmeline



As PE lead for the school, I have been so impressed with how all of our children have represented our school from Aqua Splash to Football to Cross Country. We have had so many opportunities this term and this is due to the hard work of Mr Potter and all staff who volunteered their time. Thank you!

(Written by Mr Brewster)

Spelling Shed

Two top spellers from Year 5 this week. 5R are currently winning in the half termly class competition which is why they continue to be top of the leader board.

Individuals

1st Place - Eva, Year 6

2nd Place - Flossy, Year 4

3rd Place - Ayush, Year 3

Classes

1st Place – 3C

2nd Place – 6C

3rd Place – 2S

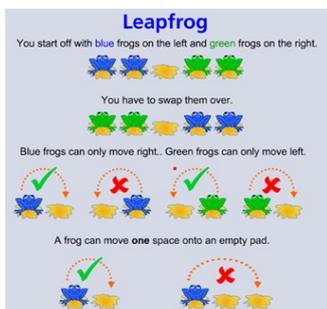
Teamwork at Kings Worthy

One area of the PE Curriculum we are starting to develop is our 'Outdoor and Adventurous Games'. This includes a focus on team work, facing new challenges and logical/creative thinking.

Year groups complete a unit each year. Year 4 started this half term, working in pairs and small groups to solve various problems including the 'Leapfrog' challenge you see below. The aim was for the children to follow a set of rules and move their frogs from one side to the other. Why not try this online?

<https://www.transum.org/Software/Investigations/Leapfrog.asp>

"I found the leapfrog game challenging but my partner and I managed to figure it out. We had to persevere and not give up. It was fun!" Flossy Year 4



Our classes then used the Blind fold/Sensory trail to learn how to use effective communication skills to move safely and quickly along the course. Not as easy as they thought it would be.



Over the next few weeks, the children faced other challenges including 'Cross the Swamp' and 'Sheep Pen' and started to work in larger groups. This learning will start to develop their thinking and team work skills. A lot to learn and a lot of fun!



In Year 5, they have been taking part in orienteering around the school grounds. It was lovely to see how engaged and motivated the children were. They worked effectively in groups and could be seen attempting to solve various problems. The children had to be resilient and determined.

(written by Mr Brewster)

Clubs

Please remember that there are no clubs next week as it is the final week of term.

Food and Nutrition!

Over the last few weeks in Year 2, we have been learning about healthy eating and being safe in the kitchen for our design and technology topic. We talked about how to wash our hands properly, how to safely store food and what makes up the Eatwell plate! We have made healthy cheese sandwiches, fruit kebabs and vegetable tarts. Whilst cooking, everyone got to practise being safe with knives and choosing which ingredients they would like to include. With all 10 fingers still intact, everyone had the chance to eat their creations outside when the sun was shining!

Well done to all of year 2 who have taken part in cooking and preparing different recipes, it has been so much fun! Special thanks to Miss Clarke in the office for ordering all the delicious ingredients for us – we couldn't have done this without you!

"I loved all of it, yum yum," Grace, 2S

"The strawberries were my favourite," Oliver, 2VT



(written by Miss Singleton)

Ramadan

Tuesday saw the beginning of Ramadan. This year Ramadan falls between Wednesday 22nd March and Friday 21st April. Ramadan is a very important time in the Islamic calendar and Muslims all over the world take part. If you would like to find out more information about Ramadan there are some short videos on Newsround and a story to share.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/23286976>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fra19woCEk>



First boy to Ten

Clifton in 6S became the first boy of this academic year to reach the magical **10** number of 'outstanding' certificates. He picked up number 10 and 11 in the same day! Great work Clifton!



Eco Council

On Thursday the Eco council put up their bird boxes that they decorated, they chose the best position for their bird boxes, in order to attract birds to their boxes. They also labelled their trees that they planted earlier in the year. They labelled their trees with their promise to the environment.

'I liked putting up the bird houses because it's helping the birds from wild animals' – Becca, 2S

'I liked that we got to put up bird houses that can stay for many years in the woodland!' -Annabel, 4S



Everyone Loves S'mores!

Yesterday, Ava, Toby and Hazel had the opportunity to cook on our campfire in the Enchanted Woods. This was their Staff Promise. All three children invited a friend each.

They cooked sausages and then toasted marshmallows on the open fire and created the messy but delicious Smores treat. Bethany, another winner, sadly missed out today but don't worry you will still get this opportunity.



"I'm not a great fan of sausages...but the Smores were yummy!" **Evelyn Year 2**

"The rain didn't stop us having fun. I love Marshmallows" **Arthur Year 2**

"I was looking forward to the food...think I had a few extra sausages and marshmallows!" **Toby Year 5**

(Written by Mr Brewster)

School Council Lunch



On Thursday the School Council were treated to a special lunch served by HC3S. The children trialled various foods from the menu and even had a special school council yoghurt. The children were able to ask for feedback about the food from their class and also give their own opinions of the food and discuss what they liked and did not like within the school menu. They also looked at the menu for next half term and talked about the changes that they were excited about!



'It was a once in a lifetime opportunity because how often do you get to have a buffet in a classroom. The food was very nice and should all be on the menu!' - Kaysan, 3C.

'I really enjoyed trying the new foods and options that I wouldn't normally have tried' - Nadia, 5R.

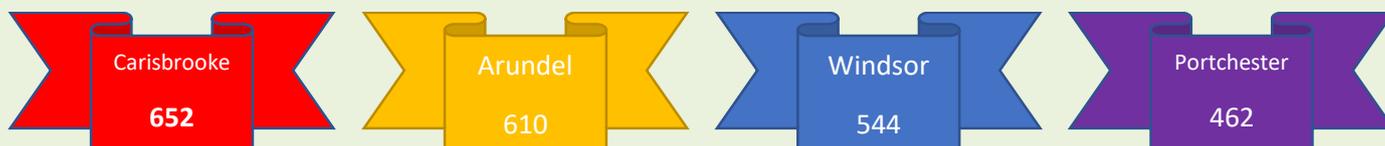
'I liked that we all got to eat together and got a choice of what we would like.' - Charlotte, 4S.



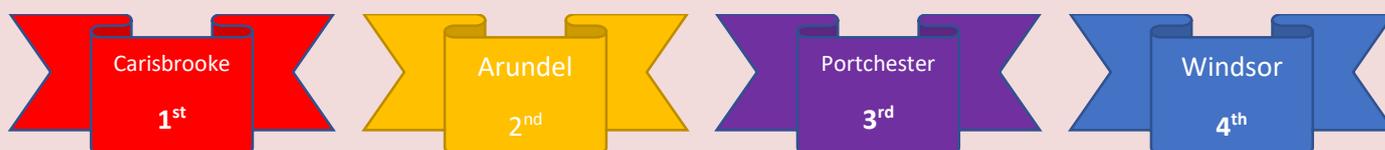
End of term

Don't forget that school ends for the Easter Holiday at 1.15pm for all children.

House Points – Week Ten



House Points – Termly Position



Jamie Dodson
Headteacher