

Kings Worthy

Primary School

Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers

Strike Action

I am sure you will be aware from the media, that the NEU (National Education Union) is taking industrial action on 1st February 2023 in the dispute over pay and funding. Members of the NEU employed in schools and Hampshire County Council directorates may therefore decide to take strike action on that date. Ballots recently carried out by the NASUWT and NAHT (and by the NEU for support staff) did not meet the minimum turnout threshold, so they are not currently able to take industrial action.

We anticipate the correct notification being provided to the local authority for all Hampshire maintained schools, so this action will be lawful. This action is likely to be disruptive to many schools.

Here at Kings Worthy I anticipate at this time that school will remain open to **ALL** pupils on that day. However, if things change I will update you as soon as possible. Further strikes are planned for the 2nd, 15th and 16th March and I will be able to inform you on those nearer the time.

Children's Mental Health Week

This year, children's mental health week runs from the 6th – 12th February with the theme this year being 'Let's Connect'. Please look out in the newsletter next week for what we have planned in school to mark this important week.



Children Drop Off

We are seeing a gradual increase in the number of children waiting around at the school gates in the morning much earlier than when we actually open them. Please could I ask for your support in ensuring that your child/ children are not at the school gates much before 8.45am as the gates are not opened until that time.

Inset Day - Friday January 27th

A reminder that next Friday is an inset day. School will be closed to all pupils.

Initial Teacher Training (PGCE)

Are you interested in training to become a qualified teacher? We regularly offer training places through our partnership with the University of Southampton Education School. Find out more by contacting the university ITAdmissions@soton.ac.uk, visiting their webpages www.southampton.ac.uk/learntoteach, or coming to an Open Evening at the university <https://www.southampton.ac.uk/education/open-evenings.page>

Staff Promise – Perfectly Potty

On Wednesday morning, our staff promise winners went to a fantastic pottery workshop at Perfectly Potty in Winchester. Children painted their own mug and also got a chance to make a bowl using the wheel! The children had a fantastic time!

“I loved it! The pottery wheel was my favourite! It was messy, but fun!” Chloe, Yr6

“The teacher was excellent and it was so much fun!” Toby, Yr4

“I love that we got to make our own bowl and decorate it how we wanted it. It was a great experience and the pottery wheel was my favourite!” Isabelle, Yr6

“I loved doing pottery as a staff promise because I really enjoyed painting and designing a mug and painting a pot!” Phoebe, Yr4



Spelling Shed

Great to see some new names on our leader board this week. Year 2 are creeping up the table too, with Year 5 not far behind.

Individuals

1st Place – Brooklyn, Year 5

2nd Place - Faith, Year 5

3rd Place - Quinlan, Year 2

Classes

1st Place - 2S

2nd Place – 5R

3rd Place – 2VT

Chinese New Year

Wishing all those who are celebrating this weekend, a Happy New Year, wishing you happiness and prosperity. In assembly with Year 1, 2 and 3 this week, Mrs Morgan shared information all about Chinese New Year and how it is celebrated. This weekend will mark the start of the year of the rabbit. If you would like to learn more about Chinese New Year and the how the animals of the Chinese Zodiac decided who would have which year named after them, there is a short video you can watch.



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/stories/lets-celebrate-chinesenewyearperformance>

'Edge Of The Seat' Tournament

After a cold start to the day, the sun greeted the boys at Kings' School. The tournament consisted of 16 schools split into two groups. After an amazing group stage which included earning 33 out of 35 points, the boys reached the semi-final.

Some of the best football I have seen for a long time was happening in front of us, and it ended up going down to golden goal. Joe with a great strike sent us through to the final. The crowd went absolutely wild which included myself running the length of the pitch in celebration!

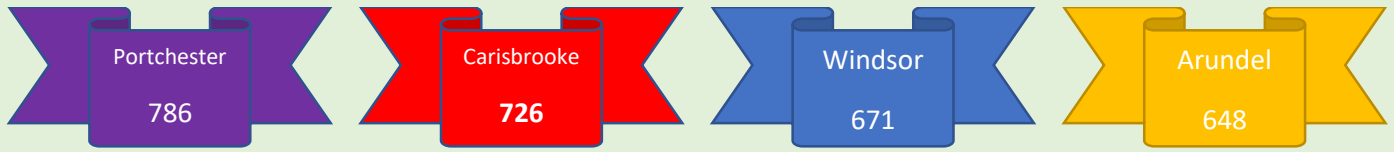
What an incredible final it was. It was neck and neck all the way and the referee made the decision that after every 30 seconds a player from both teams would come off. It went down to 2 vs 2 and unfortunately the roll of the ball didn't go our way and Westgate scored.

The boys were incredible and we only conceded one goal during the whole tournament. It was one of the best days I have had at Kings Worthy so far. It was a pleasure managing them.

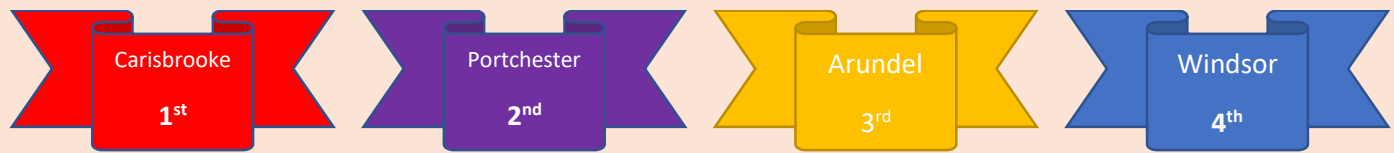


(Written by Mr Potter)

House Points – Week Two



House Points – Termly Position



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