

Kingham Primary School

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During term time, this monthly newsletter will be sent out near the end of each month via ParentMail. The content differs from the weekly bulletins, offering more in-depth coverage and celebrations of events within school and our community.

Welcome to our November Newsletter by Ms Bretta Townend-Jowitt

Welcome to the November edition of our school newsletter, we have now completed most of the work for our first topics in school and Christmas activities are now well and truly underway!

I am pleased to announce that we were successful in another grant application, this time for Tesco Bags for Help as this has now moved onto the next round in store. This is where shoppers vote for the charity of their choice by placing a token, given at the till into one of three charities– at this point we know we will receive at least £1000 but could earn up to £4000, which would pay for further books and the computer and the computer lending system for the library – the votes will be running through January and February 2019 in the Stow and Moreton Express Tesco stores – please help by shopping and collecting tokens and placing them in the Kingham Primary School box (we found last time it helps to go with the children in their uniforms and get them to ask the cashiers for the tokens – they usually then give a handful!)

TESCO Bags of Help

Thank you to the small army of volunteers who helped to tidy the school grounds last Friday, it looks much better, cleaner and tidier. To Caroline Watson, Yvette Gravestock, Rachel Tustian and Alison Stevens who organised and helped at the Daylesford Christmas Craft Fayre, giving up their Sunday morning to raise valuable funds for school.

Also, Michelle Valler who moved piles of books and Jonathan Jowitt who moved the shelving and display boards in preparation of the library furniture being fitted tomorrow. Once fitted there will be further work needed to make this into the school library we want, including changing the light fittings to LED, better for reading and decorating the whole room – to help keep the costs down for this we would welcome parental help in decorating (and possibly plastering, as one wall may need skimming) – please let me know if you are willing to help. A grand opening of the new library is planned for Spring term – photos of the furniture will be in the December newsletter.

Bretta Townend-Jowitt

Nursery Remembrance Service by Miss Jenkinson

The nursery children made their own poppies, which were placed together to create a wreath.

The children went to The Green to place it on the memorial, also singing a song thanking the soldiers.



Year 5/6 Sports Hall Athletics Festival *by Miss Ralf*

On Wednesday 21st November, a fantastically energetic and excited team of Year 5 and 6 girls and boys participated in the Sports Hall Athletics Festival at Chipping Norton School.

From jumping over challenging hurdles, crawling through small tunnels to completing 5 speed bounces as fast as possible, the children showed true Kingham spirit, determination and encouragement as their team members competitively raced around the different obstacles.

Year 3 and 4 Ball Skills *by Miss Ralf*

After a rather eventful and disappointing start to the festival with Year 4 unable to attend the sporting event due to an unforeseen transport problem, the children in

Year 3 displayed some fantastic sportsmanship and team work as they participated in a round robin game of bench ball at Chipping Norton School. Communication, enthusiasm and perseverance were crucial and demonstrated by all, so a huge well done to all who took part, you should be very proud of yourselves.

Year 1 and 2 trip to Birdland *by Ms Rose*

On a very chilly November day, Reception Class visited Birdland in Bourton-on-the-Water as part of their 'Winter' topic. The children were able to watch the penguins being fed and then had a keeper talk where they discovered how tall an Emperor penguin is (as high as a Reception child!) and why penguins stare at each other's feet!

They then explored the park, learning about all the other birds

from around the world, including flamingos, pelicans and snowy owls. It was a fantastic day, made all the more special as it was the children's first ever school trip.

**Junior Orchestra at Chipping Norton** *by Lynn Sinclair (parent)*

The Chipping Norton Junior orchestra is run by the County Music Service on a Tuesday afternoon 3:30 to 4:30pm at St Mary's School and anyone who has had more than a term of instrumental lessons is welcome to come along.

It's a great chance for children who play orchestral instruments to get experience of playing in a group in a fun environment. For more details go to:

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/music-service/music-groups/chipping-norton-jr-orchestra> or e-mail jessica.gray@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Nursery Class Community Day *by Miss Jenkinson*

Each Thursday the children in Nursery Class have been developing links with the local community. They have already been treated to visits from Nick the Firefighter and The Orange Hat Music Company which were brilliant and have also been to visit Kingham Stores and find out the jobs that are done there.

This week was our biggest adventure yet however!

Inspired by the recent Channel 4 Series - Old People's Home for 4 Year Olds, the children visited Langston Nursery Home. They had morning snack with the residents and then enjoyed a happy hour playing games, colouring, completing puzzles and mixing playdough. More importantly we made some new friends and



brightened the lives of both residents and children. We are looking forward to going back again, but not before we finish the term with a visit from Reverend Salter, a Librarian (to coincide with the new school library) and a trip to Kingham Lunch club.

What a busy day Thursday is turning out to be!