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

## Welcome to our end of year Newsletter by Ms Bretta Townend-Jowitt

Welcome to the last edition of our school newsletter for the academic year 2018-2019.

The library is now almost complete – the shelves in place, the books new and sparkly, the computer purchased and the cataloguing all but done. This means we shall be using the books not only in lesson time but also as a lending system for pupils to read at home.

In September we will set up a timetable for when the library will be open, this will be several lunchtimes with year 6 librarians and after school -***we would really welcome your help in this*** – anyone willing to become a librarian please let me know – the more volunteers we have the more days we can open the library.

Over the summer holidays school has a large volume of works happening: the old part of our building will have roof works and hopefully this will mean no more leaks; the hall is being decorated; new carpet fitted in the library; installing another metal shed for PE equipment; updating the audio equipment in the hall; new curtains in the hall and most importantly the front elevation to school will have the windows replaced – these are sorely needed as they are rotten and have single glazing, meaning they do not fit properly. When the new ones are fitted it should improve our energy rating and costs.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to you as parents for the help and support you provide. The fundraising efforts mean we are, as a school, able to provide the things the school budget just would not manage.

This year KPSA, parent donations, grants and awards received have purchased: the library furniture; library books; computer for the library; library lending system software and cataloguing; library carpet; LED lighting in the library; new audio equipment for the hall to improve the sound during assemblies and productions; 15 chrome books and funding for the pond in the forest.

I am currently completing further grant applications for further works and equipment. Included on our wish list are: updating and revamping the school garden; updating the areas to the front of school; a shade sail over the newest play lawn area; completing the play lawn where the large apple tree once stood; replacing the apple tree; adding further picnic tables; purchasing new playtime resources; purchasing new iPads; further work and materials for the forest; SMART board for nursery; screen to replace the SMART board in school hall; storage for forest school activities; storage for the staging; new windows for years 5 and 6 and installing a canopy outdoors between year 5, music room and year 6.

The staff and I would like to wish you all a wonderfully restful summer break.

Ms Bretta Townend-Jowitt

## Tennis Tournament by Miss Ralf



'We are the champions, we are the champions' was sung not by Queen this time, but by eight very excited children as we left Witney Tennis Club on Thursday 6th June.

The competition was fierce as the team participated in 8 round robin matches against different schools in the county. There were some outstanding rallies; breathing-taking volleys, superb serving and some

interesting line calling (!), but as the final bell was rung, Kingham had scored a mighty 51 points, taking us through to the third and final round in July. (Unfortunately, this clashed with our mud run – more about that later)



A huge well done to all of the tennis players, in particular for your courtesy and sportsmanship around the court and at the end of each match. I am very proud of each and every one of you and I hope those medals can be worn with a great sense of achievement.

**Kwik Cricket** by *John Makinson (year 4)*

On Wednesday 12th June, Kingham Primary School Kwik Cricket Team went to Chipping Norton School. We played four other teams; St Mary's, Holy Trinity, Hook Norton & Charlbury.

We won two matches and lost two, we knew we had not won the tournament. When the teacher in charge read out the results we were a bit surprised; there were three teams (including us) who had exactly the same points.

So, then they had to do some complicated calculations to work out which team had the most runs. Surprisingly that was us! Overall, we had come second! Thank you to Miss Allemann and Mr Mahony for taking us.

**Mud Run** by *Year 4*

On Wednesday 3rd July Year 3 and 4 had to use all of their teamwork, courage, resilience and will power to conquer a course of a life time! With obstacles that some found difficult and no one had seen before, the mud run at Freestyle 360 challenged everyone's problem solving skills to the max!

We became extremely wet and muddy from the very beginning and only got muddier, as we found ourselves wading through marsh land attempting to keep hold of both of our shoes! Our favourite obstacle was above a large bit of black mud and we found ourselves using all of our inner monkey powers to avoid the muck below – however many of us (including Miss Allemann) were defeated by the MONKEY BARS!

Although some of us were not quite as muddy as we would like to have been, everyone learnt that team work is everything. It was an exhilarating experience for all involved and it is one that we will treasure! Everyone had a super time and we all would love to go again next year!

**Chance to Shine cricket** by *Miss Ralf*

During the last 6 weeks, the children in Key Stage Two have enjoyed a series of cricket lessons from ball control and batting to fielding and bowling delivered by the company Chance to Shine. Not only have they learnt the rules of the game, they have gained new skills and knowledge, which will hopefully spur them on to play more cricket in summers to come.

Thank you as well for all those who took part in the Big Catch Challenge during National Cricket Week, it was lovely to see so many of you compete against the clock to achieve a personal best.

**Sealife Centre trip** by *Mrs Warburton*

Year one and two ventured to an underwater world when we visited The Sealife Centre in Birmingham. To start our adventure, we saw fish being fed, seals swimming and playing games and we loved watching the penguins waddle around on the ice and diving through the water.

We got to touch a starfish and walk through glass tunnels with sharks swimming around us. To finish our fun we visited the 4D cinema where bubbles flew around us, wind got blown in our faces and music vibrated our chairs. We loved it!

Although our journey home was long we kept ourselves entertained singing songs (mainly baby shark!) and looking at how different Birmingham is from where we live.



**School Games Mark and Partnership Results** *by Miss Ralf*



As the end of the year approaches, the results of our partnership events have been carefully counted from the U11 football in September to the U10 cricket festival, which happened just a few weeks ago. With a staggering total of 46 points, Kingham has achieved 1st place- a TERRIFIC achievement and certainly reflects all of the children’s amazing team work, talent and effort within P.E across the year.

Thank you again to all parents who have provided continued support, from transport and organisation to cheering Kingham from the side lines.

Another very exciting piece of sporting news is that as a school, we have achieved GOLD for the School Games Mark this year. This not only encompasses our sporting results from the partnership but takes into account the provision and teaching of P.E at Kingham. Having achieved Silver for the past few years, this is a HUGE achievement and certainly reflects the endless amount of time and effort given to P.E across the school.

**Choir at the Proms** *by Mrs Warburton*

On Saturday 29th June the KS2 choir took to the stage to perform at the annual Proms, Picnic and Fireworks on the school field. In the scorching heat, they performed a varied repertoire for the large audience of family, friends and music-lovers.

For the first time, the choir also collaborated with the Salomon Brass Orchestra for two soul classics - *I Got You* and *Feeling Good*. It was an amazing experience to sing with the wonderful sound of the musicians to accompany them, and the children were on a real high afterwards!



**Summer concerts** *by Mrs Warburton*

The afternoon and evening of Tuesday 16th July was a chance to really celebrate the breadth of musical talent that we have here at Kingham. Over fifty children took part in the summer concerts, both in small ensembles and as solo performances. We had a range of instruments represented, from the many young pianists (this year including some KS1 children) to the brass, string and woodwind players.

Of course, the choir also performed, as well as the ever-expanding guitar and ukulele ensemble. We couldn't have a concert without a bit of rock and roll so we were also treated to performances from two of our drummers! It was a thoroughly enjoyable event and makes me so proud of the music-making that happens both in and out of school. In fact, with some much talent under one roof, maybe next year we should expand to a three-day music festival? Kingstock? Kinghambury?

**Nursery Trip** *by Miss Jenkinson*



To celebrate our first official year as part of the school the Nursery Class had an end of year adventure to the Cotswold Farm Park.

Staff, parents and children spent a happy day feeding the animals, holding rabbits and chicks, riding on tractors, climbing on play equipment and bouncing on giant inflatable pillows.

It was a lovely day, with the weather being kind, and reminded us all just what a special year it has been.

**Year 6 'Reflection' Film Premiere by Mrs Mahony**

A year of hard work, writing, acting, filming, directing, lighting and editing resulted in a super live action film, 'Reflection'. Initially set in the summer of 1939, the main character, Edie, reflects on the summer of 1914 before her father leaves to fight in The Great War. Having studied WW1 during the autumn term, the children understood the importance of showing the glory and honour to fight for King and Country but how the horrors of this momentous war gave a poignancy to the lives of those left behind.



The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience learning so much about the process of telling a story through film ... realising it wasn't that easy! Consequently, a second film of outtakes and bloopers was possible.

The film was premiered at Chipping Norton Theatre (together with excellent films produced by Chadlington and Enstone Primary Schools) winning the 'Best Drama Award 2019 which was thoroughly well-deserved. An amazing achievement by a very talented thespian troupe.