

Short Story Competition 2023

Oxfordshire Libraries have launched a short story competition for children to do at home in their own time. The competition is for 7-11 year olds, but if you have older children, there is also a category for 12-17 year olds, and even a category for adults.

The winner of each category will see their entry published as an eBook and eAudiobook to be made available to members of Oxfordshire Libraries to borrow in 2023.

Entries must be submitted on Word or GoogleDocs – the deadline is Sunday 26 February 2023.

Full terms and conditions, as well as instructions on how to submit entries, can be found on the Oxfordshire Libraries website: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/shortstorycompetition



CNPS Swimming Gala

On Wednesday, a small group of Year 5 and 6 students competed in the annual U11 Chipping Norton Partnership Swimming Gala.

Armed with enthusiasm and great determination, we swam into battle!

After preparing for the five races, which included front crawl, back stroke, medley and, last but not least, the float race, we were feeling quite confident. Although strong in all strokes, Kingham



swimmers truly triumphed in the float race, winning with a lead of a length and a half! As a result, Kingham came second overall in the tournament!

The event was an exciting and exhilarating experience which we all thoroughly enjoyed. Congratulations to Amelie, Annabel, Max S, Olivia, Seth, Tia, Tobi and Tommy! Not forgetting Miss Ralf for her everlasting hard work!

By news reporters Annabel and Tobi – Year 6

Value of the Month: Resilience

Resilience:

is recovering quickly from setbacks

is remaining confident and optimistic

is helping others move forward when things go wrong.

Industrial Action

I am sure you will be aware from recent media reports that the largest teacher union (NEU) have declared strike action over teacher pay, which will take place on:

- Wednesday 1st February
- Thursday 2nd March
- Wednesday 15th March
- Thursday 16th March

At this stage, we are unsure how affected Kingham Primary will be by the strike, but we believe that only a limited number of colleagues will be taking action. Provisionally, we think we will be able to keep the school open on all of the days, but may have to close one or two affected classes.

We are still awaiting confirmation from teachers, whether they will be taking part or not, and will let you know as early as possible.

Diary Dates

Weds 25 Jan	Egyptologist visit to Year 3
Weds 25 Jan	CNPS U9 & U11 Cross Country Tournament
Thurs 26 Jan	Choir at <i>Young Voices</i>
Weds 1 Feb	CNPS U11 Netball Tournament
Fri 3 Feb	Year 2 Class Assembly
Mon 6 Feb	Children's Mental Health Week
Tues 7 Feb	Safer Internet Day
Weds 8 Feb	Year 5 Class Assembly (rescheduled)
Weds 8 Feb	KPSA Meeting (3pm)
Fri 10 Feb	Last day of half term
Mon 20 Feb	First day of next half term
Thurs 23 Feb	Year 1 at Fairytale Farm
Mon 27 Feb	Book Week
Weds 1 Mar	Nursery trip to Cogges Manor Farm
Thurs 2 Mar	World Book Dress-Up Day
Mon 6 Mar	Year 6 trip to Ashmolean Museum
Fri 10 Mar	Year 1 Class Assembly
Weds 15 Mar	Parents Evening
Thurs 16 Mar	Parents Evening
Fri 17 Mar	Year 4 Class Assembly
Fri 24 Mar	Year 3 Class Assembly
Fri 31 Mar	Last day of Spring Term – 2pm finish
Mon 17 Apr	First day back