



Kingham Primary School

Always learning to be our best

Bulletin

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Book Week – Week Beginning 4th March

Our annual Book Week is almost here! At Kingham, we try to encourage a love of reading all year round, but during Book Week, we *really* celebrate our enthusiasm for reading through special activities, author visits and dressing up!

On Monday 4th March, we encourage every child from Reception to Year 6, to bring in a favourite book for a whole school reading session in the afternoon, and on Thursday we ask you all to dress up as your favourite book character!

The Book Trust have produced a round-up of the best new children's books by age group here: [Great Books Guide](#)

Extreme Reading Challenge



Don't forget to capture yourselves reading for our *extreme reading* challenge. We have had some great photos already and would love some more! In the pictures above, you can see Kingham students who have been reading in the jungle, reading on Brooklyn Bridge, reading on a snowy mountain, on a slide, beneath the [Angel of the North](#) and even reading with tigers and monkeys! We are yet to receive any snaps from teachers, parents or governors, and would encourage you to share *your* passion for reading too! Please send your photos to events@kingham.oxon.sch.uk by Thursday 29th February. All photos will win house points and the most 'extreme' photos will win prizes.

School Communication with Parents

At Kingham, we try our best to maintain good communication with parents. In our recent parent survey, communication came up as a notable strength of the school, but there was also a significant minority of parents who told us that we need to improve. We want to listen, but having reviewed the survey comments, we are unsure what it is, specifically, that needs improving. We know that some parents would like more written reports from teachers, and we understand why this would be useful. However, the length of time spent by teachers writing thirty reports means that we limit these to one per year. Were we to ask teachers to write more reports, we know that something else would need to drop.

Our aim is to provide the following:

- A weekly bulletin and timely ParentMail notices to keep you up to date with news and diary dates.
- Half-termly class newsletters to ensure you know what your children are learning.
- Advance notice of how to book for extra-curricular activities and wraparound care.
- Two face-to-face Parents' Evenings (and *Open Doors* on half terms when there is not a parents' evening).
- The opportunity to make an appointment to meet your child's class teacher or speak to them on the telephone.
- An annual full written report that tells you how your child is doing at school.
- Teachers who are available in the playground briefly at the beginning and end of the day if you have worries or concerns.
- A website that provides extensive information on our curriculum and key policies.
- A senior member of staff in the playground at the beginning and end of every day, should you wish to discuss issues, concerns or provide feedback.

Communication in a school can sometimes be tricky, as we have a workforce that spends 90 per cent of its week working face-to-face with children.

With years of significant budget cuts and increasing costs that has resulted in us reducing admin staff and teaching assistants, we are really trying our best to provide a good service in the best interests of our children. If there are communication areas that we need to improve on please do come and talk to us - we do listen, and we do want to help.

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

Internet Safety Day

On Wednesday, pupils from Years 1 to 6 participated in activities on online safety. Every class had lessons focussing on a different branch of eSafety. For example, Year 5 students learnt all about *cyberbullying*, which is when a person sends rude or offensive messages online (usually sent anonymously). In Year 5 we read a book called *Troll Stinks* (by Jeanne Willis and Tony Ross) about two goats who messed about with the farmer's phone! We had a great time learning about online safety... and remember... Stay Safe! *By Florence, Year 5*



Strings Tuition / Orchestra

Further to recent requests, we are hoping to be able to offer strings tuition (violin, cello, viola) in the future. However, we need to find out how much interest there might be in this service first. Therefore, if you would be keen to pay for weekly tuition, we would be grateful if you could complete this [1-minute survey](#). The approximate price will be £16 for an individual half-hour lesson and approximately £9 each for paired sessions.



We also hope one day to start up a small orchestra and would be interested to know if there are any students out there who already play a stringed instrument and at what level. If your child plays violin, viola or cello already, please click on this link to complete a [1-minute survey](#).

NEW PLAYERS WANTED



CHIPPY SWIFTS U10 MIXED TEAM

TRAINING ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT 6PM
MATCHES ON SATURDAY MORNINGS
 PLAYERS SHOULD BE CURRENTLY IN YEAR 5

PLEASE CONTACT craig@hotmail.co.uk IF INTERESTED OR FOR MORE DETAILS.

Times Tables Rockstars (TTRS)

Congratulations to the following students for their hard work on TTRS over the last 7 days.

Most minutes:

Gold	150pts	Sky, Year 4	OWLS
Silver	100pt	Olive, Year 4	OWLS
Bronze	50pts	Islay, Year 2	OTTERS



Highest minutes by class: Year 2

Highest scores by class: Year 6

Diary Dates

Weds 28 Feb	Y1 at CNPS Dance Festival (pm)
Weds 28 Feb	Y6 SATs parent meeting (after school)
Thurs 29 Feb	<i>Extreme Reading</i> photos deadline
Thurs 29 Feb	Year 4 Pottery Workshop, Chipping Norton
Fri 1 Mar	Year 4 Class Assembly
Mon 4 Mar	Book Week
Mon 4 Mar	Bring your favourite book to school!
Tues 5 Mar	KPSA Meeting (8:30pm on Zoom)
Thurs 7 Mar	World Book Day (dressing-up)
Fri 8 Mar	Year 3 Class Assembly
Tues 12 Mar	Year 4 Viking Workshop
Tues 12 Mar	Nursery Mother's Day Forest Session 10:15am
Thurs 14 Mar	Nursery Mother's Day Forest Session 10:15am
Fri 15 Mar	Red Nose Day
Fri 15 Mar	Year 1 Class Assembly
Fri 15 Mar	KPSA Quiz Night
Tues 19 Mar	Year 5 at CNPS Singing Festival
Weds 20 Mar	U11 Boys Cross Country County Finals (am)
Weds 20 Mar	Year 1 at Warwick Castle
Weds 20 Mar	Year 2&3 at CNPS Multi-Skills Festival (pm)
Weds 20 Mar	KPSA Bingo Night
Thurs 21 Mar	Year 6 River Evenlode Field Trip
Fri 22 Mar	Reception Class Assembly
Mon 25 Mar	Rock Bands Concert (9:30am)
Tues 26 Mar	Parents' Evening
Weds 26 Mar	Parents' Evening
Weds 27 Mar	Animal Workshop in Early Years (pm)
Thurs 28 Mar	Easter Egg Hunt
Thurs 28 Mar	Last day of term (end at 2pm)
Mon 15 April	First day back
Weds 17 April	Year 3 Tennis Festival (pm)

Wychwood Library

PARENT & CHILD CROCHET

MAKE A CUSHION COVER WITH HOLLY MAY



Sat 24th Feb & Sat 2nd March 2.00-4.00
 Suitable for Beginners

£25 for two sessions- including all materials & refreshments.
 Places are limited to 6 children & accompanying parents.
 Email wychwood.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk to book.